



## South Hills Recycling Competition

### **Background:**

In November of 2010, ten South Hills area communities agreed to participate in a recycling competition during 2011. Participating municipal members include Mt. Lebanon, Scott Township, Peters Township, Dormont, Upper St. Clair, Brentwood, Pleasant Hills, Baldwin Borough, South Park Township and Jefferson Hills. The idea of the competition was suggested by the Waste Reduction Committee of the Mt. Lebanon Environmental Community Action Team. The residential recycling competition was one of ten strategies included in the 2010 Mt. Lebanon Community Greenhouse Emission Inventory and Climate Action Plan. The goal of the Recycling Competition is to increase the rate of recycling in 2011 using recycling tonnages from 2010 as a baseline. The competition is supported by Waste Management, Allied Waste, GreenStar Recycling and the PNC Foundation. Quarterly recognition will be given to municipality's whose recycling tonnages have exceeded their baseline 2010 levels, municipalities with the largest percent increase in residential recycling as compared to the previous year, and the municipality with the greatest tonnage of recyclable materials. In January of 2012 prizes will be presented to the municipalities ranked highest these three categories.

### **Status of Municipal Recycling Competition as of December 31, 2011:**

The final recycling figures are available for 2011 and...**South Park Township** is the winner in the largest percentage above 2010 category, at 60% above 2010. **Mt. Lebanon** is the winner in the greatest tonnage above 2010 category, with 223.34 tons above 2010, and South Park Township a mere 7.2 tons behind. In total amongst the participating communities, recycling increased by 862.86 tons or 10%. The below charts detail the recycling statistics.

Table 1 Municipal Residential Recycling Statistics-Base Year-Vs.-Current Year

Municipality	Tons Collected Through December 2010	Tons Collected Through December 2011	Tons Over (Under) 2010	% Over (Under 2010)
Baldwin Borough	989.70	1,073.03	83.33	8.4%
Brentwood	409.50	445.46	35.96	8.8%
Dormont	409.01	419.46	10.45	2.6%
Jefferson Hills	427.95	513.09	85.14	19.9%
Mt. Lebanon	2,196.67	2,420.01	223.34	10.2%
Peters Township	1,452.43	1,504.55	52.12	3.6%
Pleasant Hills	352.77	413.94	61.17	17.3%
Scott Township	815.33	784.38	(30.95)	-3.8%
South Park Township	352.77	568.91	216.14	61.3%
Upper St. Clair	1,259.74	1,385.90	126.16	10.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,665.87</b>	<b>9,528.73</b>	<b>862.86</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

