

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 9, 2025, 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.

Chairman Dour called the meeting to order and read the following:

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.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Chairman Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Ronald Smith and Ms. Laura Szwak

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Mr. Larry Ragonese

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineers; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Sara Uzatmaciyan, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator; and Michael Kobylarz, P.E., Alaimo Group.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting as well as the Closed Meeting Session of August 12, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of August 12, 2025, and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 4 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: 3

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of August 2025. Also included are the Solid Waste and Water Comparative Balance Reports through the month of August 2025 and an Investment Report showing new investments purchased during the month of August 2025. This month's investment report is showing two transactions. One, the maturing of a CD with Blue Foundry Bank, and the same being renewed for another twelve months at a rate of 4%. This will earn approximately \$127,204 at the end of the twelve-month period. Two, the opening of a money market account with Ocean First Bank earning 4.25%. This account will earn approximately \$173,664 over twelve months. Ms. Szwak inquired about where the \$4 million being invested came from. Mr. Kaletcher explained the money was moved from our operating account into an investment product that earns a more interest than what we were earning. Mr. Kaletcher explained the money market is fully liquid.

Chairman Dour 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 Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following three resolutions amending the 2025 MCMUA solid waste and water budgets. He provided background on the proposed

resolutions and stated a memo providing information about these three resolutions was submitted with the board meeting packets. The first, Resolution #2025-063, states that additional contractual costs incurred as a result of additional anticipated annual transfer station tonnage which will be offset by additional tipping fee revenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-063
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION 2025 FISCAL BUDGET
FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO
N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8

WHEREAS, the Morris County M.U.A. on September 9, 2025 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include additional revenue and appropriations due to 2025 additional disposal tonnage activity in the amount of \$763,900, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Director, Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are increases in budgeted revenue with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority’s budgeted revenue and appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>Increase Amended Revenue:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Tipping Fees (Oper. Rev.)	\$55,200,000.00	\$55,963,900.00
<u>Increase Amended Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Transport & Disposal (Transfer St. O&M)	\$27,993,600.00	\$28,576,800.00
Transfer Station Oper. (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 4,800,000.00	\$ 4,900,000.00
NJ Recycling Tax (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ 1,470,000.00
Host Benefit Fees (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 2,433,600.00	\$ 2,484,300.00

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY
By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to approved Resolution 2025-063 and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher explained the next two resolutions, #2025-064 and #2025-065, are reallocating budgetary funds in equal amounts from line items under budget to line items that are over forecasted. With respect to solid waste, as of August we only have about \$20,000 remaining in legal line items and he felt a cushion was needed based on current and potentially future legal matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-064
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
SOLID WASTE DIVISION

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority’s budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Fringe Benefits – Oper.	\$1,939,654.00	\$1,919,654.00
<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Legal Consultation	\$80,000.00	\$100,000.00

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approved Resolution 2025-064 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Druetzler inquired about the COPS (electricity) \$200,000 increase in water and he thought that was excessive in consideration of the electrical improvements we have been performing over the past several years which should have resulted in electrical savings. Mr. Kaletcher explaining COPS in an acronym used by the State and means “cost of producing services.” Mr. McAloon provided some of the reasons for needing more electricity funds, first is we are pumping and selling more water than anticipated which results in increase costs. Mr. Kaletcher also explained that the recent electricity auction price the MCMUA accepted, and is paying, was higher than the old price, but is still lower than the JCP&L price we would be paying if we didn’t go out to auction. Additionally, it is a set price for 2 years, not subject to increases anticipated in future JCP&L bills. It was also explained that the MCMUA will be taking over paying the cost of electricity at the transfer stations come the contract turnover and the MCMUA will incorporate those transfer station electricity costs in the next set of electricity auctions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-065
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
WATER DIVISION

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority’s budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Salaries & Wages - Admin.	\$ 317,013.00	\$ 257,013.00
Renewal & Replacement Reserve	\$ 3,700,000.00	\$3,500,000.00

<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Salaries & Wages - COPS	\$ 521,524.00	\$ 531,524.00
Engineering	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 465,000.00
Miscellaneous COPS (Electricity)	\$ 1,107,800.00	\$1,307,800.00

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approved Resolution 2025-065 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

Chairman Dour asked for the Board’s approval of the vouchers:

Mr. Druetzler asked about what the Maraziti cost was for the easement in Roxbury. Mr. McAloon explained this is for the MCMUA new regional meter for Mt. Arlington to correct the metering mess that relates the Cracker Barrell and the other facilities along Sterli Court which the MCMUA has been trying to address. HJR Group placed this meter pit in on their property due to on-site reasons and now, in order for the MCMUA to get access to our meter pit on their property, we need an easement, that is what this legal cost is for and Brad and staff have been corresponding and/or negotiating with HJR trying to come to a resolution to the easement. The good news is we did get the developer to install the meter pit on his dime. Mr. Druetzler was concerned that since the company is requesting the water that they should pay all the costs to get it, including our legal and engineering. Mr. Carney suggested that we continue this discussion in closed session as it is contract negotiation.

Regarding the line items for Carasoft (Salesforce), Ms. Szwak asked what was it for and Mr. Kaletcher explained Carasoft is the State contracted reseller for the Salesforce used by the MCMUA and it is split between water and solid waste.

Mr. Kaletcher stated he is currently preparing 2026 budgets and he is looking to conduct budget committee meetings with Board members the week of September 29. He suggested assembling last year’s committee consisting of Maria, Chris and Frank. Mr. Druetzler asked about Larry Ragonese and Mr. Gindoff stated he reached out to Larry about being a part of the meeting, but Larry will be away during the budget discussions and stated while he would like to participate but he suggested proceeding with the budget talks without him.

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-066

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. 2025-066 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$5,369,955.97** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7054-7080	\$ 1,245,914.31
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16252-16330	<u>\$ 4,124,041.66</u>
		\$ 5,369,955.97

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: September 9, 2025

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, Chairman

SIGNED:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

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: September 9, 2025.

