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The City of Athens receives \$30,000 TDEC Grant

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – 5/17/2018 – This past March, the City of Athens Public Works Department submitted an application for grant funding from the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) regarding Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This week, the City of Athens was awarded the \$30,000 grant and a facility contract to be executed starting July 01, 2018. No local match is required by the grant which will be used to provide a temporary holding structure in addition to supplemental concrete and overhead structures that will allow for all-weather, year-round collection and storage of hazardous household waste. The primary goal of this facility is to improve availability and flexibility for collection, providing more opportunities for area residents to dispose of hazardous refuse with a direct positive impact on the environment while mitigating bottlenecks that take away from safe containment and disposal. Refuse volume and resident participation metrics will be captured by Public Works personnel in order to compare with historical numbers to validate improved participation levels and refuse volume collection.

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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