MCMUA • DISTRICT RECYCLING EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT
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This report details the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's (MCMUA) Recycling and Clean Communities education programs, inspections, and customer service support efforts during October 2026. This supplements the Recycling Coordinator's Report for the MCMUA's November 2026 Board Meeting.

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

MCMUA Presents at the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials on Food Waste:

On October 27, Marrone presented to the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials' (NJACCHO) Environmental and Consumer Workgroup, following the success of September's presentation to the larger association. The workgroup includes state, county, and regional health department representatives working with partners to implement statewide actions. Four Morris County regional departments serve on the committee along with their statewide partners: Morris County, Mount Olive, Morris Township, and Randolph, each overseeing multiple towns.

Marrone also once again invited the nonprofit Share My Meals to explain its food-rescue model and the value it offers health departments. The presentation covered the County Food Waste Planning Law, signed in January; upcoming county reduction goals; and how health departments can partner with municipal recycling teams to meet the county's 50% reduction target. Marrone emphasized that food donations will help meet state diversion targets and explained how towns can track recycling data, qualify for grants, and increase recycling rates. Marrone also discussed future county-municipal mandates for food prevention, recovery, and recycling before disposal. For this meeting, Marrone and Dolan revised the original optional survey discussed at the large forum to make it more user-friendly and easier to collect data. It remains in letter format for inclusion with department annual food license renewal mailings but now also includes an online portal for digital submissions for both data collection options. The MCMUA will now funnel all data back to us to compile and forward to our 39 towns, streamlining the process. In addition, Marrone and Dolan are compiling information and creating a second information webpage, linked in the flyer, to educate food waste generators about the benefits of donating surplus food and recycling, along with a list of outlets and businesses they can partner with, including their service areas and capabilities. Once MCMUA compiles all data, our Municipal recycling coordinators can use it to track progress and support county reporting. MCMUA also shared ongoing and completed projects designed to reduce food waste and be replicated elsewhere. The group is also arranging a third meeting for its small health department forum on December 9. The meeting will reach most of the organization's membership and introduce the new law and its partner project to most of Morris County's health departments. You can view the presentation here: https://canva.link/5emuevho6iyjr7k.



MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

October 19, 2026

Re: Morris County Business Food Waste & Recycling Survey

Dear Business Owner or Manager:

On January 12, 2026, New Jersey signed a statewide goal into law to reduce food waste by at least 50% by 2035. Businesses play an important role in reaching this goal, whether by donating surplus food, recycling food scraps, or improving existing waste management practices.

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is asking Morris County businesses to complete a brief survey about food waste, recycling, and waste collection services.

Your responses can help connect your business with food donation organizations, food scrap collection services, and used cooking oil recyclers. We can also help identify opportunities to reduce waste management costs and provide information about potential tax benefits for eligible food donations.

The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. Your input will help us better understand local businesses' needs and identify opportunities to make food waste reduction and recycling more accessible.

Complete the Business Survey Today

Choose the option that works best for you (Estimated to take 5 minutes)

Scan: *Scan the QR code to open the survey.*
Online: *https://news.mcmua.com/survey1*
By Mail: *Complete the enclosed paper survey and return it to your Municipal Recycling Coordinator.*

Thank you for helping us understand how we can better support Morris County businesses and connect surplus food with people who need it.

Sincerely,

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Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

Enc: Business Food Waste & Recycling Survey

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Business Food Waste & Recycling Survey

Scan to Submit Online
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Business Information

Business Name: _____
Address: _____
Type: ☐ Café ☐ Bakery ☐ Restaurant ☐ Grocery ☐ Hospital/Healthcare ☐ Cafeteria ☐ School ☐ Hotel ☐ Other: _____
Contact Name: _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____

Food Donation

2. Do you currently donate surplus food?	☐ Yes, regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ No ☐ Not Sure
3. If yes, to whom do you donate? If you need more space, please fill out the back of this paper	Organization(s): _____
4. On a typical day, approximately how much edible food is left over and could be donated?	Amount: _____ Unit: ☐ Pounds ☐ Pans ☐ Dozen Items ☐ Loaves ☐ Individual Items ☐ Cases ☐ Pallets ☐ Not Sure ☐ Other: _____

Used Cooking Oil, Fat & Bone Recycling

Used cooking oil includes fryer oil, lard, shortening, other animal fats, and meat trimmings and bones collected for rendering. It does not include grease trap.