Graph 1 Municipal Residential Recycling Statistics-Base Year-Vs.-Current Year

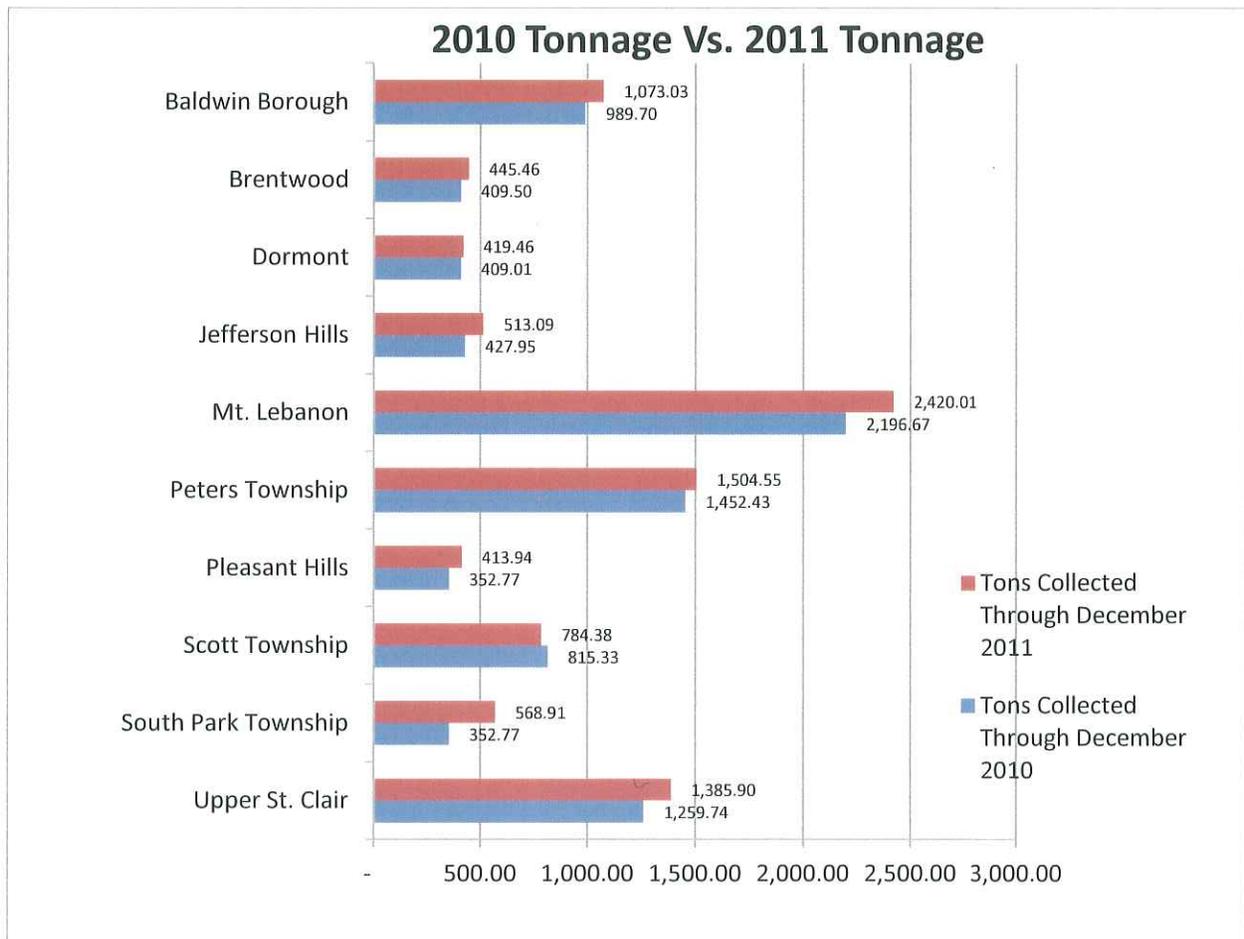


Table 2 Rankings in Most Tonnage above (Their) Previous Base Year Category

Municipality	Cumulative Tons Above (Under) 2010
Mt Lebanon	223.34
South Park Township	216.14
Upper St. Clair	126.16
Jefferson Hills	85.14
Baldwin Borough	83.33
Pleasant Hills	61.17
Peters Township	52.12
Brentwood	35.96
Dormont	10.45
Scott Township	(30.95)