DATE: September 9, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff had no updates on the included correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Letter dated August 27, 2025 from Larry Gindoff, MCMUA Executive Director to NJDEP requesting to extend public comment period regarding proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement With The 3M Company In the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, et al. Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.)

SOLID WASTE

1. Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment dated August 2025 entitled, Inclusion of Contracts for: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at

the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Mount Olive Township and Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

2. Resolution adopted by the Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council on August 21, 2025 entitled, Resolution Recommending The Morris County Board Of County Commissioners Amend The Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan To Include The Attached Proposed Amendment Dated August 2025 Entitled, "Inclusion of Contract for: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Mount Olive Township" and "Inclusion of Contract for: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township"

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) Water sales through August 2025 are above where we were at in 2024 and 2023; (2) At Flanders Valley we're working with a 3rd party vendor to replace the silicon-controlled rectifier, the SCR device that is impacting the motor starter. (3) Underground Utilities Corp. has pretty much completed all the mains, all the service and all the tie ins, they have one final connection to be made. They're waiting on some materials to do the line stop on the old pipe. We hope we can get them closed out by the end of the year. There was a big payment for them this month. They're 90% complete from a financial cost standpoint. There were there are some items that are a little bit over in quantities, some items that we're not going use, right now we're tracking to have a credit come back to us. Paving of the street, curb to curb will be part of Phase II which is anticipated to be out to bid on the heels of the completion of Phase I. (4) Regarding the Water Exploration Engineer (H2M), we had a meeting today consisting of some good introductory findings. We shared information with each other and we're going to have a follow up meeting in about month. (5) The contractor (Dee-En) was at the Mt. Olive transfer station repairing the Motor Control Center cabinet. (6) SCE prepared draft plans of NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering permit to construct package, shared with Larry and Tony, for Flanders Valley wells #1 and #2 for the PFAS improvements. (7) JCP&L was replacing the pole by Selma Blvd. last week and their auger hit our marked 24" and stuck the iron pipe. It was just a hairline crack and John Garcia was dispatched and they completed the installation of a repair band on it. We're tracking those costs and we'll send the bill to JCP&L. Regarding the water leak caused by Underground Utilities at the start of the project, SCE sent a letter requesting replenishment, put them on record that we're not entertaining any costs associated with that break at this time. This issue may be considered as part of our final negotiation change order at the end. Mr. Dour asked about what we doing with the old pipe? Mr. McAloon replied that it gets abandoned in place as we don't want to do anything else with it but putting cap on each on each end and the old one will be abandoned place.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of August 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 1,134.717 MG. This amount is approximately 89.65 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 105.02 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.

2. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

The MUA is working with a third party vendor (Rockwell/Turtle and Hughes) to furnish and install the failed Silicon Controlled Rectifier (SCR) device which controls the voltage applied to a motor during start-up, allowing for a gradual increase to full voltage. Due to long lead time, the replacement SCR has a ship date of 10/29; the vendor is doing everything in their power to expedite. Unfortunately, the final startup and synchronization and sequencing of the electrical breakers at the facility is awaiting the replacement of this device.

Project Completion Summary Through September 09, 2025

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 September 09, 2025

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

3. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I

Underground Utilities Corp. is currently awaiting the necessary materials to perform a wet tap and line stop; two remaining components of the project that are necessary to be completed. The wet tap to make the final connection to the existing main, and the line stop to perform the necessary isolation of the pipeline to facilitate the necessary cutting and capping of the old pipeline.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 2 in the amount of **\$156,027.76**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing if the documents are received within the specified cut-off dates for payment.

The Contractor is preparing a change order for pricing on several field design modifications which have been requested by Randolph, as well as the MUA. We are awaiting a summary of these costs, as well as the final reconciliation of the final project quantities and anticipate presenting them as one final change order during project closeout. Currently the overall project is trending to be less than the awarded amount.

Project Completion Summary Through September 09, 2025

Contract Start Date		June 23, 2025
Original Contract Completion Time		120 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	78	41%
Days Remaining:	42	59%
Original Contract Completion Date		October 21, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through September 09, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Payment Application #1	\$965,510.11
Payment Application #2	\$156,027.76
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,121,537.87
Percent of Work Complete	89.2%
Total Retainage to Date	\$22,888.53

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

SCE is working with the MUA to finalize the bid schedule for the project, but below is the anticipated schedule:

- Notice to Bidders Published in Papers: 9/11
- Bid Opening: 10/30
- SCE recommendation of Award for Meeting Cut-off: 11/3

- Anticipated Award: 11/10 meeting

5. Water Exploration Engineer

The H2M project team started the review of data provided, and began research and investigation into existing open space locations as well as other areas which could provide viable opportunities for development of new water sources.

Project Financial Summary Through September 09, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$86,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$5,222.40
Total Value of Work Complete	\$5,222.40
Percent of Work Complete	6%

6. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. is continuing coordinating a technician from the manufacturer to remediate the damage to the new Motor Control Center (MCC) cabinet. SCE will provide an update on the status at the meeting

Project Completion Summary Through August 12, 2025

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 12, 2025

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
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	53.6%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,714.82

7. NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company

Council will discuss the letter and related issues included with correspondence dated August 27, 2025 from Larry Gindoff, MCMUA Executive Director to NJDEP requesting to extend public comment period regarding proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement With The 3M Company In the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, et al. Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.).