5. Does your business generate used cooking oil, fat, and/or bone that is collected for recycling?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure
6. If yes, approximately how much used cooking oil, fat, and/or bone do you recycle?	Amount: _____ Unit: ☐ Gallons/Week ☐ Gallons/Month ☐ Gallons/Year ☐ Pounds/Week ☐ Pounds/Month ☐ Not Sure ☐ Other: _____
7. Who collects your used cooking oil, fat, and bone?	☐ Hauler ☐ We Deliver It Ourselves ☐ Not Sure ☐ Other: _____ Company Name(s): _____

Food Scrap Recycling

Food scraps are food that can't be eaten or donated, such as fruit and vegetable trimmings, plate waste, spoiled or expired food.

8. Do you currently separate food scraps from your trash for composting or recycling?	☐ Yes, Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ No ☐ Not sure
9. If yes, who picks up your food scraps?	☐ Hauler ☐ We Deliver Them Ourselves ☐ Not sure ☐ Other: _____ Company Name(s): _____
10. Approximately how much food waste do you recycle?	Amount: _____ Unit: ☐ Pounds/Week ☐ Tons/Week ☐ Bins/Week ☐ Not Sure ☐ Other:

Program Interest

11. Would you like information about any of these programs? Check all that apply.
☐ Food Donation ☐ Used Cooking Oil Collection ☐ Food Scrap Collection ☐ Not At This Time ☐
Comments (Optional): _____

Upon Completion:
Mail To: 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, NJ 07885

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New Jersey Plastics Advisory Council Member Activities:

In September, Marrone was officially onboarded as a governor-appointed member of the Plastics Advisory Council (PAC), representing the environmental community on behalf of the 21 County Recycling Coordinators and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers. The 16-member committee oversees implementation of the "Get Past Plastic" law and assesses its success in reducing single-use plastics and plastic waste statewide. It must also report on these efforts and suggest legislative or administrative improvements.

On October 14, Marrone attended the Policy Subcommittee's next meeting to review ongoing initiatives and legislative updates. Topics included bills such as S681, the "Electronic Cigarette Extended Producer Responsibility Act," which ANJR testified in favor of, and S4656, the "Protect our Health from Plastics Act." Discussions focused on whether to support or oppose the bills and on suggested revisions.

The Policy Subcommittee met again on October 27 to discuss chemical recycling and a dissolution process specifically for polypropylene. This process would help advance efforts to work with manufacturers to comply with New Jersey's Recycled Content Law. The PAC reviewed the scientific aspects and analysis involved in the NJDEP decision and approval process. Discussions included the need for the full PAC to consider public engagement and the legal and policy aspects of the decision, as well as PAC feedback on soliciting community perspectives.

On October 20, the full PAC met to align efforts and review and discuss several topics. The NJDEP Division of Science and Research had conducted an official study on microplastics in New Jersey's drinking water and presented its general framework to the PAC before sending its draft to the Committee for comment in late November. The meeting also included an update on the status of recycled content laws; progress on the single-use condiment and utensil law; committee reports; a presentation on emerging technology that could improve the separation and processing of black plastics at MRFs; suggestions for future meetings and speakers; and work on the committee's collective fourth-year report.

PAC members were also asked to provide input on the current exemptions for polystyrene food service products, which are set to expire on May 4, 2027. These include exemptions for raw or butchered meat, pre-packaged foam food service products such as egg cartons, foam food service products in health and correctional facilities, and several other currently exempt areas. Marrone provided a balanced research white paper weighing the pros and cons of allowing the rules to expire without extending them. The paper also gave several examples of successful bans in neighboring states.

Marrone Attends CCM Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting:

In June, the County College of Morris invited Marrone to serve on the College's Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee. The Committee meets quarterly, or as needed, to share ideas and help ensure its science-based programs meet the needs of students and Morris County residents. Committee members include the NJDEP, environmental non-profits, educational organizations, and both public and private business professionals who contribute by developing, reviewing, editing, and adding to course curricula and syllabi for the new associate degree in environmental science and sustainability. Other asks include providing guest talks, offering site internships, and engaging with the college community. Several years ago, former MCMUA recycling educator Penny Jones worked with CCM to create a section on waste management and recycling for the Sustainability Lecture series. The section covers the history of solid waste and recycling in New Jersey, MCMUA's presence in the county, and the many programs we run. Upon review, the section needs updating, and Marrone is updating this information ahead of next semester's class.

