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Go Zero Waste at the LES Sustainable Living Festival

The eighth-annual LES Sustainable Living Festival is happening on Saturday, July 28th from 9-noon at The Railyard in Lincoln. This event is free and all ages are welcome, so bring the family! NRC will join dozens of other local experts in promoting greener living with fun, educational activities and demonstrations. Stop by NRC's recycling and waste tent to keep your visit zero waste, and learn about Nebraska's online recycling guide so you can find where to recycle everything.

Get more information about the Sustainable Living Festival [HERE](#). See you on the 28th!



Bringing Hub & Spoke to Nebraska



Funding provided by the Nebraska Academy of Sciences' Public Information and Education (PIE) grant allowed NRC to bring Sarah Pierpont, executive director of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition and nationally recognized expert on hub and spoke recycling systems, to Nebraska in June. Ms. Pierpont conducted workshops in Lincoln and Norfolk on the operation and benefits of establishing a "Hub and Spoke" recycling system in rural areas of Nebraska. The target audience was elected officials, city administrators, service providers and other recycling stakeholders.

The first meeting was held on June 20th at the City Council Chambers in Norfolk and attended by 34 stakeholders from Norfolk and surrounding communities. A printed report was distributed that contained data and recommendations based on research conducted by the Nebraska Recycling Council and analysis by Ms. Pierpont. The second hub and spoke presentation was delivered at the League of Nebraska Municipalities' Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference on June 21st. This meeting was attended by 37 people from a broad swath of Nebraska communities.

Copies of Sarah Pierpont's presentation slides and of the Northeast Nebraska Hub and Spoke report can be found on the NRC web site at: <https://www.nrcne.org/events/hub-spoke-recycling-maximizing-regional-and-rural-programs-with-sarah-pierpont>

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NRC Receives Grant to Expand Hub & Spoke Recycling



We are pleased to share that NRC was awarded \$48,728 from the [Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality](#) to expand the development of hub and spoke recycling to 19 counties in the north central region of Nebraska.

The Hub and Spoke model works with regional recycling processing centers serving as the “hub” and receiving material from nearby “spoke” communities. The partnerships create a more durable, economical, and efficient materials handling system by consolidating larger volumes of recyclables and moving them more efficiently to markets. With multi-community cooperation, the efficiency of Hub and Spoke creates potential for increased revenues and avoided costs, a wider range of materials that can be collected, and a more economically viable transportation system. It can provide access to recycling where there is none available, and increase participation where it already exists.

It's NRC's aim to strengthen the regional recycling systems that currently exist and to assist in the development of new programs by providing guidance on best practices, markets for commodities, and educational resources to promote recycling.

Read more about our hub and spoke project in northeast Nebraska [HERE](#).

Webinars & Events



[Pay-as-You Throw Best Management Practices and Success Programs](#)
Webinar | Thursday, July 26 | noon - 1:30pm

[LES Sustainable Living Festival](#)
Saturday, July 28 | 9am - noon | The Railyard in Lincoln

[Thinking in Systems: 2018 NRC Annual Awards Luncheon & Workshops](#)
Tuesday, October 2 | 8am - 1pm | The Country Club of Lincoln

Articles of Interest

[Foam Recycling Coalition Grant Program Accepting Applications](#)
Open through July 31, 2018.

[New York State Drug Take-Back Bill Becomes Law](#)
Pharmaceutical manufacturers are required to finance and manage the



safe collection and disposal of unused medications.

[Lincoln mayor wants to increase recycling budget 50%](#)

Cardboard recycling has doubled at city recycling sites since ban in April.



AWARD APPLICATIONS

due Tuesday, July 31st

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