

# Environmental Report June 2020

## Environmental Manager

### Teresa Sidwell

**Staff Training** – Officer Cervantes took a 10 hour course online on Domestic Violence. Officer Sidwell practiced at the gun range for 4 hours, took 24 hours of online training for the new Zuercher CAD system, and 1 ½ hours of live online training for Environmental Video Production.

**Extra Patrols** – For years we have struggled with continual littering at the end of Frisco Springs Road where it deadends into the lake outside Lowell. About a year ago Officer Filbeck suggested we try installing a 55-gallon barrel next to the “No Littering” sign and it has worked great! We now see much less litter on the ground because they are using the barrel. After repeated reports of littering next to the new bridge on Snavelly Road just outside of Bentonville we decided to place a sign and barrel at this site as well. In the last month or so we have collected full barrels of litter from both sites. We have also conducted extra patrols on Cross Hollow Road, Canal Street, Rice Lane, Coose Hollow, Sugar Creek, and Yell Cemetery Roads where we have repeated illegal dumps.

*Litter barrels on Frisco Springs Road (left) and Snavelly Road bridge (right).*



The first annual NWA EcoFest is scheduled for November 6-7. It will be held indoors at the Benton County fairgrounds from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Friday will be a free fieldtrip day for area schools and Saturday will be open to all of the public. Area agencies, businesses and groups will share their message of environmental protection in an interactive way that excites the public about caring for our environment. **Share with potential exhibitors and the public.**

  [@nwaecofest](https://www.instagram.com/nwaecofest) on Instagram has a link in the bio to the event [website](#).

**Sign and Camera Installations** – We install cameras and “No Dumping” signs in areas with continual dumping to discourage future illegal activity. Officer Cervantes installed a camera and sign near the intersection of Rader and Andy Jack Roads in June.

**Adopt a Road Cleanup** – The Ventris Neighborhood Association has been a supporter of the County Adopt a Road program since 2011. All of the neighbors on this road clean up their area twice a year. They went out again in June and got their road looking good once again. We honestly could not keep our County looking clean without the tireless efforts of our Adopt a Road groups. We want them to know how much we appreciate their efforts without any expectation of reward.

**County Teaching Garden** – June flowers are blooming at the garden located at the Road Department on 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Bentonville. Pictured on the left is Indian Pink, a Missouri native perennial that blooms in June in moist woods and streambanks. The upward facing, trumpet-shaped, red flowers are 2 inches long atop stiff stems growing to 18" tall. Each flower is yellow inside and flares at the top to form a five pointed yellow star. On the right is a coneflower. Early native Americans used coneflowers to cure wounds and infections. It is a prairie flower that comes in a wide variety of color.



**Roadside Cleanups in June** – Officer Cervantes and I took the grappling truck out to 4 sites in Siloam Springs, Rogers and Garfield. We used the grappling truck to remove 1 couch, 1 mattress, 8 bags of household trash and a pile of construction waste. When I was promoted to Manager of the Division I decided that I would work side-by-side with my Officers. We started tracking the cases when we took the grappling truck out to clean up roadside dumps in 2015. Since then I have assisted with the cleanup of 324 illegal roadside dumps. I am proud to say that we have worked together to keep Benton County a clean place to live.



**Merced Cervantes  
Environmental Enforcement Officer**

This property is located east of Garfield in the Lost Bridge area. The property owner did a phenomenal job cleaning and the property looks great now. The person that had called to report the violations asked me to thank property owner.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



## ENVIRONMENTAL CASE DATA

Refer to the charts below for environmental cases received and actions initiated in June.