On October 15, Marrone attended and participated in the quarterly CCM Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Board meeting. At the meeting, members reviewed the Spring semester's class offerings and provided updates and suggestions for improvement. These included both a lecture and a laboratory class that offers field trips. Members also reviewed possible certifications students could earn upon completing the degree and how the associate's degree would prepare them for future careers and in what fields.

MCMUA, County Recycling Coordinator, and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts:

ANJR Board Member, New Professionals Network, Planning, and Legislative Subcommittee Efforts:

In October, Marrone, chair of the ANJR "New Professionals Network" subcommittee, met with members to plan activities, discuss membership growth, and coordinate outreach. The group held two successful MRF site visits: one at Circular Services MRF in Jersey City and the other at

Ocean County's MRF in Lakewood, operated by Atlantic Coast Recycling. Both events drew large crowds, giving CRPs a chance to earn last-minute certification credits and helping their municipalities meet state-mandated requirements. Marrone is also working with Atlantic County's Recycling Coordinator and ANJR's management company to host an outreach session at the Sustainability and Innovation Matters (SIMSs) conference in March, focused on educating entry-level professionals about solid waste and recycling and providing networking opportunities.

Regarding the Planning subcommittee, Marrone and Atlantic County's recycling coordinator continued working with their subcommittee to revise the ANJR website, www.ANJR.com, to provide relevant information. The working group met several times throughout the month to rewrite sections of the current website for the new site, add new sections, compile educational information, work on new social media integrations, and suggest changes before the site moves to a new hosting company. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for later in the month to review the team's work and reconnect with the new developer, who is under contract to carry over all current information to the new platform and make the preliminary changes. Additionally, Marrone and ANJR worked together to plan and finalize this year's fall symposium and NJDEP awards luncheon. On Wednesday, 10/28/2026, Chavanne, Marrone, Clenord, Ouellette, Wilson, and Bryant from the MCDPH attended the annual ANJR Fall Symposium. The event, held at the Forsgate Country Club, featured speakers on various topics, including NJDEP and legislative updates, recycling education basics, the adoption of smart technology in the solid waste industry, EPR compliance, and market and industry updates. The event ended with the 2026 NJDEP awards. Roxbury Township and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation received an award for their work organizing semiannual Repair Cafés, recognizing their ongoing efforts to improve local reuse initiatives.

For the legislative subcommittee, Marrone worked with members throughout the month to track relevant bills, coordinate with PSI and the ANJR management firm, and stay in touch with other subcommittee members. After the legislature returned to session, the Senate Environment and Energy Committee considered 10 bills, with an 11th scheduled for discussion at its Thursday, October 8, 2026, meeting. ANJR representatives testified in support of S681, the "Electronic Cigarette Extended Producer Responsibility Act," and S2359, the "Mattress Stewardship Act," both of which were referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

MCMUA Attends and Presents at the October Virtual County Recycling Coordinator Meeting:

On October 20, Marrone co-led and presented at the first recurring monthly virtual County Recycling Coordinator meeting. The meeting covered topics such as the REA and municipal tonnage grants, legislative updates, NJDEP program updates, multifamily housing recycling education, creating solid waste hauler education on source-separated recycling, and actions under the County Food Waste Planning law. The key focus was the county food waste planning law, where Marrone led the discussion. Morris County began by sharing what it has been working on and has planned; several other counties also presented, from educational programs to infrastructure improvements. With plans due to NJDEP by January 12, 2028, these meetings will help us stay on track, share ideas, and work together to improve our administrative actions. Marrone and Middlesex County's Principal Planner are also working with the NJ Food Security Advocate's Executive Director to host our next in-person meeting of the year at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey's Hillside office and offer a full day of speakers from multiple food service organizations from around the state, a tour of their facility, and participation in the food distribution event to fully immerse our coordinators in the

process firsthand. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24 and will continue to focus on strategies to reduce food waste in our Administrative Actions, among other topics.

General ANJR/County Recycling Coordinator Collaborative Efforts:

Over the course of the month, Marrone, Clenord, and Middlesex County's Principal Planner worked together to create a statewide curbside recycling educational flyer for distribution with the 21 counties following ANJR's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) subcommittees' work on compiling a curbside list of acceptable and unacceptable items amongst New Jersey's 32 MRFs. This work advances educational efforts to increase the amount of material recycled and break down barriers created by confusing recycling messages.

