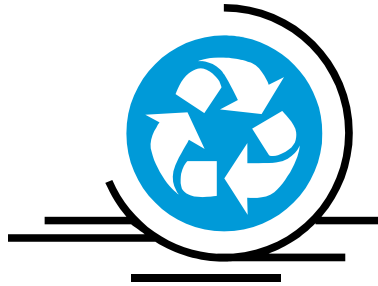


Washtenaw County Consortium for Solid Waste Management



Meeting Agenda Thursday, May 26, 2005

Tour of the Drop-off Station at 5:00 p.m.
2950 East Ellsworth, Ann Arbor

*Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at Ann Arbor Materials Recovery Facility
in the Education Center*
4150 Platt Rd. Ann Arbor

- Map on Reverse -

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1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Approval of Agenda for May 26th
 3. Approval of Minutes from March 24th
 4. Local Community Updates
 5. Adjourn
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**Township Representatives- If you are unable to join us, please designate a
representative to attend in your place. Thank you!**

Map to Ann Arbor Materials Recovery Facility and The Drop Off Station



From West of Ann Arbor:

Take I-94 E to Exit 177- State St.
Turn Rt. on S. State St.
Turn Left onto W. Ellsworth

From North of Ann Arbor

Take US 23 S to Exit 37B toward Ann Arbor
Turn Rt. onto Washtenaw Ave.
Turn Left onto S. Huron Pkwy
(becomes Platt Rd.)
Turn Rt. onto Ellsworth

From Saline

Go NE on W. Michigan Ave. toward S. Ann Arbor St.
Turn Left on Platt Rd.
Turn Left on Ellsworth

From Milan

Take US 23 N to US-12 Exit 34 toward Saline/ Ypsilanti
Turn Left on Michigan Ave./ US 12
Turn Rt on Platt Rd.
Turn Left on Ellsworth

WCCSWM Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2005
Ypsilanti Department of Public Works Building

Members Present:

George Danneffel	City of Saline
Chris Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Michael-David BenDor	Superior Township
Tracy Artley	University of Michigan
Corinne Sikorski	Sylvan Township
Pete Murdock	RAA

Others Present:

Jeff Krcmarik	Washtenaw County DPW
Lauren Sullivan	Washtenaw County DPW
Alison Richardson	University of Michigan
Marshall Labadie	Washtenaw County DPW

1. Call to Order

Chris Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:45. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda for (3-24-05)

The consortium approved of the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes (2-24-04)

The consortium approved of the minutes.

4. Nominations and Elections for WCCSWM treasurer

Marshall Labadie informed the consortium that Dan Myer will no longer be the WCCSWM treasurer and nominated Jeff Krcmarik. Krcmarik accepted the nomination. Currently, the executive committee consists of Michael-David BenDor and Pierre Gonyon as members, Krcmarik as the treasurer, Tracy Artley as the Vice-Chair and Chris Simmons as the Chair.

5. Electronics Updates

Krcmarik informed the consortium on the current updates in electronic recycling. They are listed below:

NEPSI Project: Sony, Panasonic, the EPA and Japan, Australia and Europe worked together to make an agreement to allow manufacturers a chance to reduce cost while increasing recycling practices. No agreement was reached, so the electronics recycling is left up to individual company efforts. The European Union has made a lot of advancements in electronics recycling.

State: There is a new amendment for business or government agencies that want to ship electronics. They now need to indicate what they are shipping and when. However, this

information only needs to be reported if the business or agency is shipping more than 12,500 lbs. at one time.

Recycle Ann Arbor: Pete Murdock at Recycle Ann Arbor is still collecting electronics to be recycled at a rate of ~3-4 tons per week.

6. Waste Knot Ceremony Sponsorship

April 21st is the 8th annual Waste Knot Ceremony. There are a total of 166 partners, with about 20 of them being new partners this year. Booths will be set up at 5, but the ceremony starts at 5:30. One of the main sponsors for the event is RecycleWorks. Labadie asked the consortium to sponsor the ceremony as well. BenDor made motion to donate \$1000. Corrine Sikorski seconded the motion. This money will go toward plaques, banners, the stage and setup etc.

Here is a list of things the money from the WCCSWM donation payed for:

- Cobblestone Farms facility: \$600
- Table cloth and podium rental: \$300
- Biodegradable plates, cups and napkins: \$100

7. Local Community Updates

Washtenaw County

Labadie explained that there will be Rural Education Days on April 26, 27 and 28. There will be information about recycling and solid waste for the kids. This allows the urban school kids to get in touch with the rural kids. The kids are coming from Saline, Manchester, Chelsea, and various private schools.

Krcmarik explained that there will be a composter operator certification training at the Ann Arbor MRF on May 19 and 20. The cost is \$150 if anyone is interested. Taking this course will allow you to become certified to teach others how to run large scale composting operations.

Recycle Ann Arbor

The drop-off station will not extend its hours this summer. It became too difficult to schedule staff.

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority

The WWRA is expanding its site and now looking for other sites as well.

There will be an executive meeting after the regular meeting in May.

8. Adjourn

Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Month/Date	Topic	Location
May 26		Ann Arbor DOS and MRF

Future Suggestions: Milan Senior Center, Mallet Creek Library

Legislative Update:

Out-of-State Waste - Rep. Palsrok announced this week that his House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment Committee would not take up a bill to place a waste surcharge on solid waste in Michigan, despite public opinion polls showing strong support for the concept. Note because out-of-state waste is 28% of all waste generated - they would be paying 28% of the surcharge that could then be used to pay for programs in Michigan.

Senate

Passed:

SB 339 - A bill to allow multiple buildings to share an elevator.

SB 434 - A bill to allow transportation economic development dollars to be used to fund roads to and from distribution centers

On the calendar:

SB 161 - A bill to allow the operation of snowmobiles in certain right of ways of limited access highways.

SB 366 - A bill to require the posting at the new entrance of any state park if the park allows the discharge of firearms within the park.

In committee:

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs will meet on Tuesday (5/17) at 3:00 pm to take up SB 211 through SB 217 establish on nonnative species advisory council, establish the duties, establish certain prohibit insect and plant species, and clarify penalties for violations.

House

Passed:

HB 4602 - A bill to revise the definition of maintenance to delete the installation of new traffic signals.

On the calendar:

HB 4204 - This bill eliminates the 6 cent sales tax on gas to the extent that it exceeds \$2.30 gallon.

HB 4257 - The bill reduces the taxes that farmers would pay on their property to \$5 acre by providing them a tax credit against their income or Single Business Tax payment to property taxes paid above that amount. The program is limited to only 200,000 acres - in order to limit the the lost tax revenue to the state to \$2-3 million. If applied to all property the bill would cost the state more than \$30 million a year (depending on enrollment). Unlike the current program (PA 116), this act has does not limit the property taxes credit based on the income level of the taxpayer. The bill does not follow the recommendations of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council on this point.

HB 4235 a bill to require 2% biodiesel to be included in diesel fuel sold within the state.

HB 4558 - A bill to forgive a \$5 million loan to sugar beet cooperatives.