

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**August 11, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on August 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Vice Chair Farris requested a roll call.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Ron Smith, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

(Dr. Arthur Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Mr. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineers; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; and Gabrielle Hartman, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, and Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator.

Vice Chair Farris asked for the Board's approval of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of July 14, 2026 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 3 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Larry Ragonese & Ms. Laura Szwak

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of July 2026. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to date through July, and the MCMUA Investment Report which is showing no new investments were purchased during the month of July 2026.

Vice Chair Farris asked the Board for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Dr. Arthur Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

Mr. Kaletcher stated he has the Bill Resolution No. 2026-071 slated for approval after members review the schedule of warrants.

Vice Chair Farris asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**Bill Resolution No. 2026-071**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 2026-071 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$7,080,200.38** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

|                              |                    |                               |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>WATER OPERATING FUNDS</b> | <b>7374-7405</b>   | <b>\$ 452,254.07</b>          |
| <b>SOLID WASTE OPERATING</b> | <b>17292-17385</b> | <b><u>\$ 6,627,946.31</u></b> |
|                              |                    | <b>\$ 7,080,200.38</b>        |

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all vouchers listed above have been reviewed and found to be in proper form for payment, and I have compared the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: August 11, 2026

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: August 11, 2026.

DATE: August 11, 2026

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion that the vouchers be approved for payment and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

Mr. Ragonese questioned Sovereign Consulting's Payment #2 on the Schedule of Warrants. In the Engineer's report, it is reported as \$118,041.00 and on the Schedule of Warrants, it is listed as \$188,041.00. Mr. Kaletcher stated he appreciates Mr. Ragonese's finding this error and the correct amount, which is the \$118,041.00, will be corrected in revised a schedule of warrants and bill resolution when executed.

Mr. Ragonese asked in Solid Waste, what recyclable materials are going to FCR Morris LLC? Mr. Kaletcher replied they are picked up by our Curbside Recycling Division and taken to ReCommunity. Mr. Gindoff added that is the monthly cost of what we pick up curbside and depots for all the MCMUA customers and then drop off at the Mine Hill facility that does the processing.

Mr. Ragonese questioned the Mascaro fuel bill of \$93,335.80 and Mr. Gindoff replied that is the fuel surcharge. He asked if that has been consistent and Mr. Kaletcher replied the fuel has been going down the last three months.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Vice Chair Farris asked the Board if they want any Resolutions in the Consent Agenda be addressed separately. There were no resolutions addressed separately.

### **PURCHASING (Consent Agenda #2026-072 – #2026-074)**

Vice Chair Farris asked for a Board Member to make a Motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-072 through #2026-074 as a consent agenda.

### **Resolution No. 2026-072 Resolution Authorizing the One Year Extension of Contract for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance: Volvo Hoffman International, Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2024 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") awarded a Contract for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance: Volvo for a term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for two one (1) year extensions periods in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA adopted Resolution 2025-076 on October 14, 2025 authorizing the first of two potential one-year extension of the existing contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to extend the term of the original contract for the second and final one-year extension period; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount for the one-year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of \$30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-4-600-602-324 to pay the entire contract amount for the one-year extension.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The MCMUA finds that the services of Hoffman International, Inc. are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the one (1) year extension of the existing contract with Hoffman International, Inc., for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance.
3. The one-year extension is not to exceed the contract amount of \$30,000.00.
4. The original contract executed on September 1, 2024, between the MCMUA and Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance, shall remain legal and binding in all respects during the one-year extension period.
5. A copy of this Resolution and applicable contract shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, 370 Richard Mine Rd. Wharton, NJ 07885.
6. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer and Hoffman International, Inc. 300 South Randolphville Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County  
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

### **Resolution No. 2026-073 Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) owns Equipment, which has been used primarily throughout Solid Waste Operations, as further described below:

3-65- 2003 Dodge Mini Van  
5-10- 2005 Sterling Packer Truck  
7-11- 2007 Sterling Packer Truck  
1-20- 2001 Ford F150  
15-4- 2015 International Roll Off Truck

**WHEREAS**, this Equipment has been determined to no longer be of use to the MCMUA since these items are no longer serviceable and not cost effective to repair.

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to sell/dispose of the Equipment, as is, where is; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA, desires to post the Equipment on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, for auction and sale to the highest bidder and/or to sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to post and sell the Equipment for auction on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online

Government Auctions, to the highest bidder and/or sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment at the time deemed appropriate.

2. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**Resolution No. 2026-074**  
**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing**  
**the Purchase of One (1) Stationary Compactor Through the**  
**Sourcwell Cooperative Pricing system 010825-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2026**  
**(Wharton Shared Service Agreement)**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to make purchases and contracts for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, and further provided that the contracting unit has made a determination that the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement will result in cost savings after all factors have been considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcwell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcwell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit, as it is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcwell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA QPA has further determined that Sourcewell utilizes a cooperative purchasing system and agreement that complies with the competitive bidding process set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and meets the criteria of the New Jersey pay-to-play law at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Compactors, Stationary Compactors; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2026, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of One (1) Stationary Compactor through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on August 7, 2026 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of One (1) Stationary Compactor is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$40,488.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$6,683.60 by obtaining the One (1) Stationary Compactor from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, all required documentation, including, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; Statement of Corporate Ownership; Public Contract EEO Compliance Form (Affirmative Action) and Non-collusion Affidavit has been obtained from the vendor in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$40,488.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-2-300-151-364.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of One (1) Stationary Compactor in the amount of \$40,488.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

### **MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-072 through #2026-074 as a consent agenda and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the only Correspondence this month was from Southeast Morris M.U.A. for a consent request for an application for Water Service Outside the District of Southeast Morris County M.U.A. A resolution for this will be addressed in the Engineer's Report.

We also included a sample of the handout that was difficult to read from last month. It also includes a sampling of the certificates and all the individualized letters that Anthony wrote to the 39 municipalities noting what they accomplished. It was very clever and creative and a way to recognize everyone.

There is no additional correspondence.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

### **WATER**

1. 2026-07-23 SMCMUA consent request for their single-family residence located at 623 Spring Valley Road (designated as Block 4, Lot 44 on the Harding Township Tax Map).

## SOLID WASTE

2. 2026-08-05 Letter to Larry Gindoff from Michael Kobylarz, P.E., C.M.E., Alaimo Group regarding Change Order #1 for Contract No. 2025-SW06, Par-Troy Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Restoration.

## RECYCLING

3. 2023 Recycling Statistics and Grant Levels.
4. 2026-07-26 Sample Letter and Certificate Sent to Towns About 2023 Recycling Accomplishments.

## **WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) At last month's meeting, we talked about having a leak detection memo prepared which Mr., McAloon distributed to the Board Members for their review.; (2) Water sales continue to remain strong, significantly over the period where we were last year and the year before.; (3) First and final payment for the cleaning of the water storage tanks to Alpine Painting was recommended and processed. The special coating that we put on the tanks is holding up nicely. Alpine did a nice job getting that mold and mildew off the outside.; (4) Good news at Flanders Valley Well No. 2, the VFD was installed and start-up was accomplished. Tony finally has both Flanders Valley Wells in service. Also good news to report is the generator for Flanders Valley Well No. 2 was started up and tested and everything went well. It is nice to see both those work tasks come together.; and (5) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road, Underground Utilities did the pressure testing and disinfection and put that section from Park Avenue to the terminus point of the project in service. They have a minor punch-list, which is a cross connection at Chester Ave. and final milling and paving of Phase II on August 24.

Mr. Druetzler asked is the plan now to do Phase III this coming year? Mr. McAloon replied yes, but we have to talk and mentioned that Phase III is the longer stretch to get up to Dover Chester Road. Tony and I need to brainstorm because there is a deep culvert crossing that will require some specialty contractors to go very deep underneath the bottom of that culvert and we need to really look at how the station is tied in because it is the inlet side of the booster pumps and then the outlet side, so we really need to get everything marked out.

Mr. Druetzler asked from Markewicz which way does the water go? Mr. McAloon replied that Elevation 918 fills the tanks (6MG storage tanks) and then he has his booster pumps inside the station that pushes water both ways. It's complicated because you have water coming in one direction and then out two directions. We have to figure this out and get the timing right so that no one is without water. The biggest thing is budget. Luckily we got favorable bids on Phase II project and was a great price. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he thinks we had this project scheduled for 2028. Mike said, we will look at this at budget time. (6) Regarding the trench station electrical, we are trying to close-out with De-En Electrical, but are waiting on some final punch-list items. We are carrying that to September 8.; (7) Regarding Alamatong Wells 4 and 5, Electrical Improvement Project, Sovereign installed the VFD at Flanders Valley No. 2 and when

that is under control, then proceeding with the rest of the wells, they will be working on Alamatong Wells 4 and 5; (8) Prepared Contracts for the Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement Project.; and finally (9) SMCMUA Request to Consent for Service Outside the District of the SMCMUA.

