

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

Project Background

CRM Co., LLC is the largest supplier of crumb rubber to the asphalt rubber industry and one of the largest suppliers of crumb rubber to the artificial turf industry in the United States. Crumb rubber is produced by grinding recycled tires into very fine particles. CRM began operations at its plant in Los Angeles, CA in 1997. In 2003 it expanded to a second facility in Phoenix, AZ. For more detail, see CRM's website: www.crmrubber.com.

By 2005, recognizing increasing national demand for crumb rubber, supported by a growing national customer base, led CRM to seek an East Coast location for an additional facility. To help identify a location and to seek financial assistance to defray the costs of opening the new plant, CRM approached New York's Empire State Development for assistance.

Project Description

State and local economic developers helped CRM identify, and ultimately purchase, an 85,000 square foot building on 21 acres in the Town of Colonie, NY. Once the electrical service to the building was upgraded to meet the demands of a waste tire processing facility, CRM installed a complete cryogenic process system, including conveyors, a liquid nitrogen cooling chamber, a hammermill,

dryers, classifiers and packaging equipment. The facility was designed to be able to process over 2.5 million waste tires per year into crumb rubber. The facility was opened for business in August 2006.

Project Results

CRM has met or exceeded all of its project performance targets. Production quickly ramped up to the target rate of 2.5 million tires annually. By the end of 2007 it is anticipated that CRM will ship over 30 million lbs. of crumb rubber from the Colonie facility while generating annual sales exceeding its target sales figure. Production capacity at the Colonie facility is "sold out" as CRM already has orders for all the material it is producing.

The crumb rubber from the facility is being used in artificial turf field projects throughout the East Coast. For example, the New England Patriots and Siena College recently installed fields made with rubber from this facility.

Having successfully opened its third facility, CRM is now the largest supplier of crumb rubber to the artificial turf industry in the United States.

Contractor:	Colonie IDA	NYS EIP Investment:	\$750,000
County:	Albany	Contractor Match:	\$4,479,458
ESD Region:	Capital District	Total:	\$5,229,458
ESD Contact:	518/292-5340	Completion Date:	January 2007