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PARMA RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING HELPING TO MAKE A *GREENER* COMMUNITY

(PARMA) – The city of Parma is quickly becoming an area leader in residential recycling according to the latest records from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

The district's annual report shows the level of recycling in Parma jumped dramatically from 11.7% recycled materials in 2007 to more than 17% in 2008. The figures translate into 42 thousand tons of solid waste recycled by Parma residents in 2008 compared to only eight thousand tons in 2007.

"We consider Parma to be a green, environmentally friendly city," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "I think the numbers speak for themselves when it comes to residents being pro-active in making sure recyclable materials don't end up in a landfill."

The City of Parma provides curbside recycling in partnership with Allied Waste Services for paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum and steel cans. In addition, the city conducts several recycling programs throughout the year including leaf collection for composting, "round-ups" for collecting computers, tires and batteries plus a centrally designated site for document shredding.

"I think once residents became aware of all the recycling programs we now have in place, they were more than happy to participate," said Parma Service Director Brian Higgins.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District says in 2008, nearly 1.5 million tons of residential, commercial and institutional waste was recycled countywide. According to the district, that level of recycling far surpasses what is required by the State of Ohio.

"The City of Parma has definitely been ahead of the curve in the region when it comes to going green," said Mayor DePiero. "This is not merely a trend but rather a way of life from which we all can benefit."

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