



**Washtenaw County Consortium for
Solid Waste Management**

MEETING AGENDA

Tour

Ypsilanti Drop-off Station
651 Rice
Ypsilanti, MI
48198

Meeting

Ypsilanti City Department of Public Works Building
14 W. Forest
Ypsilanti, MI
48197

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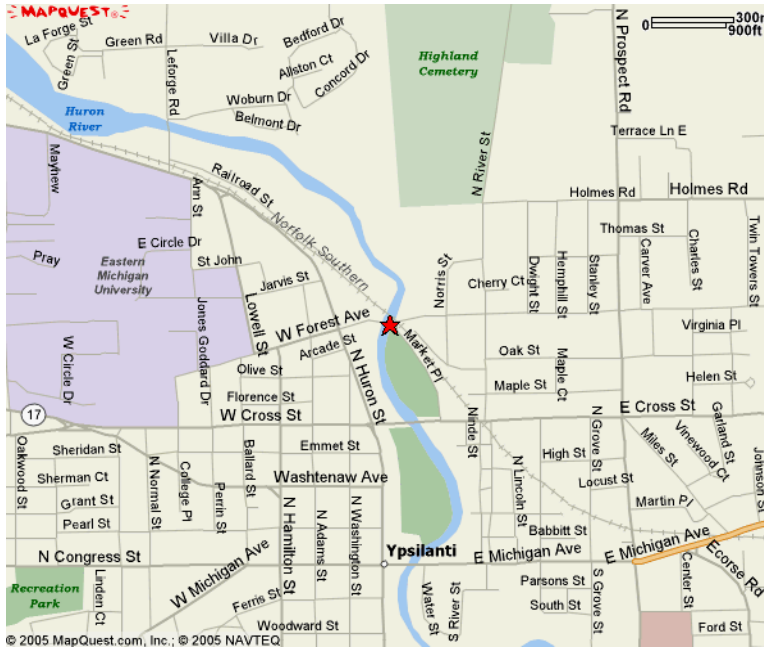
Thursday, March 24, 2005

**Tour of the Drop-off Station at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting begins 5:30 p.m.**

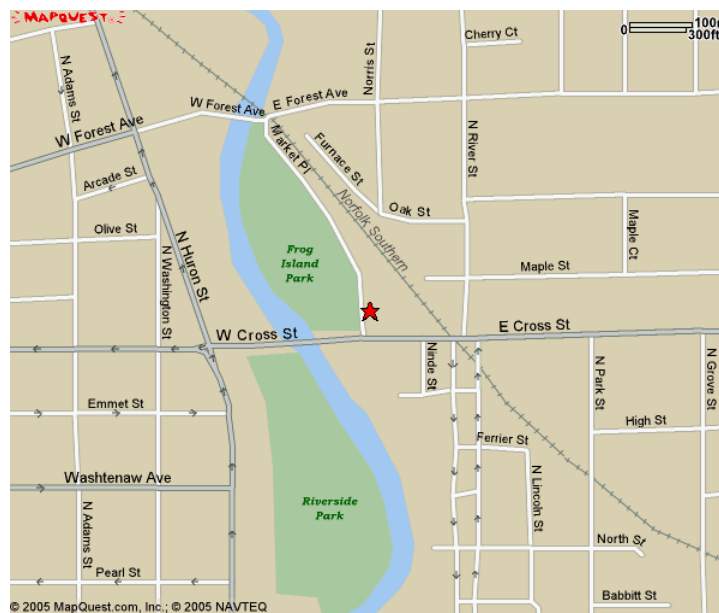
1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda (3-24-05)
3. Approval of Minutes (2-24-05)
4. Vote on WCCSWM treasurer
5. Electronic Waste, Legal Updates
6. Sponsorship of Waste Knot Ceremony
7. Local Community Updates
8. Adjourn

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, February 24, 2005
Subaru Research and Development, INC

Members Present:

George Danneffel	City of Saline
Chris Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Michael-David BenDor	Superior Township
Adam Kurtinaitis	Northfield Township Supervisor
Bob Osterhout	Ypsilanti Township
Brook Wilke	City of Ann Arbor
Tracy Artley	University of Michigan
Mike Ogozaly	FCI Milan
Mary Lirones	Saline

Others Present:

Jeff Krcmarik	Washtenaw County DPW
Lauren Sullivan	Washtenaw County DPW
Alison Richardson	University of Michigan
Lynne Chaimowitz	University of Michigan

Before the meeting the WCCSWM group toured Subaru Research and Development Inc. Frank Kurk, the recycling supervisor for the company explained the extensive changes Subaru has undergone in waste reduction and recycling. Should anyone have questions for Frank, please contact him at (734) 827-3137 or kurk@subaru-research-mi.com.

