

In order to meet the expectations of the 1 Star rating for Best Practice No. 22 – Action No. 1, the City of Warren improved its city operations to prevent and reuse as well as recycling and composting waste from all public facilities by developing and implementing its curbside recycling program. First, the city measured waste generated by surveying the public about their garbage habits; from there, the city decided that pursuing a curbside city-wide single stream recycling program would reduce the generation of overall solid waste. This would address the goal of diverting a percentage of overall solid waste into recycling or compostables collection. Finally, the city also has a goal of starting a community composting site to collect waste from both schools, restaurants, hospital, etc. <sup>i</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> BP No. 22 – Action No. 1 – 1 Star

To further the actions of the 1 Star criteria, the City of Warren has met the 2 Star rating through the following actions; to improve city operations in terms of generating solid waste, the city has stopped buying and using disposable paper products and Styrofoam in all of its buildings. In addition, the city is also reusing materials donated from UND to use for the construction of the community center. Moreover, the city has also changed a majority of its operations to better incorporate electronic access to documents to reduce the amount of paper waste. <sup>ii</sup>

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<sup>ii</sup> BP No. 22 – Action No. 1 – 2 Star