



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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## **Erie County to launch recycling program in four schools**

Erie, PA – The Erie County Recycling Program has selected four Erie County schools to participate in the first Recycling in Schools initiative.

Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary School, North East Elementary School, Union City Area Middle/High School and Girard High School were selected from eight applicants to take part in the program, which supports the implementation or expansion of recycling within the school.

As part of the program, the Erie County Recycling Program will provide education about recycling and training for recycling collection, as well as curriculum activities and collection bins.

“As we work to protect our natural environment for future generations, it is vital that we educate our young people – who represent that next generation – to make recycling a natural part of everyday life,” said Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper. “Erie County is proud to be able to bring these programs right into schools across our county, to share the importance of recycling.”

Funding for the program was made possible in part by grants from Waste Management and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

“Waste Management is pleased to support a variety of projects and programs over the years throughout Pennsylvania to advance sustainability, increase recycling rates and environmental education, and beautify our communities,” said Rich Carniewski Sr., district manager at Waste Management’s Erie Hauling. “These efforts are true community partnerships, and we commend and thank Erie County for facilitating programs that educate young learners about the importance of recycling and sustainability.”

Pending the availability of future funding, the Erie County Recycling Program hopes to open a second round of applications in the fall for additional Erie County schools to participate.

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