Mr. McAloon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution for SMCMUA Request to Consent for Service Outside the District of the SMCMUA:

**Resolution No. 2026-075**  
**Resolution Consenting To The Application Paul And Hartley Dupont**  
**For Water Service Outside The District Of**  
**The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**

**WHEREAS**, The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority has received a request from Paul and Hartley Dupont for water service to a single-family residence located at 623 Spring Valley Road (designated as Block 4, Lot 44 on the Harding Township Tax Map), which is Outside the District of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed service requires the approval of the Authority's four creating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the property in question fronts on or has reasonable access to the Authority's system and no "new extension" (as defined in the Service Contract between the Authority and its creating municipalities dated January 20, 1977) is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has determined and advised that the proposed service connection can be made without any adverse effect on the system and that no further extension of the system is foreseen as a result of providing service to this property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has requested that the creating municipalities give their consent to the proposed new extension.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that consent is hereby given to The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to provide water service to 623 Spring Valley Road (designated as Block 4, Lot 44 on the Harding Township Tax Map), in the Township of Harding, County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County  
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

### MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to consent to the application  
of Paul and Hartley Dupont for Water Service Outside  
the District of the Southeast Morris County Municipal  
Utilities Authority and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Ragonese asked if we were anywhere near our allocation and Mr. McAloon replied no, we are on pace to stay under our allocation. Mr. Ragonese mentioned that he sees all this over-development going on and at some point, will we ever have to say we don't have the water and Mr. McAloon replied yes.

Ms. Szwak asked where is the Report about where water can be found? Mr. Gindoff replied that we are going to ask for the finalized report. He does not expect to find anything out of that; just closing out the project. Ms. Szwak asked if they are going to have any new ideas and Mr. Gindoff replied he didn't think so. Mr. McAloon added that there were some potential promise but through the avenues of our work sessions, but he doesn't think any of them are going to be too cost-effective solutions.

Mr. Druetzler asked what is the status of PFAS and Mr. McAloon replied we had another round of comments from the State and we submitted our responses so we are looking to get that Permit to Construct here very soon. Mr. Gindoff replied that it has been back and forth phase with the Engineer from the State. Mr. McAloon mentioned that it is our goal to take bids and encumber the funds as part of this fiscal budget. It is going to be a big project and we are expecting a lot of contractors to bid it and we've got a lot of interest.

Vice Chair Farris asked if they had a lot of projects out there? Mr. McAloon replied that this is one of the largest, the firm capacity is 4,000 Gallons per minute. There are not too many facilities of that size in service yet. N.J. American Water is doing a lot of their big PFAS facilities to the order of 50 to 100 Million Gallons per day; a pretty substantial size. We are at a good time to be putting this out. We will one of the bigger facilities in this area.

## **WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Through July 2026 the MCMUA sold 1,087.904 MG of water—137 MG more than the same period in 2025 and 193 MG more than 2024. Alpine Painting has completed cleaning of all four storage tanks (Markewicz #1 & #2, Dover-Chester, and Mt. Arlington); Flanders Valley Well #2 returned to service on August 3 following successful VFD installation, with final generator start-up and certification completed shortly thereafter. Pleasant Hill Road Phase II is essentially complete: the remaining main has been pressure-tested, disinfected, and placed in service, with final milling/paving and a minor cross-connection scheduled for the week of August 24. The Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement contracts have been sent to Sovereign Consulting for execution. The Mt. Olive MCC project is in final punch-list stage with closeout targeted for the September Board meeting. Resolution consenting to single-family water connection in Harding to SMCMUA system will be presented for approval.

### **PROJECT STATUS**

#### *1. General System:*

A. Through the month of July 2026, MCMUA sold approximately 1,087.904 MG. This amount is approximately 137.355 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2025 and approximately 192.941 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024.

#### *2. Cleaning of Four (4) Water Storage Tanks*

***Scaturro Brothers Inc. t/a Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors*** has completed the cleaning of all tanks as part of the Contract documents, including: Markewicz #1 and #2 tanks, Dover-Chester Tank, and Mt. Arlington Tank. The Contractor has submitted payment in the amount of **\$58,970.00** for the work performed. SCE recommends processing of this payment application.

#### *3. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements*

VFD installation and startup was successfully performed on Monday August 3, 2026. The final generator start-up, testing and certification is scheduled for Thursday August 6, 2026.

#### **Project Completion Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                                   |                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Contract Start Date               | May 13, 2024      |      |
| Original Contract Completion Time | 365 Calendar Days |      |
| Days Elapsed:                     | 366               | 100% |
| Days Remaining:                   | 0                 | 0%   |
| Original Contract Completion Date | May 13, 2025      |      |

**Project Financial Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Original Contract Amount     | \$520,798.00 |
| Payment Application #1       | \$19,230.54  |
| Payment Application #2       | \$34,300.00  |
| Payment Application #3       | \$42,605.50  |
| Payment Application #4       | \$7,840.00   |
| Payment Application #5       | \$369,082.84 |
| Payment Application #6       | \$14,084.53  |
| Total Value of Work Complete | \$497,085.11 |
| Percent of Work Complete     | 95%          |
| Total Retainage to Date      | \$9,941.70   |

4. **Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II**

***Underground Utilities Corp.*** has completed the pressure testing & disinfection, and put the remaining section of main in service. The punch list includes a temporary shutdown to complete the 8-inch cross connection at Chester Avenue, as well as the final milling and paving

of the Phase II portion of the project. This work is anticipated to occur the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> and anticipated to be completed prior to the return of Randolph schools.

The Contractor has submitted payment application #2, in the amount of ***\$134,203.79***. SCE has reviewed and finds this reflective of the work completed, and recommends processing if all necessary documents are submitted.

**Project Completion Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Contract Start Date               | April 28, 2026    |
| Original Contract Completion Time | 120 Calendar Days |
| Days Elapsed:                     | 105      88%      |
| Days Remaining:                   | 15      12%       |
| Original Contract Completion Date | August 26, 2026   |

**Project Financial Summary Through August 11, 2026**

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Original Contract Amount     | \$1,309,045.00 |
| Total Value of Work Complete | \$1,032,560.23 |
| Payment Application #1       | \$877,705.24   |
| Payment Application #2       | \$134,203.79   |
| Percent of Work Complete     | 78.8%          |
| Total Retainage to Date      | \$20,651.20    |

5. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

The Contractor is working to finalize the completion of outstanding punch-list items during the recent walkthrough. The goal is to complete the final closeout and release of retainage at the September Board meeting.

**Project Completion Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Contract Start Date               | May 13, 2024      |
| Original Contract Completion Time | 240 Calendar Days |
| Amended Completion Time           | 174 Calendar Day  |
|                                   | Extension         |
| Days Elapsed:                     | 450 100%          |
| Days Remaining:                   | 0%                |
| Original Contract Completion Date | January 8, 2025   |
| Amended Completion Date           | July 1, 2025      |

**Project Financial Summary Through August 11, 2026**

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Original Contract Amount     | \$159,900.00 |
| Payment Application #1       | \$7,199.08   |
| Payment Application #2       | \$1,715.00   |
| Payment Application #3       | \$17,434.20  |
| Payment Application #4       | \$57,677.90  |
| Payment Application #5       | \$55,525.82  |
| Total Value of Work Complete | \$139,552.00 |
| Percent of Work Complete     | 53.6%        |
| Total Retainage to Date      | \$2,848.00   |

6. Alamatong Well #4 and #5 Electrical Improvement Project

**Sovereign Consulting, Inc.**, has completed the installation and testing of the new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) and Flanders Valley Well #2 has been put into service on Monday August 3, 2026. They are currently working on securing the necessary equipment and materials to begin the work at the other well sites.

The Contractor has submitted payment application #2, in the amount of **\$118,041.00**. SCE has reviewed and finds this reflective of the work completed, and recommends processing if all necessary documents are submitted.

