



**Washtenaw County Consortium for  
Solid Waste Management**

**MEETING AGENDA**

Saline City Municipal Building  
100 N. Harris  
Saline, MI 48176  
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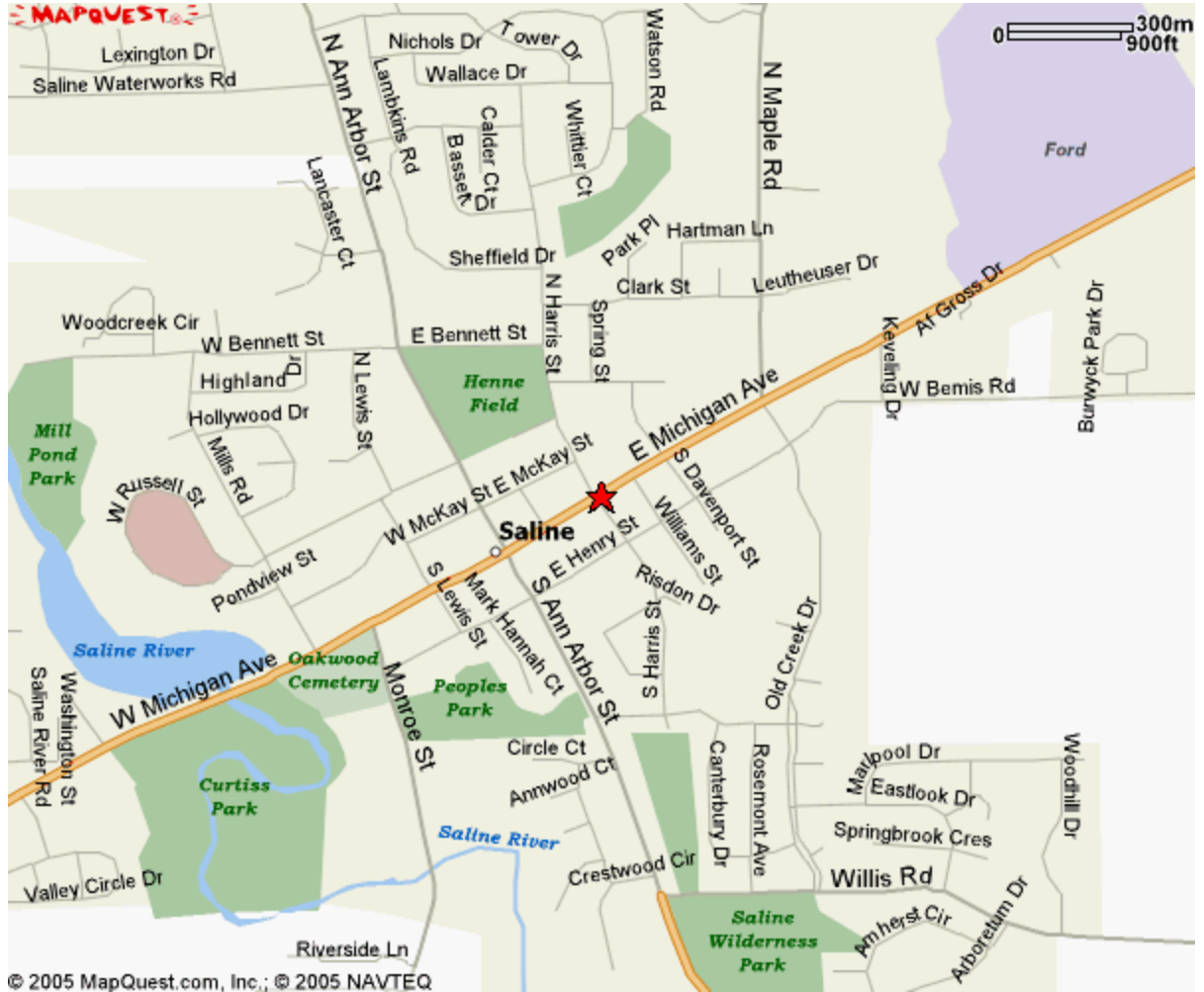
**Thursday, January 27, 2005**