MCMUA at the Morristown Festival on the Green:

On October 4, Marrone, Chavanne, Wilson, and Dolan attended and presented at the Morristown Festival on the Green Event. The event is one of the largest and most heavily attended events in Morris County, bringing together residents from surrounding towns. It is also an annual community-building event that the MCMUA participates in with its fellow county offices. During the event, the MCMUA tested participants' recycling and litter-abatement knowledge for a chance to win a prize. As a result, many participants were highly engaged, drawing substantial crowds throughout the day. Eventgoers appreciated the recycling information and asked many questions about waste-reduction practices. The MCMUA team stayed busy throughout the day and greatly enjoyed the high level of interaction with the public.

MCMUA Prepares to Speak at the 2026 NJ League of Municipalities:

In early summer, Marrone was contacted by both the Association of New Jersey Recyclers and the nonprofit Sustainable Jersey about speaking at the NJLM conference on the new food waste planning law, MCMUA projects, and ways municipalities can get involved. In response to the two requests, Marrone will speak on the ANJR panel, while Dolan will speak on the Sustainable Jersey panel.

Throughout October, Marrone and Dolan have participated in group discussions to prepare for their presentations. Marrone has led discussions among panel members for "How Municipalities Can Achieve New Food Waste Reduction Goals." The first half of the session will feature a PowerPoint presentation on the County Food Waste Planning Law, MCMUA projects, and ways municipalities can get involved. The second half will be a Q&A panel with representatives from the MCMUA and NJDEP, DeFeo and Associates, RNG Energy Solutions, and Share My Meals.

Dolan has been working with her group on "Food Waste Management: New State Rules & Local Spotlights," which will focus on program partnerships, highlights from the MCMUA's mini-grant programs, and building support for local programs and stakeholder interest. These presentations will give the MCMUA a platform to share its recycling and food waste programs with municipal officials statewide.

MCMUA at the Roxbury Township Schools Green Fair:

In October, Clenord and Ouellette collaborated with the Roxbury Township's MRC to develop a new presentation for the annual school sustainability event aimed at school-aged children. This presentation is part of a joint educational program run annually by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) and the town of Roxbury, and it has received positive feedback from the Board of Education. The Green Fair took place on October 9, with student groups rotating through activities, including a recycling presentation. Students sorted Class A materials and trash into the correct bins using Roxbury's dual-stream system. Depending on their age, they also learned about textiles, plastic film, food waste, books, batteries, and e-waste. The Roxbury Recycling Center can recycle textiles, books, and e-waste. The presentation covered food-waste reduction and composting, showed non-recyclable plastic films, and noted that some supermarkets accept these films even though curbside bins do not. Students also viewed products made from recycled materials, such as decking and insulation. Each group had 15 minutes, so time, age, and comprehension levels limited which topics they could cover. Sessions ended with a storm-drain visit and a discussion of litter's effects.

MCMUA Attends the Northern NJ Rivers Conference:

On October 16th, Ouellette attended the Northern NJ Rivers Conference. The event opened with a Plenary Discussion featuring NJ State Climatologist, Newark Sewer and Water Authority, and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, facilitated by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission. The discussion featured expert testimony and focused heavily on climate change's impact on environmental industries. After the opening panel, Ouellette attended the following sessions:

- *Working With Municipalities in Protecting Headwaters*, which highlighted successes and learning opportunities in working with municipalities on mindful development and environmental conservation/restoration.
- *Road Salt and its Impacts on Water Quality*, highlighting the importance of understanding road salt's impact on water bodies and how our municipalities play an active role in protecting our watersheds by adopting best-management practices.
- *Innovative Approaches to Water Quality Management*, focusing on the effectiveness of community outreach and education for a successful project; this session was very inspiring for the power communities must wield to enact tangible change.
- *Keynote Address,* which featured industry representatives who spoke on how a hands-off approach to our forests is the best thing for climate and biodiversity, showing the importance of prioritizing green spaces as the economic resources they are.