### **Project Completion Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Contract Start Date               | March 23, 2026    |
| Original Contract Completion Time | 365 Calendar Days |
| Days Elapsed:                     | 141 38%           |
| Days Remaining:                   | 224 62%           |
| Original Contract Completion Date | March 23, 2027    |

### **Project Financial Summary Through August 11, 2026**

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Original Contract Amount     | \$1,225,000.00 |
| Payment Application #1       | \$84,280.00    |
| Payment Application #2       | \$118,041.00   |
| Total Value of Work Complete | \$206,450.00   |
| Percent of Work Complete     | 16.8%          |
| Total Retainage to Date      | \$4,129.00     |

#### **7. Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement**

SCE has prepared the Contracts for this project, and sent them to Sovereign Consulting, Inc. for execution. Once fully signed by the Contractor and the MUA, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

#### **8. Request for Service Outside SMCMUA**

Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) has received a request from Paul and Hartley Dupont for water service to a single-family residence located at 623 Spring Valley Road, Harding, (designated as Block 4, Lot 44 on the Harding Township Tax Map), which is outside the district of the SMCMUA. In accordance with the regulations of the SMCMUA, water service outside their district requires the approval of the SMCMUA's four creating municipalities, the MCMUA and the Township of Harding, in this case. Where is request has no impact on the MCMUA, a positive consenting resolution for the Board's consideration will be presented at the August 11 meeting.

### **SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

Mr. Deacon reported on the following:

- Only have one resolution, Resolution 2026-076 for Change Order #1 related to the North Tipping floor project down in Parsippany to keep that moving forward. The Change Order also includes a time extension for Persistent till the end of August.

- Persistent has repaired the trench drain in Door #1 at the Mount Olive station, along with repairing 4 different catch basins onsite. This project is complete and will most likely be on the schedule of warrants at the September meeting.
- H2M is right on target as it pertains to their schedule of events for the 2026 locker room/break room project at the Mount Olive station. Hope that the notice to bidders happens early October.
- Solid Waste Plan- The Veolia Administrative Action letter should be sent to Mount Olive Township this week requesting their approval before being sent to the NJDEP.
- **Curbside-** While handling some landscaping in front of the National Guard Armory building, staff noticed that the flagpole halyard was broke and the facility had no US flag flying. We flagged down a passing Picatinny Ladder truck, and they turned around for us. Thank you from the MCMUA to the Fire Fighters of Picatinny Ladder #17 for the assist today. MCMUA purchased a new halyard and flying a new US flag for the National Guard.
- **HHW-** Please note the event location move at CCM on September 26<sup>th</sup> from Parking Lot #1 to Parking Lot #9 (near the tennis courts down from the Dover Chester Road Entrance).
- **Veg Waste-** You will notice a big increase over 2025 levels due to acceptance of lots of wood waste from the storms in July, which are also detailed in the Solid Waste Report. Extra revenue, but we will now have increased costs to deal with all of it.
- I have some stats for the Board tonight related to these recent storms. These do not include the logs from County Shade Tree and the brush/ chips when we became full at Parsippany that were all brought to Mount Olive. Parsippany alone: from Morristown, Morris Township, Hanover Township, Morris Plains, County Buildings and Grounds, Morris County Shade Tree (Morris County Bridge Department assisting Shade Tree as follows:  
  
Municipal Chips- 1,060 CY, Landscaper Chips (from Towns)- 3,277 CY,  
Landscaper Chips- 2,217 CY  
  
Municipal Brush- 2,104 CY, Landscaper Brush (from Towns)- 47 CY,  
Landscaper Brush- 47 CY
- The Mount Olive site has taken a beating over the last month and half due to windstorms and flooding. The site experienced many washouts including our main

road. Our Mount Olive Supervisor Keil Klaver and Heavy Equipment Operators Justin and Joe have handled a majority of the site improvements in-house. The MCMUA has purchased 80' feet of 30" drainage pipe that will be covered with rip-rap to replace the smaller drainage area that washing out under our main entrance road.

- Jaime Ayala the Supervisor at Parsippany facility also received flowers from the Morris Plains Schools that were grown in our mulch. These flowers were recently replaced with new, giving the office trailer a comfortable feel. So, thank you to the Morris Plains school district for thinking about us.
- I'd like to end with, be on the record for, giving thanks to our entire Solid Waste Operations staff for all they do to keep us moving forward. I've said it before, within the MCMUA, mentioning them and what they do to this Board is the highest level I can personally go to. I remind Larry Gindoff all the time about the quality he has in the field. Team members like Chris Burns assisting with our Parsippany Transfer Station- looking better than it ever looked, Justin Doyle- same in Mount Olive running smoothly, Jaime, Keil, and the Veg Waste staff for handling the issues I mentioned above all inhouse, Mike Nunn for being in 13 different places at once, Mike Simmons and Javier keeping Curbside running smoothly, our mechanics led by Kahlil Banzon, our 3 utilitarians, operators, weigh masters, jockeys, laborers and staff. They are all led by the true values of hard work and caring about the MCMUA, under the direction of Operations Manager Bobby Ross. It would be too long to name everyone but thank you.

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2026-076**  
**Resolution Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**Accepting Change Order No. 1 For the**  
**Par/Troy Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Restoration Project**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-105, The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) authorized the award of the Authority's "Par-Troy Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Restoration Project – Contract 2025-SW06" to Persistent Construction Company., having a business address of 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022 in the bid amount of \$1,635,100.00; and

**WHEREAS**, after the full execution of the Contract and the issuance of the Performance Bond and Certificate of Insurance, the Notice to Proceed was issued to Persistent Construction on April 17, 2026, with a contract completion date of July 16, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor, Persistent Construction Company, has submitted a Supplemental Work Items Description and Total Prices summary of the additional items as reviewed by MCMUA staff which totals \$68,299.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard A. Alaimo Associates has prepared Change Order # 1 dated August 5, 2026, which will increase the contract amount from \$1,635,100.00 to \$1,703,399.00 which is a 4.2% change in the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, a forty-five (45) day extension in the contract time to August 30, 2026 is required in order to complete these supplemental items and perform final paving; and

**WHEREAS**, in correspondence dated August 5, 2026, to Executive Director Larry Gindoff, the Richard A. Alaimo Associates recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 as presented by Persistent Construction Company in the total amount of \$68,299.00 and extend the completion date to August 30, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The MCMUA hereby determines that Change Order No. 1, as submitted by Richard A. Alaimo Associates for various changes to the scope of work and extending the project time of completion relating to the Par/Troy Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Restoration Project is hereby approved and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Change Order.
2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
3. The Treasurer certifies that funds are available for this Change Order No. 1 from Budget Account line Item # 01-1-900-000-128 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file at the offices of the Authority.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Accept Change Order No. 1 for the Par-Troy Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Restoration Project and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For July 2026, the MCMUA transfer stations accepted 44,544 tons of solid waste, 0.79% less than July 2025. Full-year 2026 tonnage is projected at approximately 485,480 tons (a 1.9% increase over 2025). The Parsippany North Tipping Floor Restoration Project is in its final phase; the Board will consider Change Order No. 1 (\$68,299) and a time extension to August 30, 2026 (Resolution 2026-076). The Mount Olive trench drain repairs were completed on August 5, and the remaining NJAW water main payment has been made so construction can be scheduled. HHW activity was strong (349 appointments), and both vegetative waste facilities handled elevated volumes from the July 3 and July 21 storms. Staff continue to support municipal clean-up efforts and are arranging grinding of accumulated wood waste before the end of August.

**TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage Summary-** The 44,544 tons of solid waste accepted for disposal at the two (2) transfer stations in July 2026 was 0.79% less than the 44,899 tons accepted a year ago in July 2025. With the first seven (7) months of actual disposal data reported, it is projected that in 2026, a total of 485,480 tons will be accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations representing a

1.9% increase over 2025 annual tonnage levels. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics provided below for additional details.

**July Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2025 to 2026):**

**Mount Olive Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- About 17,919- 997 more tons than 2025  
Total Customers- 4,751- 200 more than 2025  
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 1,165- 77 more than 2025

**Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- About 26,624- 1,352 fewer tons than 2025  
Total Customers- 6,242- 372 less than 2025  
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 539- 39 less than 2025

**Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services-** MCMUA 2025-2026 planned projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE),

and H2M at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the August 11 meeting:

#### Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- The North Tipping Floor/Small Floor project at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station involves the replacement of the top section of the deteriorated floor using Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 system. The scope of work also includes enhancements to and replacement of the existing trench drain system, which currently utilizes the same plasma-cut steel grate system installed at the Mount Olive facility. Additional work includes replacement of the emergency valves that control the underground holding tank, as well as installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to help mitigate future damage to the building. Persistent Construction is now entering the final phase of the project. Installation of the trench drains, emergency valves, associated piping, safety bollards, and concrete improvements have been completed. On July 29, subcontractor IRS successfully placed the new EucoFloor 404 material throughout the North Tipping Floor, including the areas surrounding the trench drain system and the exterior apron. The remaining work consists primarily of punch-list items, including paving the transition from the new concrete apron to the existing asphalt pavement, installation of the trench drain grates, and installation of a solids collection basket at the low end of the trench drain system. Alaimo Group has prepared Payment Application No. 2 for consideration by the Board at the August 11 meeting. In addition, Alaimo has prepared Change Order No. 1, totaling \$68,299.00, for Board consideration. The proposed change order includes:
  - Repair of three (3) damaged curb valves located at the rear of the transfer station that control the floor wash-down hydrants serving the Small Floor.
  - Installation of approximately 240' linear feet of new "Jersey" barriers to permanently separate Tipping Floor Bay #5 from Bays #6 and #7, which serve as the facility's mechanic service area.
  - Replacement of the two (2) existing emergency shut-off valves serving the Main Tipping Floor with the same upgraded valve configuration installed as part of the North Tipping Floor improvements.