**Meeting begins 5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda (1-27-05)
3. Approval of Minutes (12-2-04)
4. Review of Green Landscaping Techniques
5. Local Community Updates
6. Adjourn

**Township Representatives- If you are unable to join us, please designate a representative to attend in your place. Thank you!**

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**WCCSWM Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, December 2, 2004  
Scio Township Hall

**Members Present:**

Jim Dries	Scio Township
Pierre Gonyon	SJMHS
Nanette Havens	Lima Township
Mike Weber	Scio Township
George Danneffel	City of Saline
Nancy Stone	City of Ann Arbor
Pete Murdock	Recycle Ann Arbor
Charlie Nielsen	Scio Township
Chris Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Michael-David BenDor	Superior Township
Bob Osterhout	Ypsilanti Township
Tracy Artley	University of Michigan
Corinne Sikorski	Sylvan Township

**Others Present:**

Richard Stefani	Manchester Township
Jeff Krcmarik	Washtenaw County DPW
Lauren Sullivan	Washtenaw County DPW

**1. Call to Order**

Nancy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:32. Introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Agenda for (1-27-05)**

The consortium approved of the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes (12-2-04)**

The consortium approved of the minutes.

**4. Annual Planning**

Nancy Stone suggested brainstorming ideas for where to host meetings next year, and topics to discuss. Below is a chart summarizing the decisions made, followed by the discussion.

Meeting Date	Location	Topic
27-Jan	Saline	Landscaping
24-Feb	Subaru Research and Design/Landscaping	Tour Subaru (5-5:30)
24-Mar	Ypsilanti DOS & City Hall	Presentation on composting
21-Apr	Cobblestone Farms	DOS tour 5-5:30; meeting at City Hall. See their facility
26-May	Ann Arbor DOS & MRF	Waste Knot Ceremony
23-Jun	Milan Senior Center (Tentative)	DOS tour 5-5:30; Meeting at Ann Arbor MRF (4150 Platt Rd, A2 48108)
28-Jul	Mallet Creek Library (Tentative)	Library tour 5-5:30. Electronic waste (get local legislator)
25-Aug	Ford Lake Park	Their new recycling facility, and medical waste
22-Sep	St. Joe Hospital	
27-Oct	Scio Township?	
Nov optional floating date	TBD	Washtenaw County's "America Recycles Day"
1-Dec	County's Zeeb Rd.	Annual Planning Meeting

**\*all scheduled presentations and meeting facilities are subject to change\***

#### Locations of meetings

-Jeff Krcmarik said the Waste Knot ceremony will be held at Cobblestone Farms on April 21. He would also like a tour of Subaru Research and Design Inc, possibly in February.

-Nancy Stone said the September 22 meeting will be held at St. Joe's Hospital, where there will be a tour of the new robot-powered recycling facility. A fall meeting will allow enough time for the facility to be built. She also suggested a meeting at the Ann Arbor drop off station in either May, June or July.

-Chris Simmons offered a tour of the Ypsilanti city recycling drop off at the department of public works on March 24.

-George Danneffel offered to host the January 27 meeting in Saline.

-Bob Osterhout suggested the August 25 meeting be held at Ford Lake Park in the Residential Services building.

#### Topics to discuss

##### Composting

Stone suggested Amy Freeman-Rosa as a guest speaker to talk about composting and help WCCSWM members set up an Earth Machine sale within the county. County members can buy them in bulk, and then sell them to citizens. Krcmarik suggested two townships splitting a palate of 50 and having people come to the drop off site to purchase them.

##### Medical Waste

Pierre Gonyon said John Golke and others are working to update the Michigan Medical Waste Act, so the topic of medical waste will frequently be on the agenda. He would like to see pharmacies included in the Household Hazardous Waste's SHARPS return. This would include registering pharmacies to return SHARPS, but the HHW program would pay for them. Another issue is the disposal of medical waste by the home health care system. Many home practitioners leave medical waste in the homes of their patients, who then use improper

disposal methods. Recently, the city water utilities wanted to study the pharmaceutical waste in water. The city did not receive a grant from the EPA. Krcmarik believes WCCSWM should create a task force to help understand and stop this problem.