| VIOLATION TYPE                         | QTY |
|--|-----|
| Burn (appliances)                      | 0   |
| Burn (auto bodies & parts)             | 0   |
| Burn (construction debris)             | 0   |
| Burn (electronics)                     | 0   |
| Burn (furniture)                       | 0   |
| Burn (general waste)                   | 0   |
| Burn (household garbage)               | 3   |
| Burn (mobile home)                     | 0   |
| Burn (tires)                           | 1   |
| Bury (auto bodies & parts)             | 0   |
| Bury (construction debris)             | 1   |
| Bury (electronics)                     | 0   |
| Bury (furniture)                       | 0   |
| Bury (general waste)                   | 0   |
| Bury (household garbage)               | 0   |
| Bury (mobile home)                     | 0   |
| Bury (trees)                           | 0   |
| Dumped by others (appliances)          | 0   |
| Dumped by others (auto bodies & parts) | 1   |
| Dumped by others (construction debris) | 0   |
| Dumped by others (electronics)         | 0   |
| Dumped by others (furniture)           | 3   |
| Dumped by others (general waste)       | 2   |
| Dumped by others (household garbage)   | 0   |
| Dumped by others (metal)               | 0   |
| Dumped by others (mobile home)         | 0   |
| Dumped by others (tires)               | 1   |
| Dumped by others (trees)               | 0   |
| Dumped by self (appliances)            | 0   |
| Dumped by self (auto bodies & parts)   | 0   |
| Dumped by self (construction debris)   | 0   |
| Dumped by self (electronics)           | 0   |
| Dumped by self (furniture)             | 1   |
| Dumped by self (general waste)         | 5   |
| Dumped by self (household garbage)     | 1   |
| Dumped by self (metal)                 | 0   |
| Dumped by self (mobile home)           | 0   |
| Dumped by self (tires)                 | 0   |
| Dumped by self (trees)                 | 0   |
| OTHER                                  | QTY |
| Agency Assist                          | 1   |
| Camera/Sign installation               | 3   |
| Extra Patrol                           | 16  |
| Littering                              | 0   |

| ACTION TAKEN   | QTY. |
|--|------|
| NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS ISSUED                              | 0    |
| WARNINGS ISSUED  | 0    |
| CITATIONS ISSUED   | 3    |
| WARRANTS   | 0    |
| COURT APPEARANCES  | 0    |
| CASE STATUS  | QTY. |
| CASES OPENED THIS MONTH                                  | 39   |
| CASES CLOSED THIS MONTH                                  | 46   |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN CASES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION | 42   |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES CURRENTLY IN COURT SYSTEM          | 34   |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES CLOSED YTD                         | 219  |

**NWA EcoFest on Instagram** – Learn about environmental protection by following @nwaecofest on Instagram. In 1971 on Earth Day Keep America Beautiful launched what became known as “The Crying Indian” PSA featuring a Native American man paddling a canoe down a polluted river. He pulls his canoe onto the littered shore and is hit with a bag of trash thrown from a car window. The ad ends with a closeup of the indian man crying a single tear. The ad was widely successful and Americans were moved to make a positive change reducing litter by 88% across 38 states.

Many years before the PSA, Iron Eyes Cody had earned a place as Hollywood’s noble Indian in western films and TV. Read the rest of the story on the @nwaecofest Instagram post ...



### Convenience Center Program

| Waste Brought to Convenience Centers |            |            |            |             |           |       |            |       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|
| CENTERTON                            | # OF LOADS | HHW VISITS | APPLIANCES | ELECTRONICS | FURNITURE | METAL | PLAYGROUND | TIRES |
| June                                 | 1334       | 210        | 187        | 783         | 2150      | 2457  | 191        | 482   |
| <b>2020 YTD</b>                      | 4713       | 845        | 795        | 2783        | 6536      | 6817  | 618        | 1277  |
|                                      |            |            |            |             |           |       |            |       |
| ROGERS                               | # OF LOADS | HHW VISITS | APPLIANCES | ELECTRONICS | FURNITURE | METAL | PLAYGROUND | TIRES |
| June                                 | 1158       | 240        | 388        | 733         | 1490      | 1528  | 151        | 340   |
| <b>2020 YTD</b>                      | 4512       | 845        | 1378       | 2914        | 5338      | 5659  | 644        | 1498  |
|                                      |            |            |            |             |           |       |            |       |
| SILOAM SPRINGS                       | # OF LOADS | HHW VISITS | APPLIANCES | ELECTRONICS | FURNITURE | METAL | PLAYGROUND | TIRES |
| June                                 | 81         | 24         | 18         | 93          | 79        | 49    | 1          | 57    |
| <b>2020 YTD</b>                      | 349        | 130        | 78         | 378         | 281       | 201   | 13         | 370   |
|                                      |            |            |            |             |           |       |            |       |
| <b>SITES COMBINED 2020</b>           | 9574       | 1820       | 2251       | 6075        | 12155     | 12677 | 1275       | 3145  |

NOTE: # of appliances, electronics, furniture, metal, playground equipment, and tires are based on number of items collected. HHW is based on the # of visits, not the # of items brought per visit.