Amy Freeman-Rosa from Norseman Plastics talked about the steps to creating a successful Earth-Machine composting bin sales program. She explained how the company Norsman Plastics helps with the preparation for the sale. If anyone from the group is interested in having an Earth-Machine sale, please contact Amy at (810) 714-5701 or email her at amyearthmachines@sbcglobal.net

1. Call to Order

Chris Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:00. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda for (2-24-05)

The consortium approved of the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes (1-27-04)

The consortium approved of the minutes.

4. Nominations and Elections for WCCSWM positions

Chris Simmons was nominated and elected for the WCCSWM chair position. This left open the vice-chair spot. Tracy Artley was nominated and elected. Both ran uncontested. As a reminder, Dan Myer is the treasurer, but Jeff Krcmarik is acting on his behalf. Pierre Gonyon and Michael-David BenDor are both on the executive board as well. Because of the reorganization, Dan Myer will not be able to continue as the treasurer. Next month, there will be a nomination to fill this position. For more information on the policies of WCCSWM, please read the bilaws at:

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/dpw/wccswm_html

5. Best Management Practices

Jeff Krcmarik explained what this project will entail. As of now, it will have two parts, a residential section and a business section. These will each be put onto a disk and distributed to the appropriate consumers. The residential guide will contain information on the best practices for recycling, handling solid waste, home toxics and energy conservation. The business part will have information on the Waste Knot program, and the laws etc. that govern business waste disposal and recycling. Krcmarik wants the executive comity to review work on the project periodically in order to give advice and support.

6. Local Community Updates

Washtenaw County

Krcmarik passed out a draft of the Residential Solid Waste Profile and Assessment Report put together by Marshall Labadie. This document contains recovery data, community profiles and recommendations to increase diversion rates. Some of the points brought up by this document are that single and preferred hauler systems save residents money. It also stresses that single hauler systems save more money because there is less damage to the roads. Labadie would like the consortium members to review this document and submit to him any changes they feel should be made by May 1.

University of Michigan

Tracy Artley said the University is starting an extensive electronics recycling program.

City of Ypsilanti

Simmons informed the consortium that because of budget cuts, the Saturday hours of the drop-off station will be cut until funding can be found. The Thursday and Friday hours still remain the same.

7. Adjourn

Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Month/Date	Topic	Location
April 21	Waste Knot Ceremony	Cobblestone Farms
May 26		Ann Arbor DOS and MRF

Future Suggestions: Milan Senior Center, Mallet Creek Library

Legislative Update:

Surcharge Proposal:

On February 10th Liz Brater issued a press release announcing the proposal of legislation to create a \$6 per ton surcharge for waste disposal in Michigan landfills, in an effort to encourage recycling and reduce out-of-state waste. She says the surcharge will raise about \$100 million per year, which will be returned to municipalities for new or existing recycling programs and “other environmental and local needs.” Michigan’s recycling rate is last among Midwestern states with just 20 percent of its waste being recycled.

25% of Brater’s proposed surcharge will be paid by out of state waste. This is because only 75% of the waste in Michigan landfills is generated here. This is compared to 1996, when 87% of our waste was our own. In the 7 years from 1996 to 2003, the percentage of Canadian trash in our landfills more than doubled, from 6.2% to 15.1%. We are the nation’s third largest importer of trash.

Brater says her proposed surcharge will bring the cost of landfilling in Michigan more in line with other states and make Michigan landfills less of a magnet to out of state waste.

For instance, last fall the City of Toronto admitted that they have always had alternative agreements with other landfills to dispose of their trash. But Toronto has never been forced to switch their trash disposal to these non-Michigan landfills.

Note that Michigan does export hazardous waste to Canada (28,000 tons of it in 2003, according to the DEQ). But this number is compared to the over **9.4 million** cubic yards of waste Michigan received from Canada in 2003.