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Mayor's Column

The recycling of glass, cans, paper and plastics saves Voorhees Township valuable tax dollars while helping to preserve our environment.

In 2006, our Public Works Department picked up 17,252 tons of residential recycling items. Commercial recycling items in the amount of 11,740 tons were generated in Voorhees and taken to various recycling facilities. Additionally, 10,653 tons of solid waste (trash) were disposed of at the Camden Incinerator and the Pennsauken Landfill.

Of all residential items collected in the Township last year, 62% were recycled. By recycling, Voorhees avoided incinerator/landfill disposal fees of \$58.50 per ton and saved \$1,009,258.

In addition to saving money, revenue was also generated through our recycling program. The paper/cardboard and metal white goods collected by our Public Works Department was worth \$35 per ton. Revenue of \$76,208 was received through 2177 tons collected.

As a result of our recycling efforts, the average homeowner in Voorhees saved \$96.10 in taxes in 2006.

There is no question that recycling saves.

Voorhees Township is an exciting Camden County community. It's ideal for business with plenty of potential in an expanding economy. The tempo is upbeat. The word is "welcome."

Our suburban community is located less than 20 miles east of Philadelphia, and midway between New York and Washington, DC. The New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 295 provide access to the New York/Washington corridor.

State Routes 70 and 73 provide easy access to Philadelphia and southeastern New Jersey. Bus transportation and high speed rail conveniently link Voorhees Township to neighboring communities and to Philadelphia.

In the past 10 years, the population of Voorhees has increased in size to more than 28,000 people. The median family income is one of the highest in South Jersey.



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