MCMUA and ANJEC Partner to Advance Morris County Food Recovery:

On October 16, Marrone and Dolan met with the Project Director of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to discuss partnering on new initiatives for Morris County Environmental Commissions. The initiatives would support projects aligned with the new County Food Waste Planning Law. ANJEC is specifically interested in supporting food waste diversion through food recovery and donation. They discussed several possible project areas. Initial steps include creating a resource document with examples of what towns can do now to get started and support county plans, as well as a model resolution municipalities can adopt. The next step would be to co-host a meeting, either virtually or in person at ANJEC's office, to guide progress and answer questions. Potential projects include identifying funding sources; educating the public through options such as train-the-trainer composting sessions; connecting existing resources from federal,

state, and county governments and nonprofits; and working with schools to promote share tables. A second follow-up meeting is scheduled for December 3 to coordinate further efforts.

MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Morris County's Higher Learning Institutions:

On August 3, the Solid Waste Planning Division welcomed Julia Glenn as its newest intern for the 2026-2027 school year. The internship requires students to complete 120 hours with a partner agency. In October, Glenn interned with us one to two days per week. By the end of the month, she had nearly completed half of her required hours and capstone project. Throughout October, Marrone and Ouellette worked with Glenn to finalize her capstone, which included educational modules on stormwater protection and waste reduction. She also supported the MCMUA's school-based learning activities under the Division team's guidance. Glenn attended several public outreach events during this time and plans to complete speaking engagements with the Planning Division and various organizations. Currently scheduled engagements include the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee, Chatham Borough Environmental Commission, and Butler and Morris Knolls High Schools. She will also plan additional engagements for the remainder of her internship.

On November 2, Ouellette and Glenn visited the Morris County Health Department for an afternoon of four career interviews with department staff. Interested in environmental health, Glenn wanted to explore a potential career in public health. The half-hour meetings covered health education, health administration, health inspections, and environmental health investigations and hazardous materials management. The MCMUA thanks the MCDPH for its partnership. Glenn greatly appreciated the meetings, which renewed her desire to pursue this career path during her next year of schooling at CCM.

MCMUA Provides Recycling Education at the Morris Plains Health Fair Event:

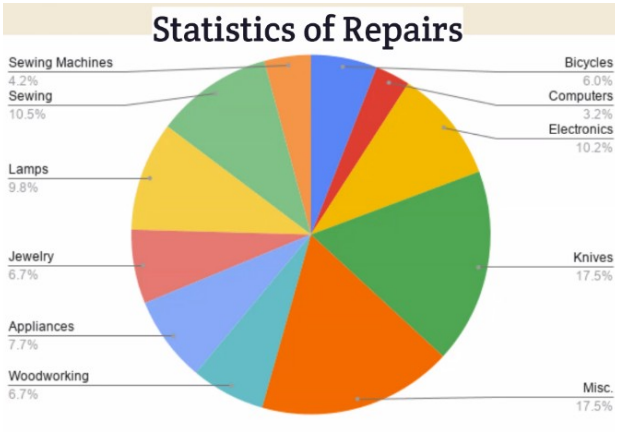
On October 10, Chavanne attended the Morris Plains Health Fair to educate the public about proper recycling practices in the Borough and the many services the MCMUA provides. About 50 people attended throughout the day. They had many questions about properly disposing of and recycling household items such as plastic bottle caps, plastic bags, medical waste, and cooking oil.

MCMUA and Republic Services Continue Joint Tours of the Mine Hill MRF Site:

On October 21, Republic Services held the second-to-last tour for Morris County MRCs and employees. Six DPW employees from Washington Township attended to learn more about the recycling process. This supports the township's renewed efforts to improve its recycling program after appointing a new DPW Director and MRC.

On October 26, Republic Services MRF manager Gabrielson gave a personal tour to newer MCMUA employees Clenord, Ouellette, and intern Glenn, covering the facility, markets, and the industry's current state.

MCMUA Supports and Participates in the Roxbury Repair Café:



On October 17, Marrone hosted the fourth Roxbury Repair Café with the Township of Roxbury, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and the Roxbury Public Library. The event was well run and well attended, with 74 participants and a 74% repair success rate, exceeding previous event totals. Fixer categories included jewelry repair, textiles, lamps, miscellaneous items, knife sharpening, electronics, computers, bicycles, and woodworking. Before the event, Clenord created an information flyer for the Roxbury and Madison Repair Cafés. It listed alternative repair options for items that could not be fixed at the event, as well as recycling outlets where certain materials could be given a second life instead of being disposed of. The flyer was popular with participants and event organizers alike. Marrone also shared information about MCMUA's programs and services, answered public questions, and helped with minor repairs. Over the course of four events, the repair statistics are included for reference.