Because Persistent Construction is approaching the original 90-day contract completion period established by the Notice to Proceed and requires formal authorization to complete the additional work described above, Alaimo Group is recommending a no-cost contract time extension through the end of August 2026. Change Order No. 1 will be presented as part of the Purchasing Consent Agenda at the August 11 Board meeting. Additional project updates and discussion will be provided during the Solid, Hazardous, and Vegetative Waste Report at the August 11 Board meeting.

#### Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Approval of Resolution No. 2026-066 at the July 14 Board meeting authorized Persistent Construction Company to repair the heavily damaged trench drain system in Tipping Floor Bay Door #1 at the Mount Olive Transfer Station. Persistent removed the failed concrete sections surrounding the trench drain and replaced them with high-strength concrete. Part of this solicited quote was also to repair/replace four (4) different damaged catch basins throughout the site- three (3) basins near the retention pond and the other

near the inbound loading tunnel. This project was officially completed on August 5.

- Mount Olive Transfer Station Bathroom Alterations and Mezzanine Addition (Breakroom/Shop)- On July 15, 2026, H2M Architects and Engineers (H2M) provided the MCMUA with its feasibility report, schematic drawings, and cost opinion for this 2026 budgeted capital improvement project. Following receipt of these materials, MCMUA staff met virtually with the H2M project team on July 22 to review the proposed improvements, discuss the cost estimates, and address several outstanding questions. As a result of that meeting, on August 4 H2M provided the MCMUA with additional engineering clarification regarding the project's major cost components and submitted a revised cost opinion reflecting those discussions. Staff are currently reviewing the updated materials and will be authorizing H2M to proceed with the preparation of construction documents. Subject to staff approval, the project is anticipated to be advertised for public bidding, with a bid opening planned for early October 2026. Following the MCMUA taking over operations in December 2025 and the addition of MCMUA personnel at the facility, this project is intended to improve employee support spaces. The proposed improvements include the construction of a dedicated employee break room, renovated restroom and shower facilities, and a new mezzanine-level locker room within the existing double-height maintenance and garage area (shop) of the Mount Olive Transfer Station building.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station Public Water Service Project- This project involves the installation of 800' feet of 8" diameter ductile iron concrete lined pipe necessary for 2" domestic service/ 8" fire service along Gold Mine Road to provide domestic water service and fire protection to the Mount Olive Transfer Station. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-068 at the July 14 Board meeting authorized the MCMUA to remit the remaining 75% balance of \$275,093.84 to New Jersey American Water Company (NJAW), completing the full payment of \$366,791.79. The MCMUA now awaits NJAW's construction schedule and will continue to work with the Alaimo Group on the next stage of the project- finalizing the design of the fire pump and completion of the plans and specifications for the service connections phase of this project into the station.

**Remaining Time Frame from NJAW on the Main Extension process:**

16. NJAW Project manager to prepare construction agreement with contractor and award project.
17. Contractor to execute construction agreement.
18. NJAW to create PO.
19. NJAW Project manager releases the project to the construction group to order material, schedule delivery, and schedule installation of project.
20. Local Road opening permits applied for if required.  
For steps 16-20 Please allow 8 weeks for a typical project.
21. NJAW contractor to install mains.
22. NJAW will test and place in service.  
For steps 21-22 Depends on scope of the project.
23. Developer to contact customer service to install meter.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC**- located in the Flanders section of Mount Olive Township, received a Technical Notice of Deficiency (NOD) from the NJDEP on March 3, 2026. The NOD identified inconsistencies between the facility's inclusion in the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) and Veolia's current NJDEP-approved solid waste, hazardous waste, and Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) permits and authorizations. The MCMUA has determined that the revisions necessary to align the Plan with Veolia's existing NJDEP permits can be addressed through Administrative Action (AA) rather than a formal Plan Amendment. The proposed AA will be intended solely to ensure consistency between the County Plan and the facility's currently approved NJDEP permits and authorizations. The proposed AA will not result in an increase in the facility's overall solid waste capacity or throughput. Veolia will continue to operate as a storage and transfer facility that manages two (2) distinct waste streams- hazardous waste and solid waste/Regulated Medical Waste (RMW)- each subject to separate operating requirements and capacity limitations established under its respective NJDEP permits.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT**

**Program Participation**- During the very busy month of July 2026, the permanent HHW facility serviced a total of 349 appointments, including 308 Morris County residents, 5 VSQG (Very Small Quantity Generator/small businesses), and 36 out-of-county residents. For comparison, in July 2025, the HHWF serviced 323 total appointments, including 292 Morris County residents, 24 out-of-county residents, and 7 VSQG/small businesses. Year-to-date, the HHW facility has serviced 1,854 appointments through the first seven (7) months of 2026, 1,700 of those were in-County residents. All this being said, the HHW facility has processed 285 more customers through the program compared to last year.

**HHW Event location is being moved from Parking Lot #1 to Parking Lot #9**- Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the County College of Morris (CCM), 214 Center Grove Road in Randolph, New Jersey 07869, 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the CCM, the MCMUA was asked by the College to either reschedule or relocate our upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection event occurring on Saturday, September 26. Due both a lack of availability on the part of our contractor MXI (with whom we schedule these events the year prior as they are running similar events for other customers nearly every weekend in the Spring and Fall) as well as concerns about illegal dumping from confused and/or frustrated residents, MCMUA Hazardous Waste Manager Stephen Adams met with Ms. Lisa Korzeniowski, External Event Specialist for CCM, and Mr. Steve Ackerman, Director of Public Safety at CCM, to try to come up with a diplomatic solution. Ultimately, the College, the MCMUA, and MXI were able to agree upon a different location on the campus, **Parking Lot #9**, so that we could still host the event on the same day and property. The College agreed to provide a veteran Public Safety officer to assist with traffic control on event day at no cost to the MCMUA and would also implement any and all electronic billboards available at campus entrances to direct residents to the new event location. With assistance from MCMUA Recycling staff Michelle Chavanne and Ashleigh Clenord, a new event flyer was

designed to draw attention to the location change which was then disseminated to the MRC's and DPW Directors in late July for public consumption.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities had a busy July this year following the powerful storm system that occurred during the July 4 weekend, as well as flooding and the multiple tornadoes that touched down in Morris County on July 21. Storm systems brought down trees and branches throughout multiple municipalities, especially in the areas surrounding Morris Township and Morris Plains. The MCMUA responded by expanding hours of availability during the week of July 6 at the Parsippany facility to assist neighboring towns with their clean-up efforts. Additionally, Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams proactively communicated our intention to assist municipalities as much as reasonably possible to both the NJDEP and the County Division of Public Health (CEHA) so that our facilities could remain in compliance under extenuating circumstances. By July 24, the Parsippany facility had begun nearing capacity of wood waste, at which point municipalities were directed to bring any remaining storm clean-up materials to the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility. In total, Parsippany alone received nearly 3,300 cubic yards (CY) of wood chips and 2,200 CY of brush throughout the month. The MCMUA is currently working through our Shared Services Agreement with the Parsippany Forestry Department to schedule a rental of their Diamond Z Brush Grinder to process all the brush, wood chips, and logs at both MCMUA facilities before the end of August, in hopes that staff have ample time needed for material screening in early Fall.

MCMUA continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on the development of stormwater management plans for both sites, as well as the design of the proposed bin-block and loading ramp projects. Residential mulch deliveries continued through July 2026 with our new Heavy Equipment Operators Joseph Furey and Justin Buller, who have both been signed up for the Rutgers- New Jersey Compost Operator Certification Course that will take place in September. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-069 at the June 14 Board meeting allowed the MCMUA to amend our marketing contract with Vollers to lower the price of \$11/CY for mulch down to \$1/CY. On July 29, staff received a sale flyer being published by HVI (Vollers) to help start to move material in bulk. Additional information regarding vegetative waste material flow is provided in the Vegetative Waste Report presented at the August 11 meeting.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

### **Recycling Market and Operations Report Update**

- In June, the rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was finalized at a (Negative) \$82.30/ton, representing a \$ 2.20/ton increase from the June rate.
- In July, recycling markets in the Northeast US saw stable prices for cardboard, paper, steel, aluminum, and glass, while plastics declined due to unstable virgin oil prices, an oversupply of recycled polymers, and a lack of demand.

