

French Creek Council of Governments



TIRE RECYCLING EVENT
September 14, 2019

The need for tire recycling

Improve the environment and reduce health and safety hazards

- When tire piles catch fire, the melted rubber generates oil that can pollute the surface and groundwater.
- The air trapped in tire piles makes fires difficult to extinguish, often causing them to burn uncontrollably.
- Rainwater accumulated in waste tires creates a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The funding sources for recycling tires

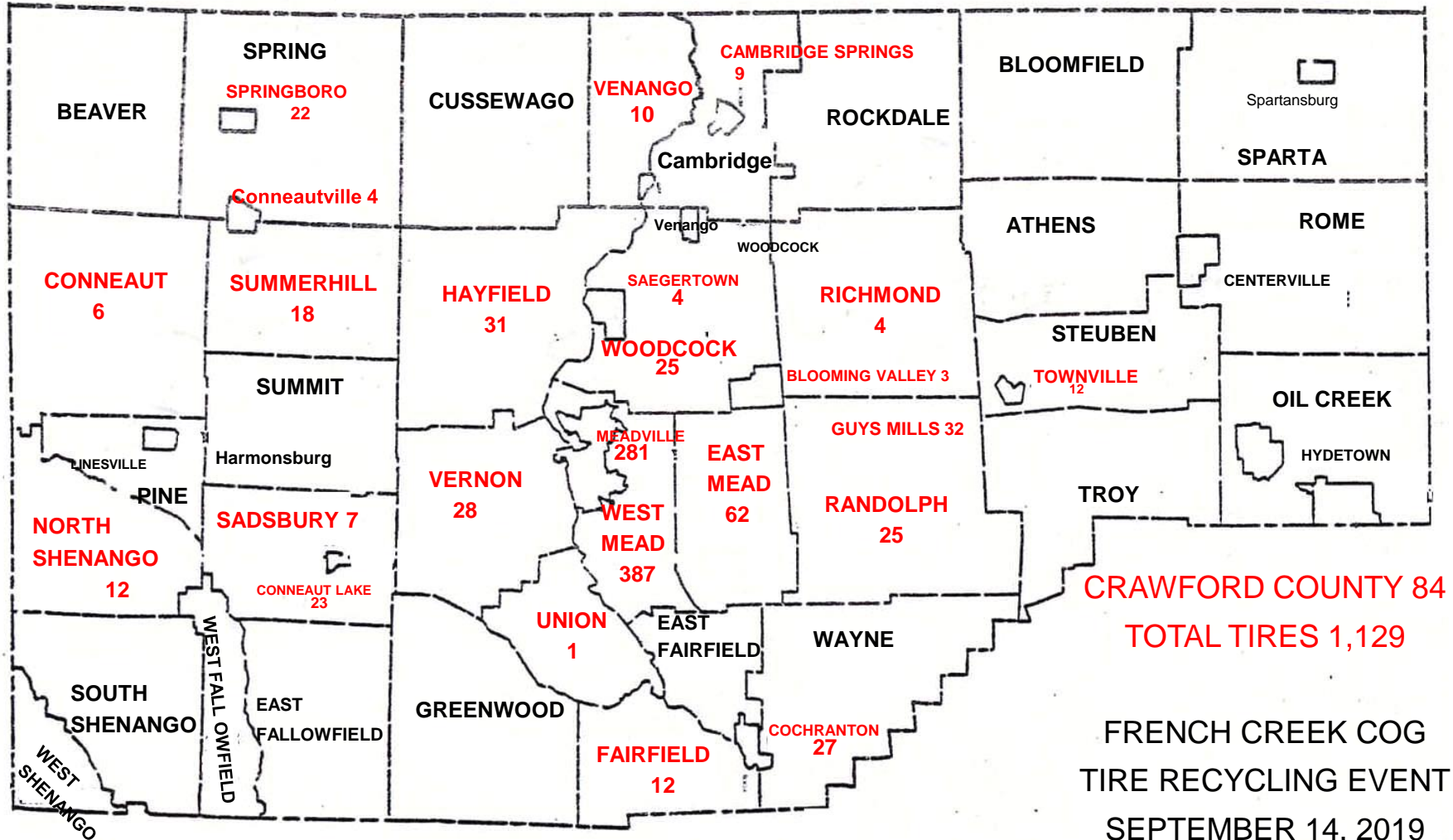
- Tim Horton's donated coffee and donuts.
- Powell's donated a portapotty.
- The Crawford Heritage Foundation provided a \$1,500.00 grant for this event.
- PA Department of Environmental Protection indicated they would provide up to a \$2,500.00 grant for this event.
- Those who came paid \$2.00 a tire for this event.
- The Crawford County Commissioners provided the Fairgrounds as the collection center at no cost.
- The COG members, municipal officials and county residents provided volunteers at no cost.
- Auxiliary Police helped with traffic control for a small donation.

So what are the benefits?

- Reduce landfill space
- Decrease the breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- Protect our environment and health.
- Increase property values by eliminating unwanted items.

What we do today impacts our children's future.

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1,129 total tires were brought by **88** Crawford County Residents from:

**The County of Crawford, City of Meadville,
Nine (9) Boroughs and
Fourteen (14) Townships.**

- ➔ The majority of the residents were from the City of Meadville and the Townships of West Mead, Vernon and Hayfield and the Boroughs of Cochran, Conneaut Lake and Guys Mills.

Media used to promote the event

- **41%** of the residents read about the program in the Meadville Tribune.
- **36%** of the residents heard about the event on Facebook or Internet.
- **23%** of the residents heard from friends or by word of mouth.
- **0%** of residents heard an advertisement on the radio.

So Where Did the Tires Go?

- The tires were **NOT** landfilled.
- Mahantango Enterprises hauled the tires to their facility in Liverpool, PA where they were ground into rubber crumbs of various sizes and then sold to companies that produce finished products such as rubber mulch and rubber mats. Cambridge Tire accepted tires which are also were sold and recycled.
- Metals from the tires were recovered and sold to customers that manufacture steel products.

So what did it Cost?

- \$ 1,000.00 Anticipated Grant from PA Department of Environmental Protection
- \$ 1,500.00 Grants from Crawford Heritage Foundation
- \$ 1,525.00 Fees received the day of the event

- \$2,965.00 Mahantango Tire (recyclers)
- \$ 327.50 Northwest Insurance (event policy)
- \$ 100.00 Meadville Auxiliary Police (traffic police)

The success of the tire recycling event

- Everyone cooperated in a common goal of helping clean up the environment.**
- The residents were patient, courteous, and provided contributions and some helped with unloading their tires to support this event.**

Vehicles Lined Up To Get Rid Of Their Tires





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Cambridge Township

City of Meadville

Crawford Central School District

Crawford County Commissioners

Crawford County Solid Waste Authority

East Mead Township

Greenwood Township

Meadville Area Recreation Authority

Meadville Redevelopment Authority of Meadville

Meadville Area Sewer Authority

Meadville Area Water Authority

Pine Township

Sadsbury Township

Union Township

Vernon Township

West Mead Township

Woodcock Township