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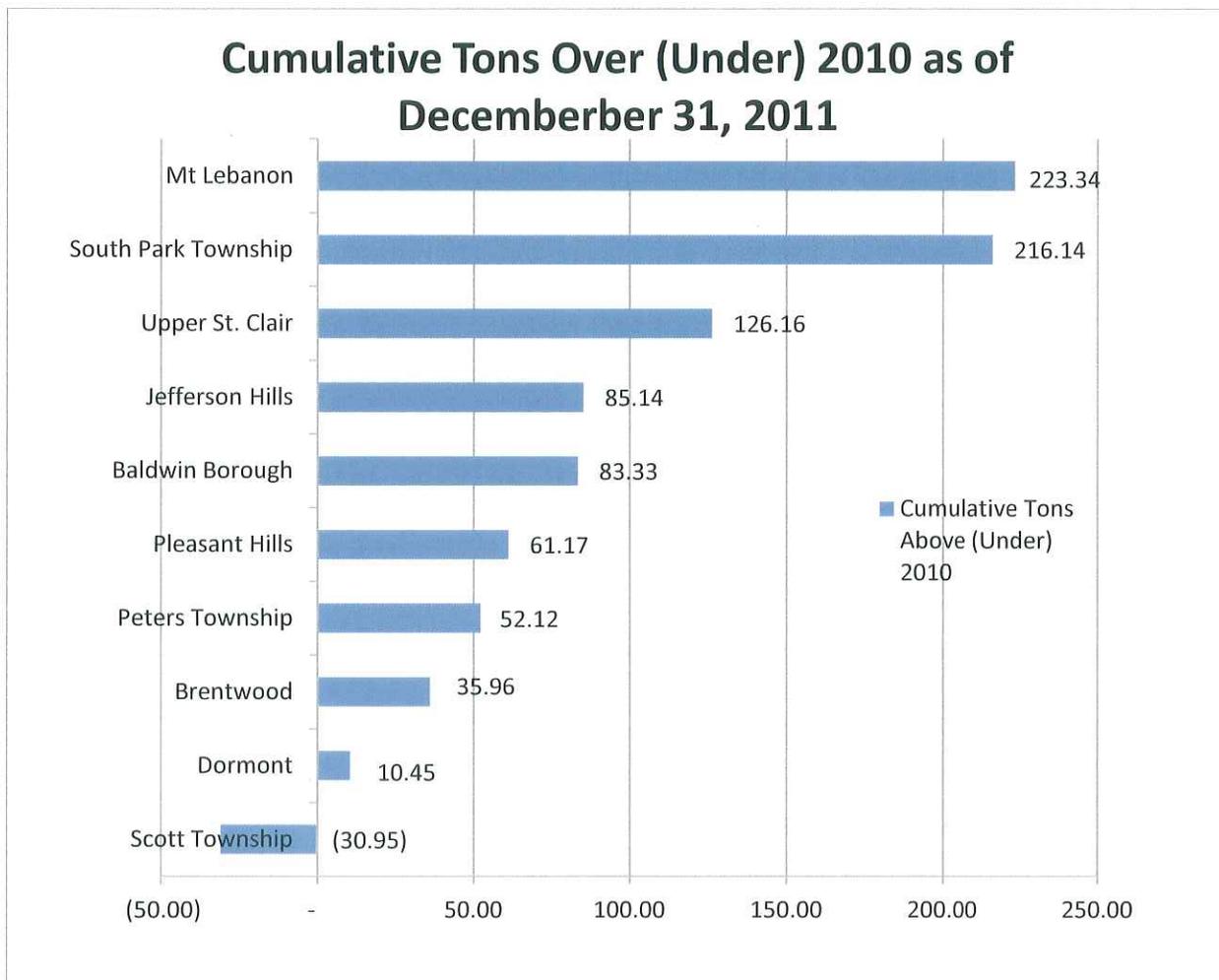


Table 3 Rankings in the Greatest Percentage above (Their) Previous Year Category

Municipality	Cumulative % Above (Under) 2010
South Park Township	61%
Jefferson Hills	20%
Pleasant Hills	17%
Mt Lebanon	10%
Upper St. Clair	10%
Brentwood	9%
Baldwin Borough	8%
Peters Township	4%
Dormont	3%
Scott Township	-4%