- In August,
  - Plastics prices continued to decline, facing cheap virgin plastic, soft demand from cost-conscious industries and brands, swings in bale/feedstock availability, and weak export markets, all pushing recycled resin prices down; even as recyclers say sourcing consistent quality material is still a challenge.
  - Meanwhile, both cardboard and paper prices started to rise again.
    - This rebound is partly driven by significant supply reductions, which tighten supply and push prices upward, along with expectations of further supply constraints in the fourth quarter that are encouraging earlier purchasing.
  - As for all other commodity types, metals and glass remain unmoved during this timeframe, and buyers are using caution in a wait-and-see behavior.
  - Looking ahead for the remainder of the year, the outlook is mixed with uncertainty due to ongoing themes.
    - Low-cost virgin resin continues to hinder recovery, while fluctuations in crude oil prices disrupt market demand.
    - Tariff and regulatory uncertainties lead to cautious buying in the short term and limit upward movement.
    - Although brand commitments to post-consumer recycled materials help stabilize demand, they are insufficient to counteract the current market softness.
    - Bottom line: post-consumer commodities are expected to experience minimal or no growth as we approach the fourth quarter, due to ongoing geopolitical issues.

## **Solid Waste Planning Division Updates:**

### **Personnel Updates:**

In August, the Solid Waste Planning Division welcomed new team members:

Two new hires started on July 27:

**Lena Ouellette:** Recycling Special Projects Coordinator and Program Assistant.

- She will develop environmental programs to help exceed the county's 50% recycling goal, lead Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) grant initiatives, support educational outreach, and provide administrative support to the Curbside Recycling Division.

**Andrea Dolan:** Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator.

- She will focus on meeting recycling targets and supporting the County's Food Waste Reduction Law, working with municipalities and their environmental commissions to boost recycling and waste reduction.

New intern started on August 3:

**Julia Glenn:** Intern.

- Joining through the Morris County Vocational School District for the 2026-2027 school year, working one day a week toward 120 required hours.
- She is already collaborating with Ouellette on a capstone project about stormwater education modules and will support school-based learning activities.
- She'll present her work at a future Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator meeting.

### **Shared Service Agreement Updates:**

**Boonton:** The MCMUA is awaiting an updated residential unit collection count and service location confirmations from the town. Once received, a revised agreement will go to the Town for their consideration.

**Washington Township:** The MCMUA met with the Township's new MRC/DPW Director and his staff at his request to improve education and guide actions on current trash/recycling practices, enhance depot services, and boost the Township's overall recycling rate.

In addition to working with them to update much of their public-facing educational materials such as their website, recycling flyer, improve Recycle Coach information, work on creating a recycling schedule for the town in sections, improve hauler outreach efforts, and depot services, they will be looking to update their existing SSA to include an additional 30 CY scrap metal container at the start of the new year.

**County College of Morris:** The MCMUA is currently drafting a new five-year Shared Services Agreement for mixed paper, which will be presented to them soon.

### **Highlights for July and August are as Follows:**

#### ***2026 MCMUA Recycling Enhancement Mini-Grant Program***

- At the beginning of the year, the MCMUA ran its second annual mini-grant program, offering up to \$1,500 to Municipal Environmental Commissions for recycling/waste-prevention projects
- All 39 municipal clerks were notified April 1 and asked to distribute application materials to relevant local committees.
- By the June 26 deadline, five towns applied, and thanks to extra budget funds, MCMUA funded all five.
- Winners were announced July 29 and received award letters, acceptance requirements, a sample press release, and reimbursement/closing paperwork.
  - Later than anticipated due to the need for questions to be answered and application submissions to be revised once reviewed.
- 2026 recipients:
  - Mendham Borough (Residential Food Waste Collection Program)
  - Mendham Township (Plastic Film Recycling Pilot & Backyard Composting Training/Starter Kits)
  - Morris Township (Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot)
  - Morristown (Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot)

- Rockaway Township (CCTV cameras on curbside recycling trucks to monitor contamination and inform resident education)
- A press release went through Morris County's Office of Communications for distribution and was picked up by various news outlets, helping to spread awareness for our initiative.
- All towns expressed their gratitude for the support and funding provided to their commissions.

Furthermore, we did receive some follow-up interest since the release; two more municipalities reached out about future funding after saying they never received the original notice from their clerks

- Rockaway Borough (interested in a Styrofoam recycling depot with Long Hill)
- Chatham Township (interested in a food waste drop-off program at its DPW yard).

### ***NJDEP 2023 Recycling Grant Awards & Rates, Morris County Update***

- In June, the NJDEP released 2023 recycling data which showed a statewide decline in recycling and rise in disposal, but Morris County's numbers held relatively steady.
- MSW recycling rate dropped slightly from 46% to 45%, and our TSW recycling rate dipped slightly from 62% to 61%, but still had us as one of the top-performing counties in the state.

Morris County's relative stability amid statewide declines is credited to strong municipal reporting, MRC commitment, and MCMUA's first year of reviewing initial reports to catch improvements. MCMUA continues to support towns through grants, report reviews, training, and education; efforts NJDEP has praised.

Building on these successes and aiming to further highlight our municipalities' achievements, MCMUA sent personalized letters to each of the 39 municipalities.

These letters commended the municipalities' efforts and are divided into four categories; some municipalities may receive multiple letters and award certificates, but each will get at least one.

The categories include:

- Towns that reached their 50% MSW goal or higher (12)
- The three towns with the most improved recycling rates compared to the previous year,
- Municipalities whose MRC obtained the Certified Recycling Professional certification,
- Those working towards achieving a 50% MSW rate (27)

These letters introduce the municipal tonnage grant process, outline the goals of at least 50% MSW and 60% TSW or more at municipal, county, and state levels, and commend the MRC and support teams for recycling and waste reduction efforts.

They also include recent rate data and funding amounts, connecting it all to the tonnage grant process.

The letters were sent by regular mail to the municipal clerk, who was asked to share copies with the Mayor, Town Administrator/Manager, Council Members, MRC, and Environmental Commission/Green Team.

The aim of these communications and awards is to support our coordinator's efforts, encourage town-wide discussion on recycling and the MTG reporting process, and showcase the letter and award at a council meeting as part of official correspondence.

Copies of these documents, along with the data, are provided in the meeting packet and on the table for tonight's meeting.

***REA & Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Analysis:***

As of mid-July, all 39 Morris County municipalities submitted and resubmitted their 2025 Tonnage Grant Applications to NJDEP. With those reports in, we were able to conduct a rough data analysis and found a good deal of information for next year's efforts to further review and build on as follows:

- 416 individual generators reported data across the county (excluding general residential/curbside categories and unnamed commercial generation)
- 45 generators reported over 500 tons each; 21 of those reports came through MCMUA for distribution to towns, or over a quarter of the tonnage reported was from our work.
- 39 generators reported food waste in total.

Future strategies identified:

- Identify large corporate food waste generators who didn't report or likely underreported, and follow up with them
- Build a local contact list per town to help MRCs solicit reports (since many MRCs reportedly only submit reports they happen to receive, due to limited admin support/time)
- Use spatial analysis to identify and target generators/haulers operating in the county

Preliminary results: The county is still trending upward toward the 50% MSW goal as disposal numbers continue to rise, and TSW recycling is about 1% below the 60% goal but expected to improve once the state's 30-day post-submission audit is completed, and they add in categories received into their department, such as scrap metal, which will improve these numbers further.

***MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program, 2026 Results***

The Morris County boat shrink-wrap recycling program for Morris and Sussex Counties concluded in July with a total of 26 tons of shrink wrap collected this year; 4 more tons than last year. This brings our four-year total to 76 tons of material collected and diverted from landfills. A press release was also created and shared on the success of the program.

**2025 Clean Communities Grant, Final Reporting**

June 30 marked the end of the 2025 Clean Communities Grant period (Jan. 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026), and MCMUA submitted its final activity report to the NJ Clean Communities Council on time by the July 31 deadline.

