

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** 

## **Selected Grant Recipient**

Name: Poarch Band of Creek Indians Project Location: Atmore, AL Project Title: Poarch Band of Creek Indians Recycling Infrastructure Grant

#### **EPA Information**

Region: EPA Region 4

#### Grant Funding: \$787,397

### Highlights

- Builds a new recycling and composting facility with a 16-acre solid waste transfer station.
- Expands the Tribe's organic waste collection system, including collection of food waste.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians will conduct a feasibility study on a proposed operation expansion, upgrade current facilities and equipment, and conduct outreach for the recycling program. There will also be an analysis of the feasibility study, resulting in expanded recycling infrastructure, glass recycling, shredding services and used tire collection and recycling. These activities will support enhanced infrastructure, expanded education and more recycling opportunities.

# SWIFR Grants to Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years to support National Recycling Strategy implementation and build a circular economy for all. As part of the Investing in America agenda, this funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. SWIFR Tribal grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have historically been underserved and overburdened by pollution.

EPA will make the award to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