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

(1) Mr Deacon provided an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Commissioner's public hearing which was moved from October 22, 2025, as reported originally, to November 5, 2025. He stated he is working on the notices required in preparation for the public hearing. Mr. Deacon stated he is presenting Resolution #2025-067 for the Board's consideration which provides an MCMUA recommendation to the Commissioners suggesting they adopt the Plan amendment. This is similar to the resolution recently adopted by the SWAC. Ms. Szwak asked if staff needs MCMUA Board support at the Commissioner's public hearing and Mr. Gindoff stated he appreciated the offer but doesn't expect any need for the Board members to attend. (2) Mr. Deacon provided updates on equipment and repairs going on at the transfer stations including replacement of the damaged 24" APC pipe, to be paid for by Mascaro. Arco is starting the roll-forming of the roof panels at Parsippany. The second sweeper truck just arrived at Parsippany. As equipment comes in we have to find places to store it. It is a bit easier at Mt. Olive but we have also utilized the armory to stage the 8 jockey truck already received. The temporary tarp rack up in Mt. Olive was taken down today as the new tarp rack in the tunnel

is now being used. Persistent Construction was also on site today to finish a trench drain repair we had in door one at Mount Olive. A new fire control panel was installed by Fast in our HHW trailer, our county fire marshals have to install their dialer and then that project is complete. (3) Regarding HHW, our next one-day event is Saturday, September 20 in Pequannock. (4) Mr. Deacon mentioned that we have accepted a little lake weed to date and Mr. Smith stated that Lake Hopatcong has approximately 1,700 yards to get rid of and Mr. Deacon reminded him that MCMUA only has capacity for 800 yards so to get us that material before another lake tries to utilize all our 800 yards of capacity. (5) Mr. Deacon mentioned screening is about to start at Mt. Olive Compost this week and the vegetative waste reports show 2025 continuing to lag behind 2024 due primarily to slower inbound deliveries in 2025 compared to 2024.

(5) Mr. Kobylarz provided an update on the solid waste engineering matters being performed by Alaimo. (a) Regarding the agreement proposed by New Jersey American Water (NJAW), we reviewed the agreement and had a team's meeting with counsel and staff. Overall, the agreement terms were acceptable but counsel requested to add some language regarding project scheduling, timing as well as a request for a smaller initial deposit. NJAW was amenable to the smaller (25%) deposit but not the other request changes. NJAW is not going to do anything I think as far as reaching out to contractors for the work until they get assured that the franchise agreement is going to take place. Mr. Dour asked if there is an easement involved and the response was there will be no easements involved, everything is within the right of way but NJAW will need a road opening permit, which NJAW will take care of. As far as on-site work that needs to be performed so the new water has somewhere to be connected, Alaimo is working on preparing cost estimated to be included in the 2026 budget. (b) As far as the Mt. Olive transfer station tarp rack replacement, it's substantially complete and Alaimo needs to perform a final inspection, but it is anticipated this contract will be closed out at the next Board meeting. (c) Regarding the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station north floor improvements Alaimo is finalizing the project design.

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of Resolution #2025-067 where the MCMUA is recommending the approval of the August 2025 Solid Waste Management Plan amendment which includes the J.P. Mascaro transportation and disposal contracts and disposal sites in the Plan to the County Commissioners.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-067

Resolution Recommending The Board Of County Commissioners Amend The Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan To Include The Attached Proposed Amendment Dated August 2025 Entitled, "Inclusion of Contracts For: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Mount Olive Township and Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township"

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) issued a Notice to Bidders seeking "Sealed Bids For Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Mount Olive Transfer Station Located in Mount Olive Township" and Sealed Bids For Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Parsippany Transfer Station Located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township;" and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, two resolutions were adopted by the MCMUA where the MCMUA Executive Director was authorized to enter into contracts for the transportation of solid waste to final disposal facilities, and disposal of solid waste from the MCMUA's two transfer stations for a period of five (5) years with Solid Waste Services, Inc., d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro and Sons (Mascaro) as the lowest responsible bidders; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2025, the MCMUA and Mascaro executed and entered into solid waste disposal contracts for the transportation of solid waste to final disposal facilities, and disposal of solid waste from the MCMUA's two transfer stations for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, state regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.10(b)3 et. seq.) require a solid waste district to adopt and submit to the NJDEP, a solid waste management plan (Plan) amendment when a solid waste district or authority enters into a solid waste disposal contract; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority being of the opinion that the amendment to the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan dated August 2025 entitled, “Inclusion of Contracts For: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Mount Olive Township and Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township,” that includes the county’s latest contracts for the disposal facilities for the waste accepted at the transfer stations, and transporter used to haul the waste from the transfer stations to the selected disposal facilities would be in the best public interest and would advance the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority approves of the amendment to the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan dated August 2025 and attached hereto, that was prepared to meet the state’s requirements that Morris County adopt a Plan amendment that includes the latest contracts for the approved disposal facilities for the waste accepted at the transfer stations, and transporters used to haul the waste from the transfer stations to the selected disposal facilities, and recommends to the Board of County Commissioners of Morris County that said board adopt the amendment to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan dated August 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the proposed amendment to the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan, dated August 2025 shall be available for public inspection and shall be submitted to the Morris County Board of County Commissioners for further action as required by law and the Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approved Resolution 2025-067 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The third and final Atlantic Health System (Morristown Memorial Hospital) automated external defibrillator (AED)/ “Heart Saver” cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/ basic first aid training with six (6) MCMUA employees took place on August 26 at the Markowicz Booster Station in Randolph. As a result, a total of **36 MCMUA employees** are now AED/CPR certified for the next two (2) years, having the ability to implement the critical emergency procedures used to save lives during cardiac arrest.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids On July 8, 2025, contract execution occurred for Bid #2025-SW01 for the Mount Olive Transfer Station and Bid #2025-

SW02 for the Parsippany Transfer Station . Following, MCMUA staff conducted a Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meeting on August 21, 2025. Notice of this SWAC meeting was posted in the Daily Record for the public. During the SWAC meeting, Resolution #01-2025 was adopted recommending the Morris County Board Commissioners amend the Plan to include the new contracts. Both the SWAC resolution and the Plan Amendment have been attached as correspondence for the Board. A similar resolution will now be presented to the MCMUA Board for its consideration recommending the approval of the Plan amendment to the County Commissioners at our September 9, 2025, MCMUA Board meeting. Concurrently, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is preparing the required resolution and legal notice setting the date for a public hearing regarding this Plan amendment at a County Commissioner meeting, currently proposed to be October 22, 2025.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 40,413 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in August 2025 was 6.7% less than the 43,314 tons accepted a year ago in August 2024. After compiling the first eight (8) months of actual tonnage for 2025, it is current projected that the annual tonnage for 2025 will be 482,251 tons which would represent a 1.14% increase over the 476,803 tons accepted in 2024. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

August Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2024 to 2025):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 15,796- 2,745 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,415- 431 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 1,101- 7 less than 2024

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 24,616- 156 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 5,976- 552 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 552- 61 more than 2024

MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle remains in communication with Case Equipment/GT Mid Atlantic on the all the “yellow” heavy equipment for the stations. On August 14, 2025, the MCMUA received three (3) new SV280B skid steers which included all the attachments: 48” forks, 88” grapple bucket, 84” angle broom, 84” snow blower, all units included the 84” buckets and solid tires. Two (2) skid steers were delivered directly to the Parsippany station, the third to Mount Olive. The second new Karcher MCM 600 diesel mechanical sweeper should be arriving in Parsippany within the next few weeks.

On August 26, the MCMUA Operations staff proactively met with Director of Operations, Mr. Tim Laux, Regional General Manager, Mr. Brian Rosar, and Corporate Customer Service Manager, Mr. Mark Cesare of J.P. Mascaro and Sons (Mascaro) at the Parsippany transfer station to discuss details and changes within the new contracts come December 15, 2025. The meeting started by discussing personnel in hopes for a smooth transition. A Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL) will now be required for both the Heavy Equipment Operator and the Diesel Mechanic titles under the NJ Civil Service. Mascaro will need to plan to switch utilities like water, sewer, and electric back to the MCMUA. Operational topics like trailers, tarps, fueling, general repairs, gross weights, pre and post trip inspections, ongoing daily communication, and providing the MCMUA with a 24-hour contact lists were the main focus of the meeting. Other nuances included in the contracts were reenforced with the group, understanding that both parties need to continue to work together. The meeting ending discussing the timeline of a coordinated exit plan for IT, stock, and heavy equipment. JPM plans to have all the major repairs at both transfer stations completed before December- APC piping, doors, air curtains, and floor washdown hydrants, paving and striping, etc. MCMUA is still working closely with the Morris County Division of Personnel on the next steps for staffing the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations come December 2025.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024-2025 planned projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), H2M, and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the September 9 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Motor Control Center (MCC) replacement project (2024-SW01) by electrical contractor DEE-EN, Linden, New Jersey- On July 25, using subcontractor IPE Rigging Corp, both MCC cabinets (2) were lifted into the electrical room from tipping floor bay #4. The smaller cabinet had arrived onsite with some peripheral damage. DEE-EN started installing conduit, hooking the larger MCC unit (undamaged) to the existing pull boxes in the electrical room. SCE has been in communication with DEE-EN and the MCC manufacturer to repair the damage to the smaller cabinet. SCE has included payment to the schedule of warrants for the September 9 Board meeting for \$57,677 for the work performed. Further details on the MCC project at the Mount Olive transfer station can be found in the Engineer's Report.
- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) from Fairview, New Jersey. Alaimo has included Payment Application #2 for \$70,560 for the Board's consideration at the September 9 meeting. Two (2) new Global Industrial vertical downflow unit heaters have been installed on either side of the tunnel by the certified electrician subcontractor. The electrical improvements include a new service panel in the maintenance shop, outlets over at each side of the tarp rack, and timers for both the heaters. A majority of this project has now been completed. Only small concrete corrections and potential "punch-list" items remain. Once completed, Persistent will remove the temporary tarp rack/scaffolding and the surrounding concrete "jersey" barriers located on the East side of the facility that have been utilized during construction.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- On August 21, MCMUA staff had a virtual meeting with both Alaimo and Counsel to discuss the New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWCo) "Extension Deposit Agreement" to install 800' of DICL domestic service and 6" fire service down Gold Mine Road. After reviewing in detail, the MCMUA tasked Alaimo with going back to NJAWCo to 1) request a construction/procurement schedule and 2) request that the MCMUA consents to any construction contract over the estimated price of \$366,791.79. Alaimo is also working on the franchise approval by BPU and other permits like the application for soil erosion and sediment control plan certification as required.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- North tipping floor/small floor at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. This project will include a full replacement of the aging floor using Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 materials, improvements/replacement of the trench drain system using plasma cut steel grate currently in place at the Mount Olive facility, and installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to prevent future damage by heavy equipment to the building. On August 21, MCMUA staff reviewed partial draft plans and responded back to Alaimo with comments and suggestions.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement- Replacement of the 32,300 square foot (SF) standing seam metal roof, 10,000 SF of metal siding, 560 linear feet (LF) of metal gutters, and full replacement of the membrane (EPDM) roof of the transfer station offices- Arco Construction, Inc. (Arco) from West Caldwell. Arco plans to mobilize equipment and set up for field roll forming of the roof panels on September 9 to September 12. H2M Engineering remains in constant contact with the MCMUA Parsippany operations managers and will be overseeing construction.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- During the month of August 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 329 serviced appointments, which included 294 Morris County residents, 3 VSQG/small businesses, and 32 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in August of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 321 serviced appointments, which included 284 Morris County residents, 36 out-of-County residents, and 1 VSQG/small business. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 1,898 serviced appointments after the eight (8) months- 1,725 Morris County residents, 142 out-of-County residents, and 31 VSQG/small businesses.

The final two (2) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off events this year will take place on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, at Pequannock Valley Park- Marvin Road/PV Park Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey

07444 and **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at the County College of Morris (CCM)- Parking Lot #1, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA Transfer Stations Accounts Manager Anita Singewald has been instrumental in keeping the MCMUA delivery program of mulch and compost to County residents moving forward through the month of August, and now into September. Both sites will be officially out of screened compost after the deliveries scheduled for September 8, resulting in an overall successful 2025 delivery program. Residents have even started to request our unscreened materials. Through our shared services agreement with Parsippany Forestry, the Diamond Z horizontal grinder rental and grinding services processed all tree parts and brush piles at both vegetative waste facilities. Parsippany's brush pile took only four (4) hours to process resulting in approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) of materials, while Mount Olive's brush pile that was put through a double grind and took about a week produced approximately 1,300 CY. The double grind of Mount Olive's class B section, logs and wood chips, produced approximately 2,900 CY. As of the writing of this report, inbound lake weed to Mount Olive from Lake Hopatcong is 60 CY and Lake Musconetcong is 30 CY.