A summary of our efforts includes the following:

The MCMUA funding:

- 57 cleanup events resulting in

- 1,435 volunteers contributing 5,212 man-hours worked
- 714 bags of litter and 284 bags of recyclables collected
- 46.19 miles of roadway and 1,854.9 acres of public land cleaned of litter
- 20 litter abatement educational programs held or sponsored
- 10 MCMUA-hosted/attended outreach events on litter prevention and waterway protections.
- 10 vendor presentations were sponsored at schools, libraries, and public events

Roughly 2,770 residents and students reached overall

Chavanne continues to work closely with our municipalities to ensure timely submission of their current and outstanding statistical reports to the state. Her efforts have led to the most significant improvement in compliance with this mandate in recent years. She ensures that our coordinators are well-trained on the requirements and equipped with the education and guidance necessary to guarantee their reports are submitted properly.

All of this goes toward our continued efforts to strengthen Morris County's environmental leadership.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

### **Executive Summary**

In July 2026, the preliminary single-stream recycling tip fee at Republic Services was negative \$82.97 per ton. Markets for most commodities remained stable while plastic prices softened. The Solid Waste Planning Division welcomed Lena Ouellette (Recycling Special Projects Coordinator & Program Assistant) and Andrea Dolan (Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator) on July 27, along with intern Julia Glenn on August 3. Five municipal Environmental Commissions were awarded 2026 Waste Reduction and Recycling Mini-Grants. The boat shrink-wrap recycling program concluded with 26 tons collected in 2026 (76 tons over four years). The 2025 Clean Communities Grant final report was submitted on time, and staff continued strong outreach, MRC support, and food-waste questionnaire collection at public events.

### **Recycling Market and Operations Report Update**

In July, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate with Republic Services was calculated at negative \$82.97 per ton, a \$2.87 reduction from the previous month's finalized rate of negative \$80.10 per ton.

In July and early August, recycling markets in the Northeast US saw prices for cardboard, paper, steel, aluminum, and glass remain unchanged from the previous period. However, plastic prices decreased in value throughout this period, despite fluctuations in virgin oil pricing following geopolitical matters.

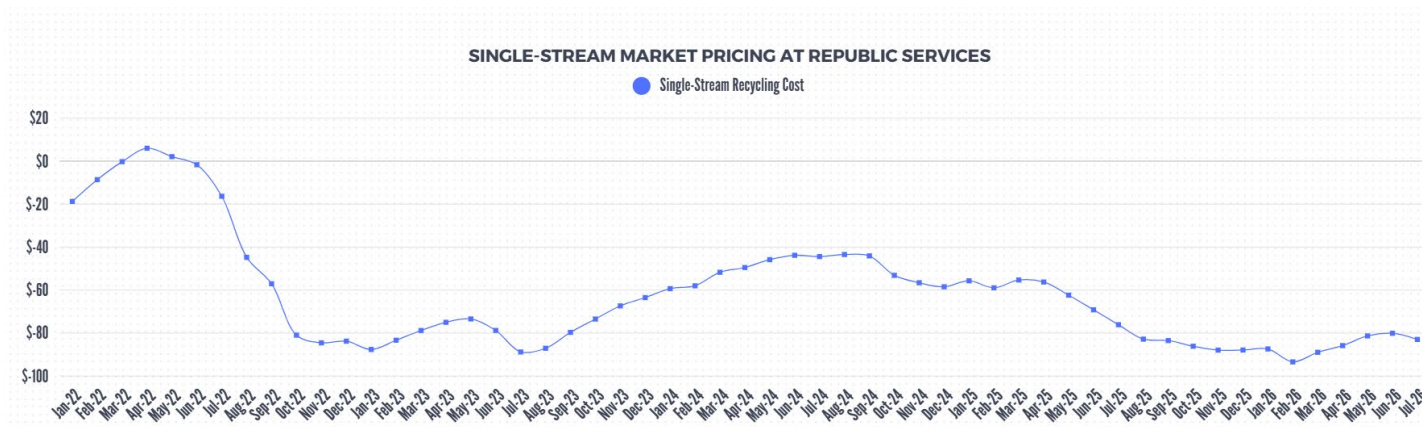
A more in-depth look at the numbers for recycling markets in mid-2026 shows the outlook is mixed, with uncertainty hanging over the rest of the year. Typically, summer benefits recycling markets, as warm weather boosts beverage sales and increases demand for used aluminum cans

and PET bottles. Paper mills also seek old boxes and mixed paper to produce new packaging for back-to-school season. Spring's housing boom raises the need for color HDPE. However, this summer's retail sector remains fragile, and ongoing conflicts add to the unpredictability. Overall, markets are both conventional and unusual.

While pricing, except for plastics, seems to be holding steady, metal cans and paper prices are holding firm, with national averages at \$82.50 per ton for OCC (corrugated boxes) and \$47.50 for sorted residential papers; both are higher than the national average. Aluminum cans are at 100 cents a pound, and steel cans at \$207.50 per ton, benefiting from increased beverage demand and tariffs on imported steel.

Plastics show a more varied situation. Natural HDPE prices are at 43.00 cents a pound (down from 59.50 cents), and Colored HDPE at 7.50 cents (down from 16 cents). Despite some price drops for both, these remain above levels observed in the first quarter of the year. The recycled resin market has been unstable due to inventory buildup and fluctuations in virgin resin prices. PET, once a strong recyclable, has struggled and has been priced at 3 cents per pound, impacted by cheap foreign imports and minimal support from beverage companies to use increased recycled content in products.

Looking ahead, the retail economy is debilitated, affecting packaging demand, but back-to-school sales may stabilize cardboard and paper prices. Metal prices are expected to hold steady, while plastic prices are expected to continue to decline.



*Monthly MCMUA single-stream recycling tip fees at Republic Services.*

### **Ongoing Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities**

In July, Marrone and Chavanne worked on incorporating the following shared service agreements into our recycling collection program:

*Town of Boonton Curbside and Depot Collection SSA Proposal Work:*

In July, Marrone and Chavanne discussed updates to the new shared services agreement for curbside recycling and depot services with the Town, as the current contract ends in 2026. In

addition to actions noted in earlier reports, they are considering additional collection sites for inclusion in the new contract, along with efforts to streamline curbside pickup and transition to dumpster collection for certain multifamily units to boost efficiency and provide better educational services. Once all details are finalized, a revised shared services agreement incorporating these changes will be sent to the Town for review and approval.

#### *Township of Washington First Amendment to Depot Collection SSA:*

In early July, the new MRC and DPW Director for Washington Township contacted us to review trash and recycling services, improve education, expand depot services under our MCMUA contract, and increase recycling options to raise the Township's recycling rate. Since the Township doesn't provide trash or recycling services, residents must find their own haulers, with no recent contact made with haulers or posted information. The depot is paid for, adding further complexity.

On July 21, Marrone and Chavanne trained DPW team members on proper recycling, waste reduction, operations, and suggested improvements, such as adding outside services for revenue, supporting programs, and offsetting depot costs. They also proposed expanding services with a revised shared services agreement, including more recycling bins, using local vendors for items like clothing and cooking oil, and acquiring an oil filter crusher to reduce onsite recycling fees. Vendors would provide free containers, monthly check-ins, and annual reports.

The plan includes expanding hours, reducing fees, making grass, brush, and leaf collection year-round, auditing materials, and redesigning containers for cardboard and single-stream recycling to increase revenue. An additional scrap metal container will be added next year, and electronic waste limits will be lifted. The MCMUA will update the recycling flyer with new educational content, and the Township will mail it to its residents. A draft agreement for a 30 CY scrap metal container is also being prepared for next year.

### **Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates**

#### *MCMUA Welcomes Two New Employees to the Solid Waste Planning Division:*

On July 27, the Solid Waste Planning Division welcomed Lena Ouellette as our new Recycling Special Projects Coordinator and Program Assistant, along with Andrea Dolan as Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator. Ouellette will focus on developing environmental programs and initiatives across the County, aiming to exceed our 50% recycling goal through long-term projects. In addition to supporting ongoing educational outreach, she will create new programs that align with State directives and the MCMUA's vision. This includes leading our Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) grant initiatives and applying research to guide their progress. Ouellette will also provide administrative support to the Curbside Recycling Division by handling collection contracts and addressing customer concerns. Dolan will primarily focus on meeting recycling targets and supporting program development, particularly related to the County's Food Waste Reduction Law (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-227.1 et seq.). She is already working on developing strategies and projects in collaboration with our municipalities



and their stakeholders, such as their environmental commissions, to help them reach their 50% recycling goal and revitalize recycling and waste reduction practices.

