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August 15, 2012

The Pike County Commissioners, after considerable discussion, have reluctantly made a decision to cease operating the countywide recycling program effective October 1, 2012. All containers at recycling sites throughout the County will be removed by that date.

Even though the program was initially successful, over the past four (4) years it has become cost prohibitive to operate due to the economic market downturn, reduction in state funding and reduction in administrative fees, increased program expenses and illegal dumping removal expenses.

The County will be installing signs at the sites informing all residents of the closing date. Moreover, after closure, we will monitor the sites for one (1) month to assist with the removal of any illegal dumping.

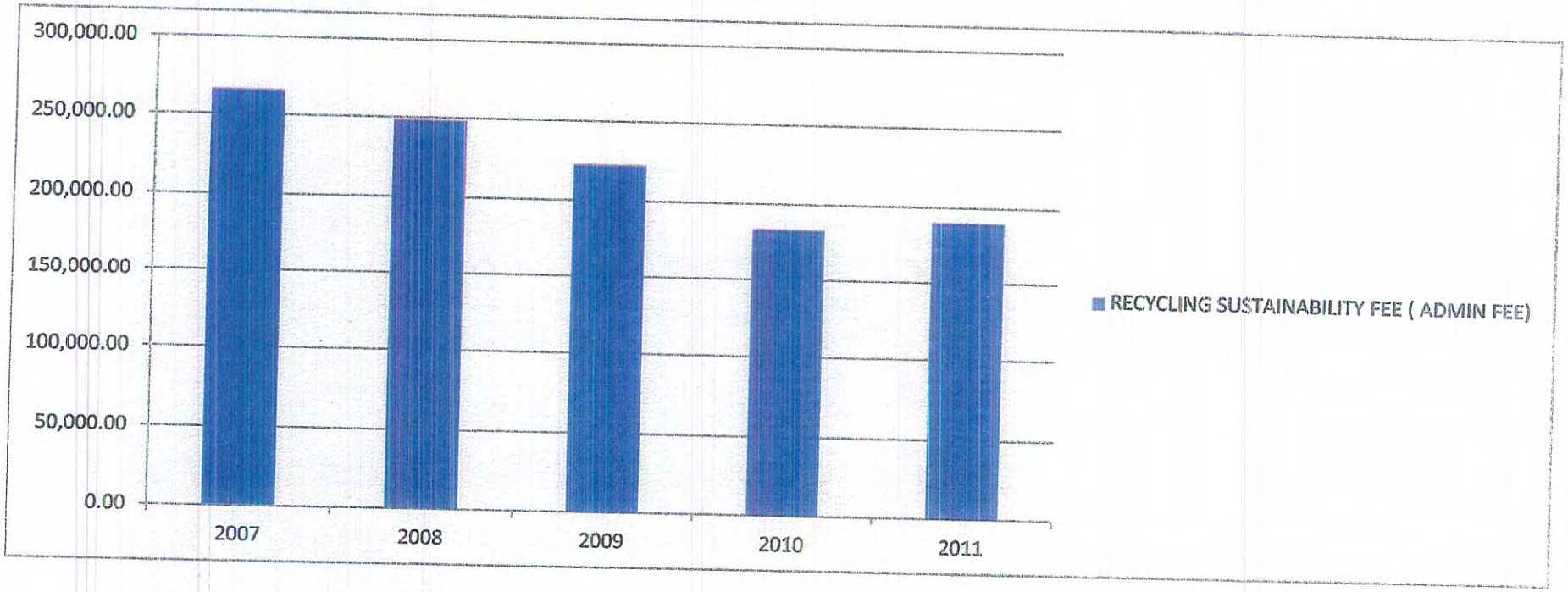
Lastly, a major change has occurred in the industry with private haulers now providing curbside, single stream recycling to their customers at no additional charge.

With economic pressures at all levels of government to become more efficient, we as Commissioners are attempting to operate county government by containing costs and permitting private industry to provide a continued recycling service and reduce the tax obligation by our constituents.