On August 14, the Township of East Brunswick, through a governmental agency-to-agency purchase for \$45,000, removed the 2001 Scarab 18LL-450 D4 Windrow Turner from the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility. Program Manager Stephen Adams worked with Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. (HVI Services, Inc.) to sell over 180 CY of unscreened compost from Parsippany in preparation for leaf season. The MCMUA's partnership with Vollers also assisted in obtaining three (3) quotes for a screener rental. The MCMUA plans to rent a Phoenix 3300 trommel screener from Emerald Equipment for one (1) full month- splitting operations at both sites. The MCMUA is planning to send Solid Waste Utilitarians Raymond Dykstra and Jose (Tony) Diaz, III to the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Office of Continuing Professional Education- New Jersey Compost Operator Certification Course on September 18 and 19. This would bring the MCMUA up to twelve (12) current employees holding this one-time certification. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report and will be provided to the Board during the September 9 meeting.

Stormwater Permits, General Approval, and related Administrative Actions- MCMUA staff continues to work with both the NJDEP and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on the following projects:

- Modification Application concerning the renewal of the Mount Olive facility's Multi-Class (B&C) Recycling Center General Approval- On August 21, MCMUA staff received an email from the NJDEP reporting that the submittal is now "administratively complete." Staff is now awaiting the physical copy of the NJDEP General Approval for Mount Olive.
- The new Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting (WRC) general New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) stormwater permit for the Mount Olive facility, NJPDES DST Permit #NJG0372919 PI #1106137, was received on August 15, 2025. The same NJPDES stormwater permit for the Parsippany facility, NJPDES DST Permit #NJG0374008 PI #1108965, was received on August 21, 2025.
- MCMUA staff continues to work with SCE on the required Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SPPP) and Drainage Control Plans (DCP) that need to be submitted to the NJDEP within six (6) months from the effective date of the above-mentioned permits, which is September 1, 2025.
- On MCMUA staff received two (2) approved Administrative Action (AA) requests from the NJDEP officially renaming both MCMUA vegetative waste facilities: Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) Multi-Class B/C Recycling Center- Mount Olive Facility on August 19, and Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) Multi-Class B/C Recycling Center- Parsippany Facility on August 28.
- The MCMUA has reviewed both Mount Olive and Parsippany facility Site Plans in detail and SCE has made all the necessary changes. Staff has asked SCE to print physical copies that will be taken to the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office (MCFM) for signature, before being providing to the NJDEP.

During the review of these Site Plans, the MCFM decided to update our Fire Control Plan for the Parsippany facility. Mount Olive's Fire Control Plan will require a joint site visit.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

(1) Regarding marketing and what was reported, Ms. Szwak expressed her frustration with manufacturers utilizing virgin plastics instead of recycled plastics. Mr. Marrone stated how the falling markets began to level out last month which is good news because the current high costs of marketing single-stream is about where the market was during its low point two years ago. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there is an annual increase in the cost of marketing of around \$5/ton each year, so while the costs are around where they were two years ago the commodity markets aren't quite as bad, though close. Mr. Marrone continued by stating the finalized single-stream rate for August was \$82.83 which was an increase in cost of \$6.71/ton compared to July. (2) Mr. Marrone provided summaries on several shared service recycling agreements staff is working on which are due to terminate at the end of the year. He mentioned we have two shared services contract resolutions to present to the Board tonight, one for Chatham Township curbside collection and the second for collection at the Wharton Borough Board of Education. Also we just received word that the Rockaway Valley Schools will be agreeing to a 5-year collection agreement, so the Board should expect a resolution on that in October. Regarding the letter discussed last month about the Long Hill Township procurement, Mr. Carney reported that upon looking into the facts more closely he felt they didn't support the MCMUA's arguments, and it was determined with staff to move on and not argue the matter with Long Hill. Mr. Marrone stated he let Long Hill know that the MCMUA was not interested in performing the depot work by itself. Finally, Mr. Marrone mentioned the MCMUA will be submitting a shared services proposal to Roxbury tomorrow for curbside collection in response to their current bid on the street. Mr. Gindoff stated he did not anticipate being in a good position to win that work and did not expect the proposal to be accepted by Roxbury. Of the other proposals before municipalities due by the end of the year, Mr. Marrone stated he hoped all would be approved by the towns as he has not heard of any of those towns trying to find a vendor besides the MCMUA. (3) Mr. Marrone mentioned and detailed the programs related to the slate of meetings coming up this fall. (5) Mr. Marrone highlighted the work of Michelle Chavanne, Clean Communities Coordinator, and how she has been revamping the program and its grants and education related to it.

Mr. Marrone explained that the following two resolutions are for the purchase of two complete compactors budgeted for in 2025. It takes two resolutions because each complete truck consists of a chassis as well as a rear-load compactor body and there is a resolution for each. He first asked for the Board's approval of Resolution #2025-068 which authorizes the MCMUA to utilize the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with International/Allegiance for the acquisition of two curbside chassis, totaling \$363,595.72. Mr. Druetzler inquired if the trucks were diesel and the answer was yes. He expressed his concerns of the troubles with keeping diesels operational these days and was hoping they could be gas powered instead for reliability purposes.

Resolution No. 2025-068

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with International/Allegiance, At Northern (2 x Curbside Chassis)

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System "ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System", which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing

the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into contracts with the following Referenced ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts;

International/Allegiance, At Northern NJ Contract #23/24-04 2 x Chassis \$363,595.72
01-3-300-800-151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED; that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **September 9, 2025 to September 9, 2026**.

