

CLIFTON USES CONCRETE CRUSHER TO HELP CITY SAVE MONEY

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The Clifton, New Jersey Department of Public Works (DPW) utilized a crusher to break apart a stockpile of concrete pipes, catch basins and blacktop that had accumulated on the public works property over the past three years.

The debris was pulverized into a fine grained reusable fill. Dennis Markovich, a Clifton public works supervisor said it would have cost about \$18,000 to truck away the 700 tons of debris to an asphalt plant. Instead the city contracted with a Lyndhurst company, DAG, for about \$8,000 to pulverize the material. Clifton plans to use the material as a temporary fix for potholes or foundation for new sewer pipes and roads. When factoring in the costs from not having to buy fill material for future projects an additional \$25,000 was saved, commented Markovich.

Al Dubois, Clifton public works supervisor, suggested Passaic County officials should coordinate a similar operation for smaller towns that don't build up as much construction debris as Clifton does. Then smaller towns could pitch in for the cost of the contractor and take the fill material as needed.

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