#### Landscaping

Michael-David BenDor and Stone were interested in discussing environmentally friendly landscaping, and lawn alternatives. Jeff suggested having Bob Bricault from the MSU office speak about the issue.

#### Best Management Practices

There is still a strong consensus that a best management practices guide must be created to inform Washtenaw County citizens of their options for residential living. The format would be similar to that of the Guide to Rural Living, and would be in website format so frequent changes could occur. The consortium intends to try and fund this project through local business support, and will utilize specialists in each area to produce the most up-to-date and environmentally safe practices. A subset of interested consortium members is required to form a task force to tackle this project. Things to include in The Practices includes, info sheets on landscaping, building design, home car washing and waste sorting, a survey of county representatives and officials, teachers guide and model ordinances. The Practices would also include weblinks to recommended goods and services.

### **5. Local Community Updates**

#### City of Ann Arbor

Stone brought in the Huron River Watershed newsletter. If any member is interested in receiving it, call 734-769-5971, or email [jmartin@HRWC.org](mailto:jmartin@HRWC.org).

#### University of Michigan

Tracy Artley went to Toronto on an MRC sponsored tour of the city's solid waste management system. Toronto has closed its last landfill and now want to send 0% of its waste to landfills by 2010. One system the city employs is anaerobic digestion of organic waste. In these composters, all food waste can be put in it (including meat and fat) as well as other things like diapers and paper plates. The city collects this each week and takes it to an anaerobic digester where 50% of the product is methane gas, 20-30% is compost, and the rest is waste water that can be treated on sight.

#### Scio Township

Mike Webber said the EPA is looking for people to partner with local schools to get rid of dangerous lab waste. Webber wondered if WCCSWM would be interested. Krcmarik said he contract allows him to assess school waste, but few schools are interested.

#### Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County is in the process of creating a new comprehensive solid waste plan.

The Waste Knot commercial has begun to air. It is shown on higher rated stations, and it has been a success overall. There was only one Waste Knot application this month, and Krcmarik will give the review comity this application next month when more arrive. People in Florida and other Michigan counties have contacted Krcmarik and are interested in starting similar programs.

## 5. New Topics of Discussion

### Cleanup Event

Richard Stefani of Manchester Township is not a WCCSWM member, but is interested in setting up a local cleanup event, and is looking to the consortium for advice.

### WCCSWM finances

The consortium currently has approximately 10 or 11 thousand dollars to use for new projects.

### WCCSWM elections

Stone would like to step down as chair person for the coming year. The January meeting will include deciding candidates for the position, and elections will occur in February.

## 6. Adjourn

Stone adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Month/Date	Topic	Location
February 24	Composting Speaker: Amy Freeman-Rosa	Subaru Research and Design
March 24		Ypsilanti drop-off station
April 21	Waste Knot Ceremony	Cobblestone Farms

Future Suggestions: Milan Senior Center, Mallet Creek Library

### **Legislative Update:**

**House passes bills to phase out the sale of thermostats containing mercury, and hospital's use of blood pressure recording devices utilizing mercury were sent to the Government Operations Committee, chaired by Senator Ken Sikkema. Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday (12/7) at 10:00 AM (no agenda included in the announcement).**

**Senate Natural Resources** will take up the following bills:

**HB 4406** – A bill to phase-out of the use of certain flame retardants - polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs).

**HB 4787** - A bill to establish in the Michigan State Housing Development Authority the Michigan Housing and Community Development program.

**HB 4788** - A bill to create the Michigan Housing and Community Development fund to foster affordable housing.

**As previously reported action from last week:**

## **Senate**

### **On the Calendar:**

**HJR Z** - A resolution to place before the voters in 2006 a constitutional provision to protect restricted funds related to conservation, recreation and game and fish activities from use for other purposes.

**HB 5870** – A bill to implement a constitutional amendment (HJR Z) to create the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund and game and fish protection trust fund.