Graph 3. Percentage above (Their) Previous Year Category

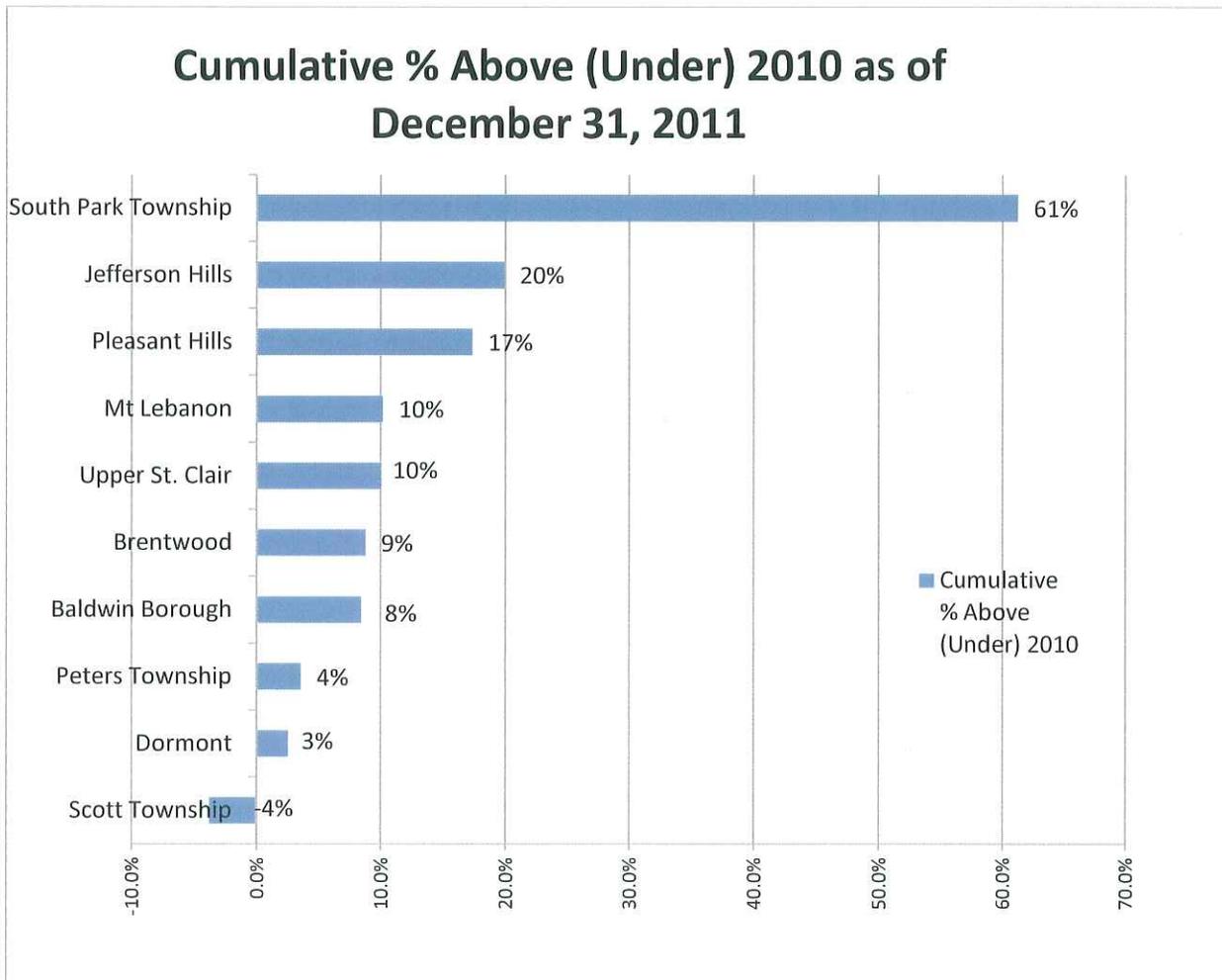


Table 4 Most Tons Collected Category

Municipality	Total Tons Collected as of December 31, 2011
Mt Lebanon	2,420.01
Peters Township	1,504.55
Upper St. Clair	1,385.90
Baldwin Borough	1,073.03
Scott Township	784.38
South Park Township	568.91
Jefferson Hills	513.09
Brentwood	445.46
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