



# **WCCSWM Meeting**

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

## **Tour**

**Veolia ES Arbor Hills Landfill, given by Dave Rettell**

10690 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI

## **WCCSWM Meeting Agenda**

**Veolia ES Arbor Hills Landfill**

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda for August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011
3. Approve Minutes from July 28, 2011
4. Task Force Updates
  - a. Master Composting
  - b. Pharmaceutical Take-Back
  - c. Any other task forces.
5. Legislative Updates
6. Local Community Updates
7. Adjourn

## **WCCSWM Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting held at St. Joe Mercy Hospital. Tour of Hospital Farm, given by Dan Bair

**Attendance:**

Dan Moody, Washtenaw County  
Carly Goldberg, Washtenaw County  
Chris Simmons, City of Ypsilanti  
Yousef Rabhi, Washtenaw County Commissioner  
Kendra Pyle, Recycle Ann Arbor  
Pierre Gonyon, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital  
Bruce Bawkon, Scio Township (only present for farm tour)

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (5:57pm)**
- 2. Approve Agenda for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**
  - a. Add "Electronic Recycling" to point 4c
- 3. Approve Minutes from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**
  - a. Approved as printed
- 4. Task Force Updates**
  - a. Master Composting**
    - i. Chris Simmons- The Banquet/Potluck will be at Gallop Park and will include a tour of a worm farm right up the road. Nancy Stone (City of AA employee) will set the date soon.
    - ii. The Potluck will be in a room at Gallup, as long as they receive permission to bring food into the facility
  - b. Pharmaceutical Take-Back**
    - i. Dan Moody- Saline Pharmacy on Bennett and Wagner is new to the pharmaceutical take-back program
    - ii. Washtenaw County Solid Waste is partnering with Lenawee and Jackson Counties through the Clean Sweep grant to expand pharmaceutical collection to those counties.
    - iii. The pharmaceutical take-back program is about to sign a contract with Drug and Lab which will decrease the per bag price from \$3.95 to \$1.05. All financially supported by Clean Sweep Grant, so this is at no cost to the county.
    - iv. Kroger has a new mail-back program (same as Walgreen's) that lets customers purchase mail bags for \$3 and send back as many pharmaceuticals as they can fit in the bag.
    - v. The Kroger on Maple and Miller Rd just put an advertisement for DontFlushDrugs.com (Washtenaw County's website) on their pharmacy bag!
    - vi. Looking to get more pharmacies on board with Clean Sweep Grant!
  - c. Electronics Recycling**
    - i. Dan Moody- planning on meeting with Vintage Tech the following day to discuss recycling. Pierre was curious about their services but Dan was unable to say prices because there are differences between municipality and private sector businesses.
    - ii. Chris Simmons- planning on meeting with Universal Recycling Technologies. They have a five sort.
    - iii. Pierre Gonyon- Really needs to find a responsible recycler that does recycling domestically.

- iv. Pierre Gonyon- Need to take into consideration how much space each company requires in terms of number of Gaylord boxes and whether or not the boxes need to be covered from the elements.
- v. Dan, Chris, and Pierre all need to select recycler based on the number of items each company recycles, the price, and the space required for each program (number of Gaylord boxes).

#### 5. Legislative Updates

- a. Pierre Gonyon- Michigan Medical Waste Act.
  - i. Lack of legislative support
  - ii. Representative Fred Miller (D) was sponsor
- b. Yousef Rabhi- WWRA at Commissioners' Meeting
  - i. County Commissioners will vote to expand program and renew for five years in their September meeting
  - ii. 8 communities are in the authority, and 5 are "on board" for renewal

#### 6. Local Community Updates

- a. Kendra- Is there a place to recycle Freon appliances for free?
  - i. Option 1: Bring to County Environmental Clean-Up Day on October 8, 2011 from 9am to 12pm at EMU's Rynearson Stadium
    - 1. \$10 to get in door. Can bring appliance then.
  - ii. Option 2: [DTE's Appliance Recycling Program](#). Will give a resident \$40 to remove an old refrigerator and also take old air conditioner and dehumidifier for a \$20 rebate.
    - 1. Makes sense for someone with a Freon appliance to find someone looking to return old refrigerator!
- b. [Urbanwood Market Place Celebration](#) at ReUse Center on Saturday, August 20.
  - i. A fun family event with a scavenger hunt, coffee and donuts, hot dog cart, demonstrations, viewing of recycling trucks, and information on local hardwood recycling.
- c. Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction drop-off days: first three Saturdays of every month from 9am-12pm at 705 N. Zeeb Rd.
- d. Clean Sweep Grant for Washtenaw County
  - i. Disposing of business and residential pesticides for free.
  - ii. Website is up and running for information and making appointments: [http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental\\_health/recycling\\_home\\_toxics/clean-sweep/clean-sweep-program-pesticide-disposal](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/recycling_home_toxics/clean-sweep/clean-sweep-program-pesticide-disposal)
- e. County Environmental Clean-Up Day on October 8, 2011 from 9am to 12pm at EMU's Rynearson Stadium
- f. Pierre says that he can possibly get the word out about event using their eNewsletter which reaches ~6,500 people.

#### 7. Adjourn.