MCMUA Attends and Tables at the Morris County Employee Health Fair:

On October 23, Marrone, Chavanne, and Clenord staffed a table at the Morris County Health Fair at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. The MCMUA shared information about its recycling program and best practices with other county organizations, while also informing its employees about the other services it provides. County employees were engaged and curious about the recycling process. Their questions included where to find recycling information; which materials are accepted, such as plastic bags, shrink wrap, paint cans, and shredded paper; how Morris County's recycling program differs from other counties'; and where the county's recyclables end up. An estimated 200 employees attended and interacted with our table.

MCMUA Attends the Meal Recovery Coalition's Value of a Meal Event:

On October 26, Marrone and Dolan attended the Meal Recovery Coalition's Value of a Meal event at Sanofi in Morristown, where they connected with attendees and learned about statewide food recovery efforts. Through frontline perspectives, research, and a panel featuring representatives from NJEDA, NJDEP, Nourish NJ, and the Trenton Health Team, the event explored the wide-ranging impact of recovering prepared meals for individuals and communities. A key theme was that recovered meals offer more than nourishment: they create economic, environmental, and social value, help organizations better serve their neighbors, and foster care and connection around the table—extending collective efforts well beyond waste prevention and diversion. The event also gave the MCMUA an opportunity to speak with other representatives and explore innovative county-level food recovery efforts under the new county food waste planning law. During the event, Marrone and Dolan made new connections with nonprofits, businesses, and state representatives to advance Morris County's food-waste prevention efforts.

Marrone Attends the NJ County Administrator Certificate Program Course:

On October 30 and November 6, Marrone attended the NJ County Administrator Certificate Course offered through Rutgers University's Center for Government Services. The program enhances county administrators' and professional staff's operational and functional knowledge by covering essential aspects of county government administration. Sessions address management challenges, public procurement, county fiscal affairs, and ethics, offering an overview of these day-to-day issues and operations, along with real-life applications and insights into their implementation.

MCMUA Sits for an Interview with a Senior Student and Teacher from Morris Knolls High School:

On October 30, two Morris Knolls High School seniors and their teacher interviewed Chavanne about the Morris County Clean Communities Program. Dressed as a vampire and Scooby-Doo for Halloween, they explored litter prevention and cleanup for a Service-Learning project, focusing on youth behavior and practical solutions. Beforehand, Chavanne shared "Keep America Beautiful" resources for collecting and analyzing community litter data, and researched littering psychology and statistics. Research points to infrastructure problems, attitudes, and personal biases that rationalize littering; common reasons include inadequate infrastructure, limited knowledge, and laziness. After reviewing the MCMUA and NJCCC Clean Communities websites, the students asked about Chavanne's experience, program improvements, and rewarding moments. They also discussed planning cleanups, finding litter hotspots, handling hazards, identifying littered roads and common waste, disposing of trash, obtaining supplies, safety procedures, and the costs of recycling programs.

The students are considering a litter-education program and community survey. They sought guidance on engaging high schoolers, follow-up education, survey promotion, and useful questions. To sustain the project, they discussed involving younger students, partnering with clubs, and getting staff support for a future MCMUA mini-grant. Chavanne shared resources and a cleanup checklist. The students plan to apply for the school cleanup mini-grant and may partner with MCMUA on a classroom-sized litter and recycling presentation.

MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course:

Dolan, Clenord, and Ouellette continued Rutgers University's Certified Recycling Professional course in October, attending weekly virtual lectures led by industry representatives on October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Topics included waste-to-energy operations; New Jersey's solid waste history and the evolution of waste management; environmental regulations and recycling programs; food waste recycling and backyard composting; proper battery recycling and handling; collection techniques for recycling programs; legislative updates, communication techniques, advances in the solid waste industry; and various recycling programs for municipalities to take advantage of and learn from, such as textile and electronic waste recycling. The group also toured the Monmouth County Landfill and household hazardous waste (HHW) facility. Representatives explained waste management, proper placement and site maintenance, landfill design, protective engineering, liners, leachate collection, and environmental monitoring. Attendees learned how HHW management keeps harmful materials out of regular waste streams. The group also toured Mazza Recycling's Class B facility, where they observed specialized equipment that processes construction and demolition debris and recovers and repurposes concrete, asphalt, wood, and other recyclable materials, diverting them from disposal. In addition to the class, attendees received a final exam and a service-learning project to complete before the end of the year, building on concepts learned in the course.