

Holy Cross Recycling Program Improvement



Holy Cross Tribal Council - IGAP Staff

Sandra Sims, IGAP Coordinator
since September 2015

Brenda A. Sims, IGAP Assistant Coordinator
since February 2011

Contact Information:

P.O. Box 89 Holy Cross, AK 99602

Phone: (907) 476-7308

Fax: (907) 476-7132

Email: igapholycross@gmail.com

Recycling Program

- The community of Holy Cross has a population of 171.
- The IGAP program started in FY07 and joined the ALPAR Flying Cans recycling program the following year.
- Aluminum cans were the only item recycled thru this program for .35¢ per pound.
- In 2011 #1 PET plastic bottles were added with no payout.
- 17 Households participated in the program regularly



Community Recycling Incentive

- Money received from recycling aluminum cans were used to purchase a monthly drawing prize.
- Two tickets are added to the drawing for every full bag of recyclables turned in.

The lucky winner got to pick one of the prizes.

- 5 gallons of gas or oil
- \$30.00 store voucher (new 2015)
- \$30.00 Bingo voucher (new 2015)

Recycling Program Improvement

Getting awarded the Community Environmental Demonstration Project grant gave us the opportunity to improve our recycling efforts.

Our goal was to have
100% community participation.

Recycling Bins

- Suncast Recycling bins were selected and purchased from Home Depot.
- We tried to order from within the state but were told they didn't have the quantity in stock.





Educational Material

Various educational material was distributed and posted throughout the community periodically. Topics included:

- Reasons to recycle
- Impacts on the environment
- Impacts on wildlife
- Impacts on our health
- The Do's and Don'ts of recycling
- Ideas for reusing recycle items
- Recycling information on aluminum cans and plastic bottles

Updates and encouragement were included in our quarterly IGAP Newsletter and our Tribal Gathering report.

Wooden Recycling Bins

- We built three recycling bins from discarded wooden crates.
- All tools and fasteners used in their construction were borrowed or donated.
- The bins are located around the community as a place for participants to place their bags.
- Participants write their name on the bags before dropping them off.



Youth Workers

We had summer youth workers that helped with

- assembling the wooden recycle bins,
- Collecting the recyclables and
- getting them prepared for shipping.



Things made with cans and bottles



Things made with cans and bottles



Invited to the School



Invited to the School

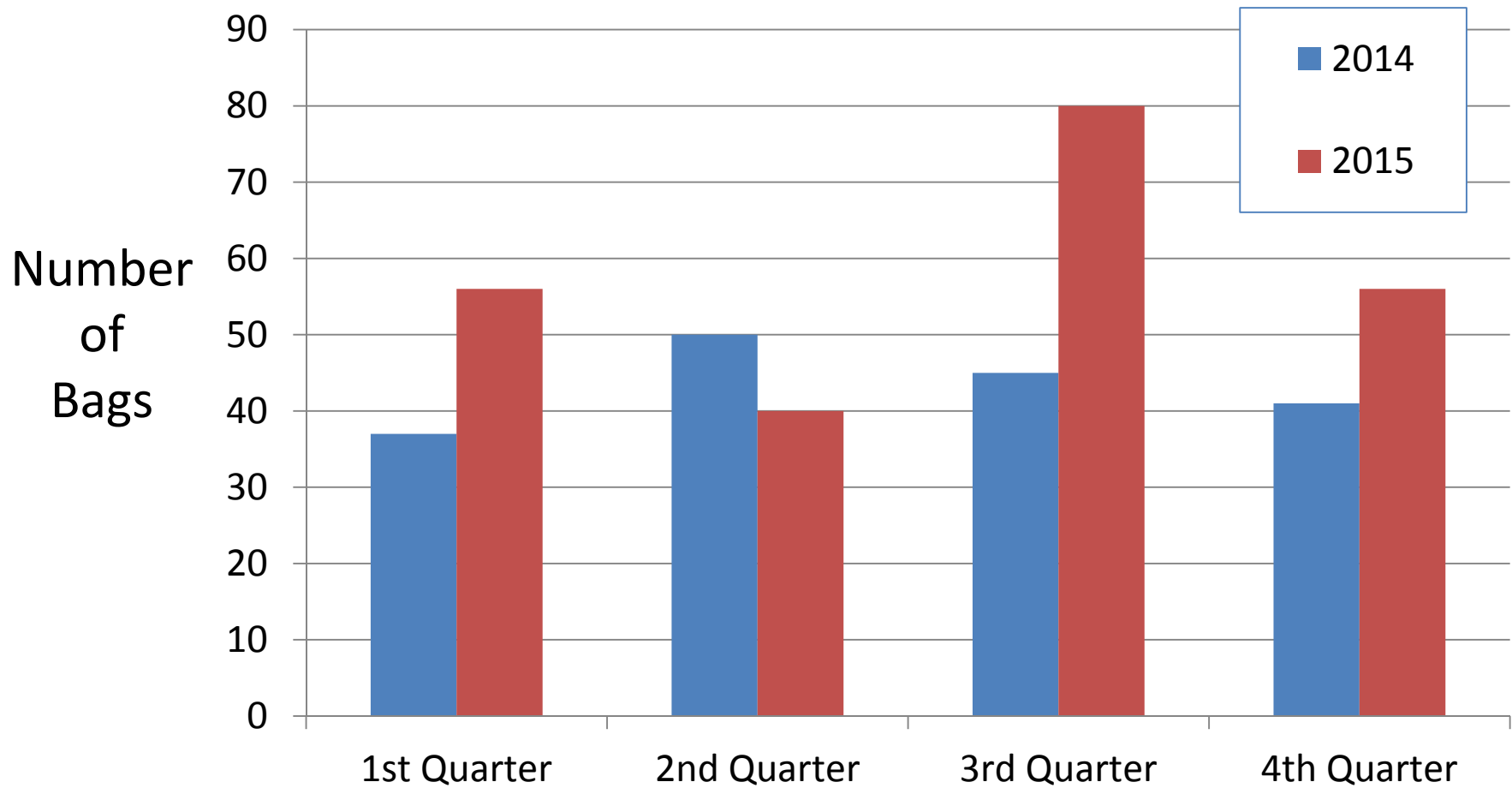


Unused Funds

We had unspent funds that were budgeted for shipping of the recycle bins. We wanted to use the funds to fix up an old shed to use as a Recycling Center.



Recycling Improvement



Issues & Solutions

- Some preferred bags be picked up.
- Some participants recycled regularly but stopped.
- Some refused to participate because of frequent travel, they lived alone or didn't purchase much of the recycled items.
- Some refused the recycle bins - use bag only.
- Some agreed to recycle with bins- no bags turned in
- No name on recycle bag.