*MCMUA Welcomes its New Intern with the Morris County Vocational School District:*

On August 3, the Solid Waste Planning Division welcomed Julia Glenn as its newest intern for the 2026-2027 school year. The internship program requires the student to complete a total of 120 hours with the partner agency. Glenn will be interning with us one day per week until she reaches her total hours and has already begun working with Ouellette on creating a capstone project involving educational modules on stormwater education and protection, while also supporting the MCMUA's school-based learning activities with guidance from the Division team. At the conclusion of her internship, she will present her work at an upcoming Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator meeting.



**Recycling/Clean Communities Education, Inspections, and Customer Service Support**

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs in July 2026. Details regarding these activities are provided in a supplemental report.

**Recycling and Clean Communities Projects, Public Outreach, Education, and Inspections:**

- MCMUA and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Assists Sustainable Jersey's Efforts to Reduce Food Waste in Schools
- MCMUA Attends the Washington Township Night Out Event
- MCMUA Participates in New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Farm to Tray Workshop
- MCMUA Attends the Morris County 4-H Fair Event
- MCMUA Attends the NJDEP Clean Communities Update (Webinar)
- MCMUA Plans for its Fourth MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year
- Food Waste Questionnaire for Public Participation
- MCMUA Open Space Properties Activities
- MCMUA, MCDPH, & NJDEP Collaborations

**Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects**

**2026 MCMUA Recycling Enhancement Mini-Grant Program for Environmental Commissions:**

In March, Marrone and Eramo began working on materials for MCMUA's second annual recycling enhancement mini-grant program, available to Morris County's Municipal Environmental Commissions. Following last year's mini-grant program, which awarded \$3,000 to municipalities for improvements to their recycling programs, several Environmental Commissions contacted the MCMUA seeking support for their own initiatives in this area. This year's program

sought to award Environmental Commission mini grants of up to \$1,500 each to support new recycling and waste prevention projects, with the goal of fostering waste reduction and recycling initiatives throughout Morris County.

On April 1, all 39 municipal clerks were emailed and asked to forward the application documents, cover letter, application instructions, evaluation criteria, application forms, and closing report information to appropriate parties, including their Environmental Commission, Municipal Recycling Coordinator, and their mayor and/or Township Administrator/Manager. For those municipalities without an Environmental Commission, we asked that they forward the information to another appropriate municipal committee or commission.

With a June 26 deadline for proposals, five towns applied for grant funding, one more than initially expected. Thanks to additional funds in our budget, the MCMUA was able to support all five programs. After reviewing and revising several proposals, the winners were announced on July 29, allowing them to begin work. Each awarded town received a letter confirming their award and outlining the acceptance requirements, a sample press release, a grant reimbursement form, and closing report documents. All recipients expressed gratitude for the opportunity to advance their waste reduction and recycling efforts and thanked the MCMUA. Additionally, Marrone authored a press release, which was forwarded to the Morris County Office of Communications & Digital Media for approval and distribution. The county's version is available on their website here: [Morris County News](#). The release was picked up by WRNJ Radio, and Marrone recorded a segment on the “Local Impact” morning show, which aired on August 5. During the segment, Marrone discussed the state of recycling in New Jersey, Morris County’s role as a Solid Waste Authority, our various waste management and recycling programs, the purpose of the Mini Grant program, and the initiatives of the winning towns. The towns' projects aim to renew community enthusiasm for recycling and waste reduction, aligning with the state's new County Food Waste Planning Law.

The 2026 Waste Reduction and Recycling Mini Grant recipients are:

- **Mendham Borough** – Residential Food Waste Collection Program
- **Mendham Township** – Plastic Film Recycling Pilot Program & Backyard Composting Training and Starter Kit Program
- **Morris Township** – Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot
- **Morristown** – Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot
- **Rockaway Township** – CCTV Cameras for its Curbside Recycling Trucks to monitor for recycling contamination and provide proper recycling education practices to residents.

Since Monday’s press release, two more municipalities and their Environmental Commissions have contacted the MCMUA about grant opportunities. Despite not submitting applications this cycle, they stated they never received the grant information from their municipal clerk and inquired when the next round of grants will be announced so they can participate. These include Rockaway Borough, which plans to create a Styrofoam recycling depot with Long Hill to process collected materials, and Chatham Township, which intends to launch a food waste drop-off program for residents at their DPW yard.

## **MCMUA Update on NJDEP Annual Awards for Recycling Grants and Associated Recycling Rates:**

On June 18, NJDEP announced 2023 grant awards and recycling rates, revealing a statewide decline in recycling and an increase in disposal over recent years. Morris County's data, however, has been improving. Although we did not meet our 50% Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) recycling goal for 2023, dropping from 46% to 45%, we are now tied with Sussex County for the third highest in NJ. For Total Solid Waste (TSW) recycling, we reached a 60% rate, which has slightly decreased to 61% from 62%, placing us second in the state alongside Sussex. Despite statewide declines, Morris's figures stayed stable, thanks to diligent reporting, strong MRC commitment, and the MCMUA's first year of reviewing initial reports, which offered improvements. Of 39 municipalities, 12 met their 50% MSW goals, a two-town decrease, though many missed by just a few points. The MCMUA supports towns through grants, report reviews, resources, and personalized training, while also increasing education via meetings and reporting efforts praised by NJDEP.

Building on these successes and aiming to further highlight our municipalities' achievements, personalized letters were sent to each of the 39 municipalities. These letters commend the municipalities' efforts and are divided into four categories; some municipalities may receive multiple letters and award certificates, but each will get at least one. The categories include towns that reached their 50% MSW goal or higher, the three towns with the most improved recycling rates from the previous year, municipalities whose MRC obtained the Certified Recycling Professional certification, and those working towards achieving a 50% MSW rate. These letters introduce the municipal tonnage grant process, outline the goals of at least 50% MSW and 60% TSW or more at municipal, county, and state levels, and commend the MRC and support teams for recycling and waste reduction efforts. They also include recent rate data and connect it all to the tonnage grant process. The letters were sent by regular mail to the municipal clerk, who was asked to share copies with the Mayor, Town Administrator/Manager, Council Members, MRC, and Environmental Commission/Green Team. The aim of these communications and awards is to support our coordinator's efforts, encourage town-wide discussion on recycling and the MTG reporting process, and showcase the letter and award at a council meeting as part of official correspondence. Copies of these documents will be provided at the August MCMUA Board Meeting.

Lastly, at the July MCMUA Board Meeting, Marrone was asked to provide our members with a detailed listing of recycling rates broken down by County and Municipality along with their associated grant awards. Hard copies will be provided at the August Meeting outlining the requested information and is provided in correspondence.

## **Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) & Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Activities:**

By April 30, all 39 Morris County municipalities submitted their 2025 Tonnage Grant Applications to NJDEP. From May to June, the MCMUA collected recycling reports, reviewed each, checked for errors, and worked to achieve full resubmission, especially from those who didn't last year. We prioritized non-responders, coordinated, created a schedule, and followed up. Thanks to these efforts, 38 towns resubmitted by the June 15 resubmission deadline, 10 more than last

year. One town did not resubmit despite our attempts to provide assistance. In mid-June, that town's alternate MRC was contacted, and the NJDEP approved an extenuating circumstance, enabling a late resubmission. This marked the first time our organization had had all its towns submit their initial reports in accordance with NJDEP standards under the law and further work toward revising and improving their initial numbers by submitting their data by the resubmission deadline.

Looking at the submitted data, Chavanne finalized her in-depth analysis of the tonnage numbers and categories from our municipalities' reports, building on last month's report and suggested areas for improvement for 2026. Looking at the 2025 calendar year submissions, a total of 416 individual generators reported their data to our MRCs who operated in at least one town in all of Morris County. This number does not include general “residential submission categories” such as curbside collection or depot collection, nor does it include general “commercial” generation that was reported without a designated name. 45 generators reported more than 500 tons across the county. 21 of these reports were received by the MCMUA and distributed to towns. A total of 39 generators reported food waste in their 2025 reports. Future strategies include:

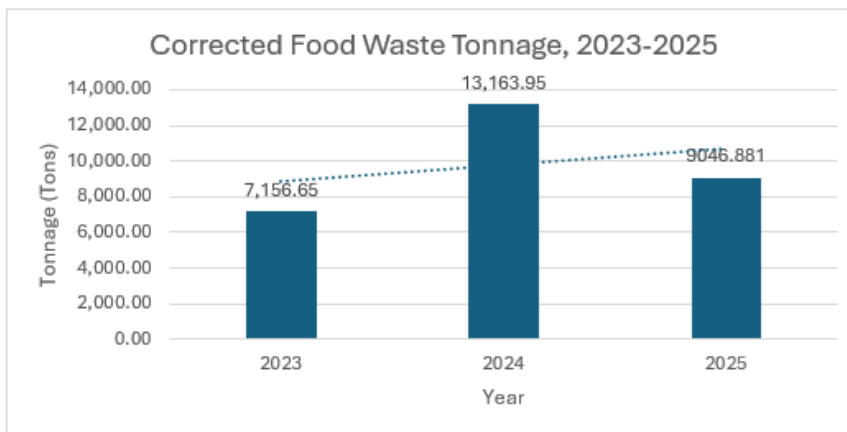
- Determining which large, corporate food waste generators didn’t submit a report or likely underreported food waste. The MCMUA should contact these to ensure all their tonnage data is captured.
- Compiling a list of local contacts for each town for MRCs to contact to facilitate them into the process of soliciting reports, as it is likely that less than half our MRCs only submit reports received into the department for submission to the NJDEP for various reasons, from lack of administrative support to time management and so on.
- Using spatial analysis and other tools to determine how present certain organizations are within Morris County to effectively pinpoint generators and haulers operating to solicit reports from.

