

**LAND APPLICATION**  
**FUND NO. 559**  
**ACCOUNT NO. 1115**

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***DESCRIPTION***

The Land Application System provides specialized wastewater treatment serving the Lipton - Unilever Best Foods North America (UBFNA) tomato-processing facility. Sale of crops grown on the land application site offsets operating costs.

***MISSION***

The Land Application program employs an environmentally acceptable means of treating raw tomato processing waste through land application and sludge disposal as a fertilizer enhancement, which provides the City an opportunity to retain a major employer in the community.

***GOALS***

- ◇ Ensure the land application processes treat tomato-processing wastewater to meet or exceed environmental protection requirements and reduce treatment costs for the industrial user.
- ◇ Ensure wastewater treatment plant sludge is properly disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.
- ◇ Identify crops that are compatible with tomato processing waste that will produce the highest yield of tonnage to offset operating costs.

***OBJECTIVES***

***PERFORMANCE  
MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Irrigate the 574 acres in the Land Application system, using tomato wastewater.                                  | Complete during the tomato season, July through October 2004.  |
| 2. Plant and harvest a total of 400 acres of crops to sell. (Note: Not all 400-acres are planted at the same time.) | Harvest 240 acres of wheat and 160 acres of oat hay that will be harvested in November 2004.   |
| 3. Continue close coordination with Lipton to ensure concurrence with program operations.                           | Ensure additional equipment and personnel are adequate to meet the increased demand generated by production expansion at the industry. |

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| 4. Perform weed abatement activities during the non-growing season for various Public Works Divisions. | Collaborate with other public works division on maintaining weed abatement. |
| 5. Conduct a cost to benefit assessment of the land application program.                               | Complete analysis report by December 2004.                                  |
| 6. Reduce nitrogen levels in the soil  | Continue to plant crops with high nitrogen uptake.                          |

## ***2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

No significant changes in program direction, expenditures or revenues are anticipated during the fiscal year.