**HB 6164** - A bill to allow a local municipality to enter into a contract with a private developer – this technique can be used to tie rezoning of a parcel to one specific proposal – which if doesn't proceed allows the parcel to revert to its former designation.

**HB 6166** - This bill allows counties to enter into a contract with a private developer – see HB 6164 above.

**HB 6206** - This bill allows townships to enter into a contract with a private developer – see HB 6164 above.

**HB 5194** – A bill to allow for mail-in absentee ballot election for the directors of the conservation district.

**HB 6235** - A bill to allow for grants from the scrap tires fund to fund capital expenditures.

**HB 6243** - A bill to regulate nonferrous metallic mining and reclamation.

**HB 6295** - A bill to revise the land division act to allow nonjudicial process for extinguishing certain platted easements.

**HB 5364** - A bill to prohibit reinstatement of driving privileges to owners of abandoned vehicles who fail to pay fines.

**HB 5055** – A bill to restrict fees under certain circumstances under the soil erosion and

sedimentation control.

**In committee:**

**Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs** is expected to meet on Tuesday (12/7) at 3:00 PM -- agenda to be announced.

**Technology and Energy** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday (12/8) to take up a number of bills and continued discussion of Public Act 141 and the recent final orders in Detroit Edison's rate case.

## **House**

**Passed:**

**HB 6196** - A bill to prohibit the sale of thermostat devices containing mercury.

**HB 6198** - A bill to prohibit the sale or use of blood pressure recording devices that contain mercury.

**HB 6314** a bill to allow utilities to use the right-a-way of limited access highways without the permission of the local unit of government. This bill would reverse a Supreme Court decision which recognized the right of the City Of Lansing to veto a gasoline designed to pass around town following the path of I-96 (referred to Government Operations where no further action expected this year).

**SB 757** - This bill places penalties on landlords that fail to remediate known lead paint hazards in rental units. (House needs to vote on concurring with Senate amendments)

**SB 790** – A bill to allow the Governor to establish a recycling advisory council (no funding allocated).

**HB 4406** - A bill to ban certain PBDEs from production and use in Michigan

**On the calendar:**

**SB 1416**- A bill to provide county level approval for subdivisions and require at board meeting comprised of each department involved.

**SB 1458** - A bill to ban certain PBDEs from production and use in Michigan.

**SB 925** – A bill to revise regulation of and provide immunity from liability for prescribed burning.

**SB 735** - A bill to allow posting of tourism directional signs on highways with certain local

government approval.

**SB 854** - A bill to establish the Office of the Statewide Recycling Coordinator in statute (insufficient votes received first time - vote reconsidered and still pending before the House.

**SB 1432** – A bill to regulate the formation of watershed agencies.

**SB 1458** - A bill to ban certain PBDEs from production and use in Michigan.

**SB 1148** – A bill to authorize military personnel to obtain hunting and fishing licenses from the Department of Natural Resources licensing agents for one dollar. **SB 1329** – A bill to allow the operation of snowmobiles on the right-of-way of limited access highways.

**SB 1278** – A bill that regulates the operation of airboats.

**HB 4141** - A bill to establish allowable uses at road endings. Discharged from committee, but insufficient votes received for passage.

**HB 5441** – a bill to clarify when "feasible and prudent" alternatives should be considered to a project that will impact wetlands. An amendment was added in committee regarding when the MDEQ must issue a permit that may jeopardize Michigan's delegation of the Clean Water Act - section 404 program.

**HB 4106** -- Provide for state real estate transfer tax on transfer of certain manufactured homes.

**HB 4879** -- Provide for exemption from sales tax on used manufactured homes.

**HB 4882** -- Eliminate use tax on manufactured home sales.

**HB 5034** -- a bill to access mobile homes as real property (vote taken, insufficient votes, vote reconsidered and passed for the day - 8/4/04)

**SB 510** -- a bill to establish stormwater fees.

**HB 5312** -- allows hunters to donate an additional \$1.00 when purchasing hunting or fishing licensing to support the sportsmen against hunger program

**SB 193** -- Provides for a specialty license plates for ducks unlimited

**HB 5942** - a bill to require that diesel fuel sold in Michigan should include 2% biodiesel.