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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approved Resolution #2025-068 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Marrone next asked for the Board’s approval of Resolution # 2025-069 which authorizes the use of the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. for the purchase of two rear-load refuse bodies, totaling \$313,572.26.

Resolution #2025-069

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. (Curbside 2 x Rearload Refuse Body)

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System “ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System”, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing

the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into a contract with the following Referenced ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendor through this resolution and properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract;

Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. Contract #23/24-04 2 x Leach Model 29 Cubic Yard Rearload Refuse Body \$313,572.26 Line Item #01-3-300-800-151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract; and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED; that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **September 9, 2025 to September 9, 2026**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approved Resolution #2025-069 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Marrone next asked for the Board’s approval of Resolution # 2025-070 which authorizes a 5-year shared services recycling collection contract with Chatham Township.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-070

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township Of Chatham Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Chatham (“Municipality” or “Township”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside

pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Chatham desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, 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 execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Chatham commencing on or about January 1, 2026.”
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approved Resolution #2025-070 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Marrone next asked for the Board’s approval of Resolution #2025-071 which authorizes a shared services recycling collection contract with Wharton Borough Board of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-071

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Collection Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Wharton Borough Board Of Education Commencing On Or About September 1, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), the County of Morris has adopted mandatory source separation for recyclable materials in its Solid Waste Management Plan (the “Plan”) for residents, businesses, and institutions, including but not limited to schools; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist the Wharton Borough Board of Education (BOE) in waste reduction and increase recycling by providing collection and transportation of trash and recyclable materials at the BOE’s schools; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(14), the MCMUA may enter into contracts for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in an agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program is exempt from public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(3)(b), any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(c), the agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate resolutions by all the parties thereto, and execution of agreements authorized thereunder as set forth in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the BOE desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the collection of trash and recyclable materials commencing September 1, 2025 for five (5) years until August 31, 2030. The initial annual cost of service for the BOE is \$7,500.00 with an annual 2% increase in cost.

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 execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement Providing For Collection And Transporting Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Wharton Board Of Education Commencing On Or About September 1, 2025.”
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approved Resolution 2025-071 and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

August Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

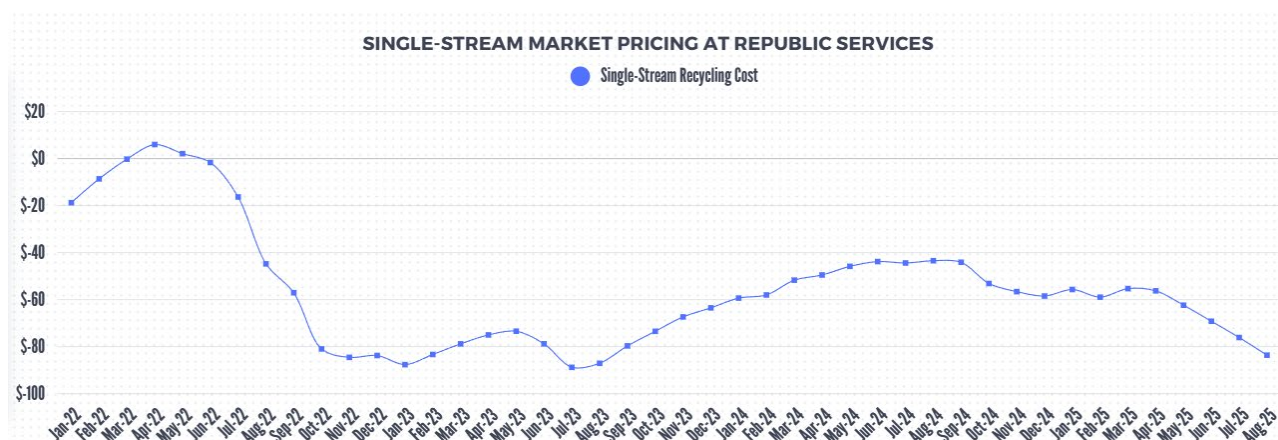
In August, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was calculated at -\$83.63 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$7.51 from the finalized rate of -\$76.12 in the previous month.

Throughout the month, recycling markets saw a drop in prices, though the pace of decline began to ease towards the end, hinting at a potential stabilization. Nevertheless, a noticeable depreciation persists across all commodity categories. Ongoing tariff decisions disrupt financial markets and fuel global uncertainty, leaving an unclear outlook for the future. Price fluctuations in the recycling market are anticipated, as shifts impact recyclables in both national and international economies. Typically, summer is a strong season for recycling markets; however, the economy has not rebounded since the onset of COVID-19. With markets reflecting consumer habits, many buyers feel pressure, a concern echoed by several consumer product companies and retailers in their most recent quarterly reports.

Looking back, prices for August and September were similar to those from the same period two years ago. At that point, international fiber markets halted production while domestic facilities were set up, leading to a price slump due to oversupply. In the plastics sector, resin buyers are increasingly choosing virgin plastic over post-consumer resin, which is proving more economical. This shift is fueled by a significant drop in recycled resin prices alongside an abundance of virgin plastics that outstrip demand.

Current market conditions continue to pose hurdles for manufacturers relying on recycled materials, while consumers are becoming more cautious about spending due to the uncertain political and trade landscape affecting commodity prices. This situation is distinct from what has been seen at various points throughout the year, and it will take time for everyone to adjust. Additional complications arise from cultural shifts that have led to decreased demand for alcoholic beverages, alongside the effects of food, beverage, and snack sales. Moreover, tariffs have not yet been fully absorbed into consumer prices, with retailers currently shouldering a significant portion of these costs. This scenario is not sustainable in the long run. All these factors contribute to a diminished need for packaging and boxes. The plastics sector faces greater challenges, such as an influx of low-cost virgin and recycled resin from abroad, which is putting pressure on recycling markets, particularly in the case of PET, which is overwhelmed by a surplus of cheap resin imports. Additionally, color HDPE is struggling due to sluggish housing markets, while polypropylene requires increased manufacturing of durable products.