The table below provides our best estimate of recycling during the 2025 calendar year. These disposal figures are derived from our transfer station records and align with the revised reports submitted by our towns to the NJDEP. However, these figures do not include the 30-day auditing period conducted by NJDEP, during which our municipalities and the MCMUA review all data sheet categories submitted by the NJDEP. This review occurs after the state’s totals are added into their reports, including categories such as scrap metal, which could lead to more accurate numbers. As you can see from the preliminary reports, we are still creeping upward toward our 50% MSW goal as disposal numbers continue to increase, and TSW recycling numbers are 1% below the 60% goal but likely to increase with add-on totals submitted to the state.

| Population    | Generation           | Disposal   |            |            | Recycling  |       |                           |                  |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|------------------|
|               |                      | MSW        | Non-MSW    | Total      | MSW        | MSW % | Total Recycled w/ Add-ons | Total % Recycled |
| 2025 Estimate | Disposal & Recycling |            |            |            |            |       |                           |                  |
| 524,251       | 1,162,450            | 304,392.28 | 172,821.01 | 477,213.29 | 270,709.73 | 47.1% | 685,237.05                | 59%              |

Looking at an analysis of Food Waste during reporting years 2023 through 2025, all food waste tonnage reported was reviewed and found that towns had misreported food waste data from Darling Ingredients in pounds, not tons, and shows inflated tons in 2024, but the MCMUA does not have the municipal reports to verify, and it will likely be corrected in next year's audit of those

numbers by the NJDEP in the coming months when they audit the towns reports. Still, it shows an increasing trend in food waste being recycled and reported in Morris County.



### MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

At the end of July, the boat shrink wrap recycling efforts in Morris and Sussex Counties concluded. Working with Roxbury Township's Municipal Recycling Coordinator, Ultra-Poly Corporation, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Sussex County's District Recycling Coordinator, over 26 tons (52,000 pounds) of boat shrink wrap were collected and recycled in 2026. This brings the four-year total to an impressive 76 tons (more than 152,000 pounds) of plastic diverted from landfills. Each spring, as boats are removed from winter storage, thousands of pounds of shrink wrap are discarded. Instead of trash, this plastic is recycled into new products through the program. Once collected, the shrink wrap is sent to Ultra-Poly in Pennsylvania, where it's processed into recycled plastic pellets. These pellets are then used to create products like composite lumber, flowerpots, storage totes, and packaging materials. This program exemplifies successful collaboration among organizations, businesses, and community members working toward a shared goal. After Morris County's long-standing shrink wrap recycling program ended in 2020 due to rising costs, the MCMUA, along with project partners, reintroduced this recycling option in 2023 through a regional partnership. Participation has grown each year since then. Over four seasons, 76 tons of shrink wrap have been recycled: 8 tons in 2023, 19 tons in 2024, 22 tons in 2025, and 26 tons in 2026. The MCMUA thanks its partners, volunteers, marinas, businesses, and boaters for their contributions; every effort made a difference. We look forward to continuing this initiative next year and appreciate everyone's support. A press release that went out on the program's success can be found here: [Post](#) | [LinkedIn](#)



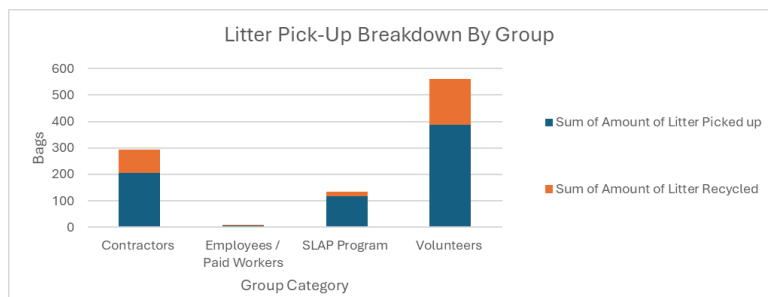
## **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

### **2025 Clean Communities Grant Update and Final Reporting:**

June 30, 2026, marked the deadline for Counties and Municipalities to use their 2025 Clean Communities Grants or to request extensions. Throughout July, Chavanne focused on completing grant spending and preparing the final report before the July 31 submission deadline for the NJ Clean Communities Council, detailing the MCMUA's activities and expenditures for that grant period. The 2025 Clean Communities grant period runs from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. We are proud to announce that our Morris County Clean Communities report has been submitted on time to the Clean Communities Council. In addition to the financial statistics provided at the last Board Report, the following are the data statistics for each report category:

#### *2025 Grant Period Cleanups Conducted:*

During the 2025 Grant period, Morris County recorded 57 cleanup events. A total of 1,435 volunteers dedicated 5,212 man-hours to remove 714 bags of litter and 284 bags of recyclables. Cleanups covered 46.19 miles of road and 1854.9 acres of public land. Volunteers involved in Clean Communities grants, including school and non-profit groups, cleaned 1852.9 acres and collected 387.5 bags out of 562 total bags of litter. Adopt-A-Highway efforts covered 20 road miles and collected 294 bags. Below is a detailed comparison of which group categories contributed the most litter pickups. Note that the “Employees/ Paid Workers” category includes MCMUA staff collecting trash on office grounds during lunch breaks.



#### *2025 Grant Period Educational Programs Performed:*

In the 2025 Grant period, the MCMUA held and sponsored 20 litter abatement educational programs. Out of these, 10 were outreach events the MCMUA recycling team hosted or attended, including the Clean Communities sustainability artwork contest awards ceremony, farmers markets, the 4-H fair, town Night Outs, etc. The remaining 10 events were sponsored educational vendors that spoke at various schools, libraries, and other public events throughout the year. In total, it is estimated that approximately 2770 residents and students were reached with these events.

### **MCMUA Clean Communities Statistical Report Compliance:**

Throughout July, Chavanne continued to collaborate with our municipalities to ensure they submitted their 2025 Clean Communities Statistical Reports, along with any outstanding reports from grant years 2020 to 2024. Currently, 17 municipalities have notified Chavanne that they have submitted their 2025 reports. She will confirm the total number of municipal statistical report

submissions once the submission data becomes available to the MCMUA from the Clean Communities Council and will follow up on any outstanding reports that have not been submitted.

Regarding the 2024 Statistical Report submissions, 29 out of the 39 municipalities in Morris County submitted their reports before the July 2026 deadline, marking an improvement from previous years. Chavanne successfully communicated with seven of the remaining municipalities, which plan to submit all reports from 2022 to 2024, and worked closely with four of these towns to help them complete their reports. As of August, 33 towns have now submitted their 2024 reports, and 28 have fully completed their reports for the years 2022 to 2024. Chavanne anticipates that these numbers will increase, as many coordinators have informed her that they are actively working on their submissions.

### **Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanup(s):**

In July, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued its efforts to remove litter from county roads, working with the contractor Adopt-A-Highway. On July 14, the team focused on cleaning Parsippany Boulevard and Intervale Road. In total, 5 participants cleaned 2.5 miles of roadway and picked up 9 bags of garbage, 8 bags of recyclables, and 1 tire.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There being no Old Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Laura Szwak mentioned that she represents the M.U.A. on the County Open Space Committee and reported that there are no new applications for this year.

There being no further New Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Vice Chair Farris asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss litigation and attorney-client privileged information regarding AJACO Towing.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss litigation and attorney-client privileged information regarding AJACO Towing and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE  
(Dr. Arthur Nusbaum stepped out of the room.)

Vice Chair Farris asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:27 p.m..

MOTION:      Mr. Ragonese made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:27 p.m. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Vice Chair Farris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

MOTION:      Ms. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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