

COUNTY ISSUES GRANT FOR TIRE STUDY

On Tuesday, June 11 the Kankakee County Board voted to approve a grant of \$13,466 to Pembroke Township for the purpose of assessing the problem of tire dumping within the Township. The grant funds come from the Kankakee County Garbage Tipping Fee Fund, which allows the money to be used for "solid waste management purposes".

Pembroke Township has been plagued for many years with illegal tire dumps, which present many potential health hazards to the citizens of the Township. These health hazards include heavy smoke, air emissions and toxic runoff from tire burning, mosquito breeding in the water that forms in the tires, and the harboring of other vermin, such as rats and snakes. This grant would be the first step in rectifying the tire problem within the Township.

Pembroke Township has retained the services of Dr. Dennis R. Clodi of Associated Consultants, Limited of Bourbonnais, Illinois to act as a consultant to supervise this project.

The grant will fund phase 1 of the project which consist of obtaining low altitude aerial photography and global coordinates of each illegal tire pile within the boundaries of Pembroke Township. The information will then be put into a computer system so that the sites can be mapped and a database of information can be maintained. The grant funds will be used to purchase a computer, digital photography equipment, a geographic positioning system, helicopter rental and staff / consultant labor.



Future Phases of the project would include removal of the illegal tires and to educate the community on the hazards associated with tire dumping.

