



## City of Azle receives Recycling Leadership Award for Big Belly Project



The STAR North Texas Recycling Leadership Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals, communities, and businesses for developing or maintaining programs involving recycling and other sustainability efforts in North Texas.

On August 11, the City of Azle was presented with the 2016 STAR North Texas Recycling Leadership Award for Outstanding Environmental Youth Education & Outreach, specifically for its Big Belly Trash/Recycling Project.



The City of Azle's goal was to promote recycling at the parks and have a program that would involve the youth of the community. Azle ISD students participated in a recycling art contest and the winning drawings were printed on wraps applied to the Big Belly Recycling/Trash compactors located in the local parks. Azle's trash provider, Community Waste Disposal, provided the funds needed to create and install the wraps on the compactors.



The students who participated in the program became more aware of environmental and recycling issues; and the public was exposed to recycling and environmental messages created by the youth of the community. The true success of the program is that residential curbside recycling increased between 10% to 15%. This is a true testament that recycling messages viewed at the parks, made by the youth, encouraged the community to recycle more!



*Left to Right; Azle Parks Superintendent Kyle Culwell, Azle Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Jones, Azle Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger, Azle Councilmember David McClure, STAR North Texas Vice Chair Patricia Davis, Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett*