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## The Role of the Local Community in Solving Communal Waste Disposing Problem during the Transition in Croatia

The aim of this text is to encourage the role of the local community in Croatia in solving the problem of municipal waste disposal. The text starts from theoretical definitions of transition, local community, municipal waste and the NIMBY syndrome. Reviewing the conducted researches and official data, a conclusion arises that the contribution of local communities in solving the problem of the municipal waste disposal is very modest. The main reason for it is the presence of the NIMBY syndrome among citizens. The state should consequently make efforts in educating citizens and activating them in the civil society organizations.

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