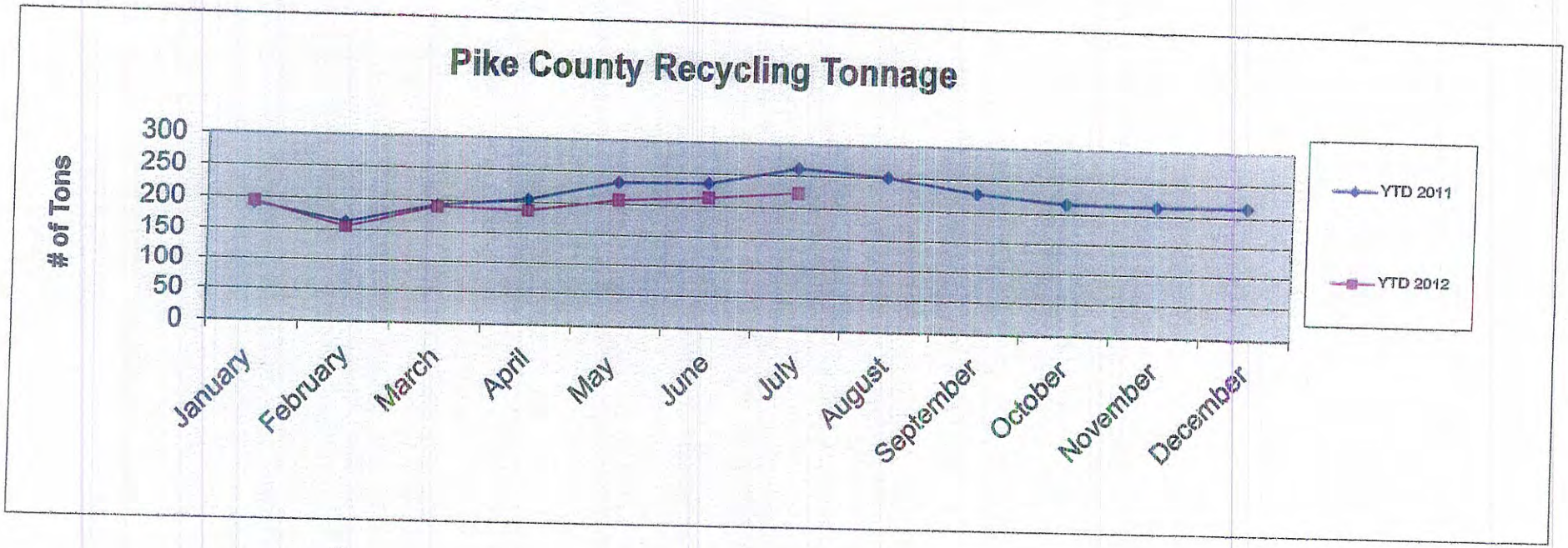
CHANGES THAT HAVE FINANCIALLY AFFECTED THE PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

- 2008 Loss of Hauler Licensing revenue due to DEP changes in licensing requirements.
- 2009 Loss of Monroe County recyclable revenue due to the reduction and downturn of the recycling markets.
- 2009 Loss of DEP grant funding due to the shortage of state funds and due to the increase in priority funding for communities mandated by law to initiate a recycling program.
- 2009 Decrease in Administrative Fees paid by landfills to the county due to less municipal solid waste going to landfills.
- 2010 The privatization of the county recycling program has resulted in increased expenses.
- Introduction of numerous private haulers providing curbside single-stream recycling services to county residents.
- Two of Pike County's municipalities (Dingman & Lehman) are now mandated by law to initiate their own recycling program resulting in less county residents to use the county program.
- Household waste (Trash) and other non-recyclable items are being disposed of at county sites which, necessitates additional county cleanup expenses.

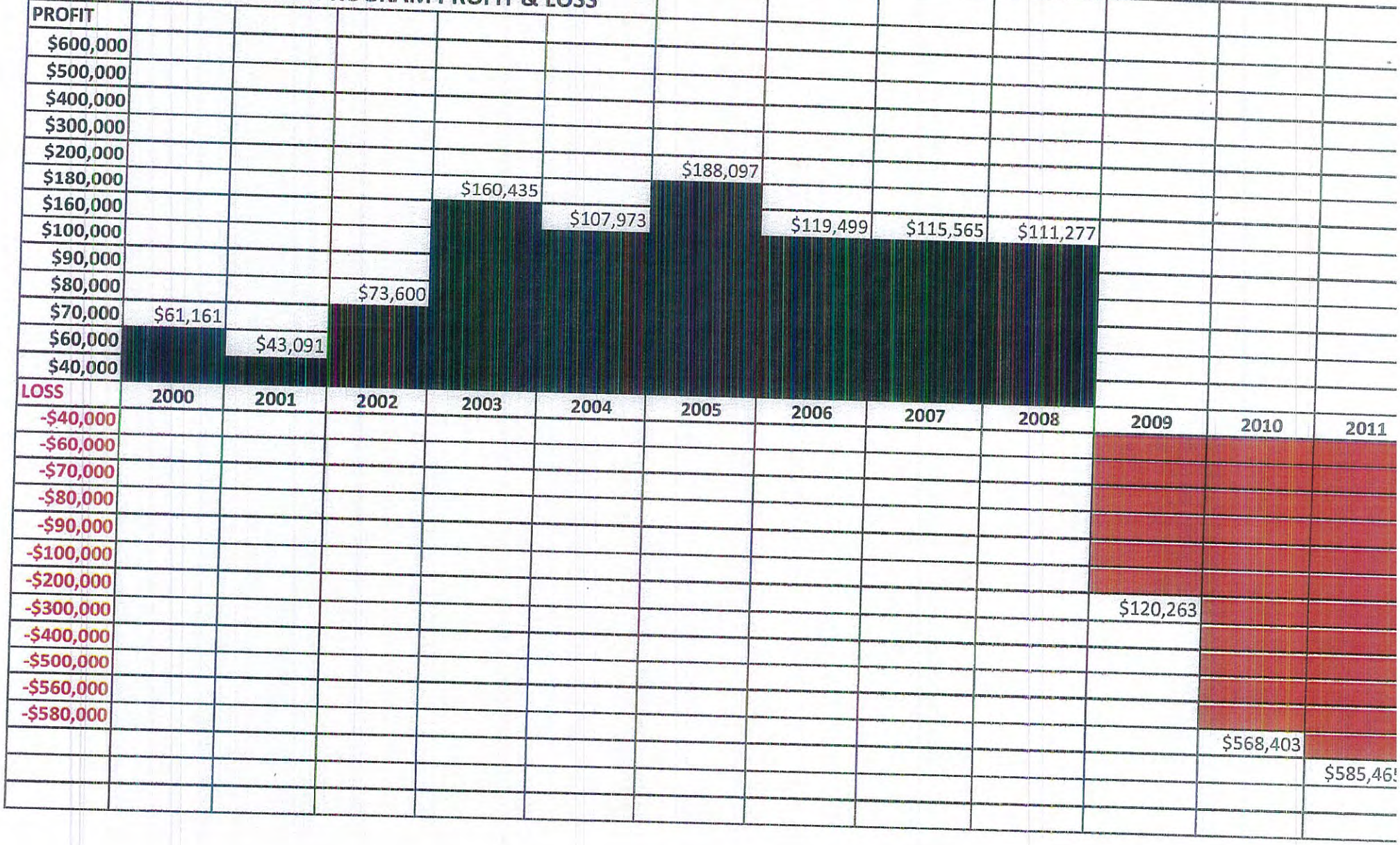
	RECYCLING SUSTAINABILITY FEE (ADMIN FEE)
2007	265,467.86
2008	248,222.67
2009	222,191.86
2010	183,884.96
2011	190,748.24



	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
January	190.88	193.42
February	164.55	155.68
March	193.86	190.47
April	205.20	187.59
May	234.82	207.20
June	236.47	214.25
July	262.59	224.19
August	252.12	
September	229.79	
October	217.29	
November	215.98	
December	217.18	



PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM PROFIT & LOSS



URGENT!

TO ALL PIKE COUNTY RESIDENTS

THE PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM IS CLOSING

EFFECTIVE

OCTOBER 1, 2012

NO RECYCLING CONTAINERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL WASTE HAULER TO OBTAIN CURBSIDE SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING PICKUP.

THANK YOU.

HAULERS

County Waste
132 Market Street
Greeley, PA 18425
570-685-7586

Kreitzer Sanitation
PO Box 507
Pocono Lake, PA
570-722-1253
Timothy Lake Road Area
Rustic Acres
Parts of Lehman Township Only

Shields Container Services
461 Little Walker Road
570-296-2351

Waste Management
165 Rosencrance Road
PO Box 40
Beach Lake, PA 18405
570-729-0115

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