Experts remain hopeful for a production recovery by late 2025 to early 2026. As consumers start their holiday shopping earlier than usual, this influences box production trends, and retailers adjust to production levels that may fall below typical rates. While a rebound in recycling markets is anticipated, the timeline for this recovery remains uncertain. Additionally, the effects of higher tariffs have yet to be fully realized, as consumers continue to exercise caution in their spending.



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

Resolution(s) for Board Consideration

Resolutions for (2) Rear Load Compacting Truck Chassis and (2) Rear Load Compactor Truck Bodies

During the 2025 budgeting process, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) evaluated its current and future contract needs. At that time, it was determined that two new rear-loading compactor refuse trucks were necessary to support our curbside recycling division effectively. However, purchasing these vehicles was initially postponed due to a potential shared services agreement with Randolph Township, which would involve using three Automated Side-Loading Vehicles. Later in the year, MCMUA learned that Randolph Township had opted to seek bids for these services instead of agreeing with us. Consequently, we reverted to our original plan to purchase the rear-loading vehicles, which is now being presented to the Board for consideration through the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 2025-068: This resolution authorizes the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to utilize the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with International/Allegiance for the acquisition of two curbside chassis, totaling \$363,595.72.

Resolution No. 2025-069: This resolution authorizes the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to utilize the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with Wittke Sanitation Equipment Corp. for the purchase of two rear-load refuse bodies, totaling \$313,572.26.

Resolutions for (2) Recycling Shared Services Agreements:

Chatham Township requested two quotations: one for weekly service and another for the biweekly service they currently have, which is under consideration. After reviewing the quotations, they decided to retain their existing biweekly service. They are expected to approve our agreement at their council meeting on September 9, with only minor changes to the service options. A similar resolution for adoption will be presented to the MCMUA Board for approval. The service agreement is set to begin on January 1, 2026, and will last for five years, ending on December 31, 2030. The annual price will start at \$205,359.00, with a 2% increase each year thereafter.

Resolution No. 2025-070: The Board will be asked to consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-070 authorizing the execution of an agreement to provide for curbside collection, transporting, and marketing of recyclable materials between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Chatham, commencing on or about January 1, 2026.

In late June, the Wharton Board of Education contacted the MCMUA to inform us that it expects to deliberate on our proposed shared services agreement for recycling by the end of the summer. They informed us that our proposal is being presented for consideration by the Board for their vote and would let us know their determination. In August, the MCMUA was informed that the Board seeks to approve our agreement at their September meeting when school is back in session. A similar resolution for adoption will be presented to the MCMUA Board for approval. The service agreement is set to begin on September 1, 2025, and will last for five years, ending

on August 31, 2030. The annual price will start at \$7,500.00, with a 2% increase each year thereafter.

Resolution No. 2025-071: The Board will be asked to consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-071 authorizing the execution of an agreement providing for collecting recyclable materials between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Wharton Borough Board of Education, commencing on or about September 1, 2025.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

MCMUA's Work on Renewing Expiring and the Addition of New Collection Service Agreements:

Throughout August, Marrone and Toomey continued to work on preparing for the many upcoming shared service agreements set to expire at the end of 2025, as previously reported to the Board. In addition to proposals currently awaiting approval from municipal customers, as previously reported to the Board, the following additional work was completed this month:

Township of Long Hill Recycling Services New SSA Proposal Update:

In June, the MCMUA discovered that the Township had posted its bid for solid waste, recycling, and bulk waste collection, with submissions due by July 31. The MCMUA submitted its proposal electronically the afternoon before the bid opening and provided a written submission to the municipality on the day of the bid opening. No official bidders were present at the bid opening. A representative from Grand Sanitation arrived late but was still allowed entry into the room. When he arrived, the clerk and administrator took his bid packet but noted that it was late and could not be accepted at the time of the opening. They did not read the MCMUA's proposal aloud, as it was not part of the bidding process. Since the bid included trash collection services, the Township informed the MCMUA and Grand Sanitation that it would consult its legal team to determine the next steps, which may involve re-bidding.

On August 6, the Township's DPW Director contacted Marrone and requested a meeting to discuss our proposal for recycling further. On August 7, Marrone, Toomey, and Kaletcher were invited to Town Hall, where they met with the DPW Director and Town Administrator to review our proposal and discuss options for recycling. Moreover, the published bid failed to cover collection from the municipal depot, and the MCMUA was asked to price these services as they would not have to provide a change order for services should they decide to go with another vendor for service. Specifics for collection and pricing options were discussed then, and the conversation details were brought before the MCMUA Administration and Board for further action thereafter. The MCMUA further determined that the pricing provided by Grand Sanitation was vastly below the MCMUA's cost of doing business, while servicing the depot would not be cost-effective with our current operations.

On September 3, Marrone presented the MCMUAs' overall determination to the Township to keep its proposed price as originally presented at the bid opening while abstaining from providing depot service for this contract period. This would also not be cost-effective, as no other operations were in the area to make it worthwhile for service. Marrone further thanked the Township for considering its proposal and still offered to assist with recycling education, support of its recycling inspection campaign, and other collaborations moving forward. The Township appreciated the gesture and thanked Marrone and the Recycling Administrative Team for all their education work over the years and the excellent operations service received, helping to make recycling a mainstay of the Township.

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot and Curbside Collection SSA Proposal:

In late June, Marrone requested the Township's complete bid package, which included the collection services for solid waste, vegetative material, recycling, bulk items, and metals, following the Township's original request for a quotation for a recycling shared services agreement months prior. It was decided that we would submit a proposal for biweekly single-stream collection. Additionally, the scope of what the municipality sought was expanded from our initial discussions when drafting their shared services agreement. If the proposal is accepted,

Roxbury plans to merge the depot and curbside agreements while transitioning from weekly dual-stream collection to biweekly single-stream collection to achieve cost savings. A shared services agreement, along with a letter detailing these services, has been completed and is awaiting submission for the bid opening date of September 10.