| 2020 Convenience Center Bulky Waste Disposal |           |           |             |        |        |             |        |        |            |       |        |             |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|-------|--------|-------------|
|  | HAULS     | TONS      | COST        | HAULS  | TONS   | COST        | HAULS  | TONS   | COST       | TOTAL | TOTAL  | TOTAL       |
|  | CENTERTON | CENTERTON | CENTERTON   | ROGERS | ROGERS | ROGERS      | SILOAM | SILOAM | SILOAM     | HAULS | TONS   | COST        |
| JAN  | 16        | 27.36     | \$3,253.26  | 13     | 17.14  | \$4,142.04  | 0      | -      | \$101.19   | 29    | 44.50  | \$7,496.49  |
| FEB  | 20        | 17.38     | \$4,529.80  | 8      | 20.65  | \$2,281.46  | 2      | 4.10   | \$818.41   | 30    | 42.13  | \$7,629.67  |
| MAR  | 10        | 17.56     | \$2,530.76  | 10     | 17.14  | \$2,583.10  | 0      | -      | \$101.19   | 20    | 34.70  | \$5,215.05  |
| APR  | 3         | 5.56      | \$495.05    | 3      | 6.77   | \$866.53    | 1      | 2.55   | \$462.94   | 7     | 14.88  | \$1,824.52  |
| MAY  | 23        | 53.27     | \$6,593.48  | 17     | 45.60  | \$4,782.64  | 0      | -      | \$104.32   | 40    | 98.87  | \$11,480.44 |
| JUN  | 34        | 64.02     | \$8,573.85  | 15     | 35.98  | \$4,016.25  | 2      | 2.04   | \$821.55   | 51    | 102.04 | \$13,411.65 |
| YTD  | 106       | 185.15    | \$25,976.20 | 66     | 143.28 | \$18,672.02 | 5      | 8.69   | \$2,409.60 | 177   | 337.12 | \$47,057.82 |
|  |           |           |             |        |        |             |        |        |            |       |        |             |
| AVG./MO.                                     | 8.83      | 15.43     | 2,164.68    | 5.50   | 11.94  | 1,556.00    | 0.42   | 0.72   | 200.80     | 14.75 | 28.09  | 3,921.49    |

| 2020 Expenses for Waste Disposal |                       |                     |                            |                     |                           |                    |                    |                   |                    |                     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2020 County Expenses             | Bulky Waste Centerton | Bulky Waste Rogers  | Bulky Waste Siloam Springs | Attendant's Wages** | Household Hazardous Waste | Advertising        | In-house recycling | Roadside Cleanups | Nuisance Cases     | TOTALS              |
| <b>BUDGET</b>                    | \$58,739.00           | \$40,380.00         | \$11,000.00                | \$51,598.89         | \$30,000.00               | \$6,000.00         | \$3,780.00         | \$6,572.11        | \$34,680.00        | \$ 242,750.00       |
| <b>ACTUAL COSTS</b>              |                       |                     |                            |                     |                           |                    |                    |                   |                    |                     |
| JANUARY                          | \$ 3,253.26           | \$ 4,142.04         | \$ 101.19                  | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ 68.81          | \$ -               | \$ 7,565.30         |
| FEBRUARY                         | \$ 4,529.80           | \$ 2,281.46         | \$ 818.41                  | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ 18.81          | \$ -               | \$ 7,648.48         |
| MARCH                            | \$ 2,530.76           | \$ 2,583.10         | \$ 101.10                  | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ 5,214.96         |
| APRIL                            | \$ 495.05             | \$ 866.53           | \$ 462.94                  | \$ 12,524.00        | \$ -                      | \$ 5,294.53        | \$ -               | \$ -              | \$ 3,550.00        | \$ 23,193.05        |
| MAY                              | \$ 6,593.48           | \$ 4,782.64         | \$ 104.32                  | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ -               | \$ -               | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ 11,480.44        |
| JUNE                             | \$ 8,573.85           | \$ 4,016.25         | \$ 821.55                  | -                   | \$ -                      | -                  | -                  | \$ 110.73         | \$ -               | \$ 13,522.38        |
| <b>SPENT Y-T-D</b>               | <b>\$ 25,976.20</b>   | <b>\$ 18,672.02</b> | <b>\$ 2,409.51</b>         | <b>\$ 25,048.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 5,294.53</b> | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 198.35</b>  | <b>\$ 6,850.00</b> | <b>\$ 68,624.61</b> |

\*BCSWD will use up to \$30,000 of their budget for HHW before billing the County. \*\*Attendant's wages billed quarterly.