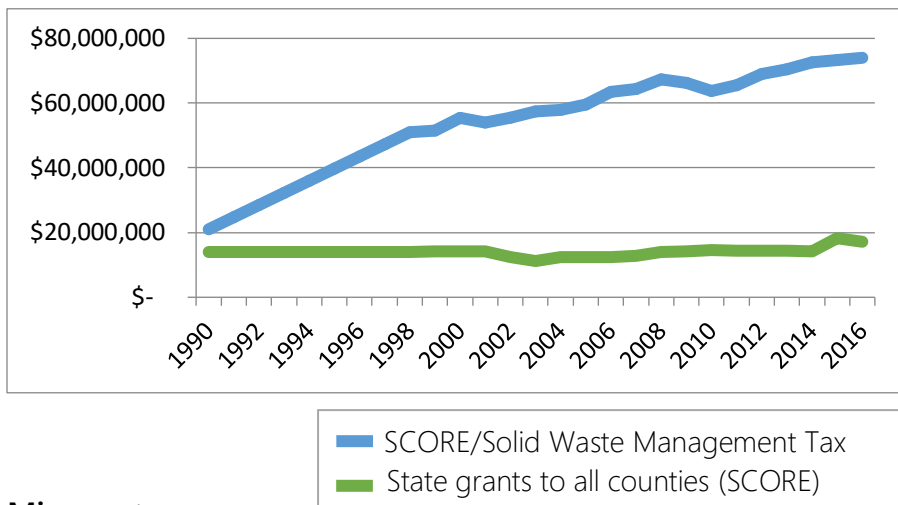


Support Recycling

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

Support recycling by restoring SCORE funds

The state requires counties to manage solid waste and meet ambitious recycling goals. Approximately 30 percent (\$22 million) of the Solid Waste Management Tax, intended to support county recycling programs, goes to the General Fund. Restoring this funding, commonly referred to as SCORE, for its intended purpose would help counties fulfill their obligations and meet the expectations of taxpayers.



Minnesotans support recycling

Recycling is the norm in Minnesota. People want to recycle more and already pay taxes intended to support additional recycling efforts.

- Recycling participation in Minnesota is among the highest in the country. 90 percent of Hennepin County households participate in recycling.
- Recycling does not happen spontaneously. Programs and infrastructure need continued investment to maintain high participation rates.

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Recycling is the responsible way to manage waste

Recycling keeps our land, air and water clean. Recycling is a better use of resources than dumping waste in a landfill. Minnesota has spent \$400 million cleaning up landfills.

Recycling makes the economy more competitive

National leadership on recycling creates more opportunities in Minnesota.

- Recycling creates more jobs than landfilling. The recycling industry employs 37,000 Minnesotans.
- Recycling's total economic benefit to Minnesota is an estimated \$15.7 billion.
- Developing local recycling markets keeps resources, jobs and businesses here.

