

**New York State
Environmental Investment Program
Capital Project Summary
CRM Co., LLC**

Project Background

CRM Co., LLC expanded to a national presence with the opening of its crumb rubber facility in Colonie, NY in August 2006. With plants in Los Angeles and Phoenix operational in 1997 and 2003 respectively, CRM heeded the requests of its national customer base to provide an east coast presence. New York's Empire State Development was instrumental in assisting CRM in identifying the Colonie location, as well as providing financial assistance in the purchase and equipment for cryogenically processing of over 2.5 million waste tires into crumb rubber.

Project Description

CRM rapidly met its performance targets in the production of crumb rubber and found itself in a "sold out" status for its initial cryogenic processing capacity. The demand for crumb rubber as infill for synthetic turf installations was beyond expectations and continues to grow as the benefits of synthetic turf athletic fields become more widely known. CRM also supplies crumb rubber in an emerging asphalt rubber paving market.

The crumb rubber infill used in synthetic turf fields can be produced either cryogenically or at ambient air temperature. Each synthetic turf

manufacturer's crumb rubber specifies only cryogenically produced or only ambient crumb rubber. Since the Colonie facility only produced cryogenic crumb rubber CRM's expansion addressed another burgeoning market demand for ambient crumb rubber. The anticipated demand for ambient crumb rubber would allow the recycling of an additional two million waste tires in a totally ambient processing line. Empire State Development assisted CRM with the purchase of the necessary equipment to recycle an additional two million of New York's annual generation of waste tires into 24 million pounds of ambiently processed crumb rubber.

Project Results

CRM installed the ambient line and the increased production was immediately swallowed up by the demand throughout the east coast for crumb rubber infill, as well as by a smaller, but growing, extent as a modifier in rubberized asphalt. CRM continues to meet its tire recycling and production goals with both its ambient and cryogenic processing lines, recycling New York waste tires into a beneficial use end product and crumb rubber.

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| Contractor: | Colonie IDA | NYS EIP Investment: | \$675,000 |
| County: | Albany | Contractor Match: | \$2,043,829 |
| ESD Region: | Capital District | Total: | \$2,718,829 |
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