On August 6, the Township scheduled a pre-bid meeting where the Township reviewed specifications and answered questions from potential bidders. Toomey attended this meeting representing the MCMUA along with three other representatives from Blue Diamond/Waste Connections. At the time of the meeting, the Township provided an overview of the bid documentation, explained the service to be provided, and provided explanations for bidding. Several questions regarding the collection were asked by the other parties at the meeting, with one asking if the MCMUA was expected to provide a shared services agreement to the Township for recycling services.

General Municipal Recycling Services New SSA Updates:

In August, Marrone and Toomey followed up on their submitted shared service agreement proposals for the following municipalities: Boonton Township, Chatham Township, Chester Borough, East Hanover Township, Hanover Township, Rockaway Borough, and Wharton Borough. These agreements are still being decided upon and reviewed by their respective towns and are pending approval from their governing bodies.

In addition to the above municipal agreements, the MCMUA and the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills worked to finalize their draft agreement involving the shared staffing and equipment services that both parties currently benefit from in times of emergency. The draft is presently with the municipality for their final review before both parties can adopt it on both their ends. Our current agreement expires on October 31 of this year.

General Commercial/Institutional Recycling Service SSA Renewal Updates:

As a carryover from the previous month, the Hanover Park Condominiums in East Hanover continued its weekly service in August. On several occasions, Marrone and Toomey spoke with the property manager and the complex board of directors on and off-site to review collection services, educate them on proper recycling services regarding our program, and label all containers purchased by the complex. With the height of the rear load dumpsters that the complex purchased still an issue for our collection crews, both parties discussed several solutions, including installing ramps, creating gradual slopes for containers to be wheeled down for collection, and replacing the current rear-loading containers with front-loading ones. The option currently before the complex is the latter option under consideration with their board to resolve this issue and ensure ease of collection with our crew. The MCMUA hopes to have this matter come to a final determination by the end of September.

In early August, the MCMUA responded to The Collections at Morristown Condominium Association's request for curbside recycling services as it sought a higher level of service than its current hauler could provide. At present, the housing complex utilizes existing 64-gallon carts, which typically do not comply with MCMUA program guidelines. However, Toomey arranged for the MCMUA curbside department to test one of the complex's carts with one of the MCMUA's truck tippers, and they determined that these carts can be serviced without issue. Following this meeting, a tentative collection schedule and pricing options were determined and presented to the management company for consideration. The MCMUA is expected to hear back by the end of September with their determination.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs in August 2025. Details regarding these activities are provided in a supplemental report.

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

- MCMUA Attends the Tri-Town (Boonton Town, Boonton Township, Mountain Lakes Borough) Night Out Event
- MCMUA and Republic Services MRF Joint Efforts to Increase Recycling Education
- MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Attends the Chester Borough and Township Night Out Event
- Morris County Municipality Recycling Awards and Letters
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA General Staff Development Training
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA MRC and MC CCC Future Meeting Planning:

In August, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Team worked to finalize the details of their upcoming coordinator meetings as follows:

Morris County MUA's Third Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting:

Throughout the month, Marrone focused on finalizing our third MRC (Municipal Recycling Committee) meeting, which will involve collaboration with Bergen, Essex, Passaic, and Hudson counties. In August, Marrone held several follow-up meetings to secure speakers, finalize the publication agenda, and outline the specifics of the meeting. The confirmed list of speakers includes representatives from the NJSEA (the host site), NJDEP, and the US EPA, who will provide program updates. Additionally, there will be a presentation on how to run a Repair Café from the Borough of Rutherford and best practices for food rescue on a commercial scale, presented by the non-profit organization Table to Table. Participants can also look forward to a joint NJDEP and Clean Cities presentation on vehicle electrification and grant opportunities, equipment demonstrations, recycling market updates, legislative updates, and ANJR updates. Furthermore, there will be sessions on best practices for environmental education and a discussion of how a municipality transitioned to automated collection, including the advantages and disadvantages of that implementation.

Morris County MUA's Fourth Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting:

Throughout the month, Marrone and Eramo focused on finalizing the details for our fourth and final MRC meeting with GreenChip Recycling in Brooklyn, scheduled for October 30. A charter bus will transport all attendees to the GreenChip electronics recycling facility in Greenpoint. Participants will receive a presentation and tour at the facility, followed by a visit to the neighboring Allocco Recycling facility, which specializes in scrap metal recycling and construction aggregates. Allocco also operates a marine transfer station. After the meeting, the bus will take everyone back to New Jersey. The MUA plans to host recycling trivia games with prizes during the bus rides. Additionally, Marrone coordinated with Florham Park to use their municipal pool parking lot, which is closed for the season, as a pickup and drop-off point for our coordinators to manage the 50 vehicles expected for the day.

Morris County MUA's Annual Clean Communities Coordinator Meeting:

Throughout the month, Marrone, Chavanne, and Toomey worked to finalize educational materials, meeting details, and specifications for the upcoming meeting. This meeting is scheduled at the New Jersey School of Conservation in Branchville, NJ, on Wednesday, September 17. The agenda will include an overview of the site's history and educational offerings, a review of various programs, and information on how Clean Communities grant funding can be utilized for school and public educational field trips and academic presentations at this location. Additionally, Chavanne developed several new resources for coordinators for the upcoming grant period, which she will present to the attendees. The school has also prepared three hands-on classes related to Clean Communities, focusing on litter prevention and awareness. These classes will be available for coordinators to attend and for teachers to request as part of their course offerings. The descriptions of these classes are as follows:

- **Water Ecology:** In this session, participants will explore the importance of clean water and how human activities affect water quality. Activities include discussing the role of water in life and comparing water quality across New Jersey. A hands-on survey at the

Big Flatbrook will involve measuring stream flow, analyzing water chemistry, and sampling aquatic organisms. The session will conclude with a discussion on protecting aquatic resources and managing litter.

- **Fish Ecology:** This field activity will focus on the vital role of fish in aquatic ecosystems and the importance of responsible fishing practices. Participants will use recycling receptacles for fishing line provided by New Jersey Clean Communities and capture fish from Lake Wapalanne for observation. The session will cover fish anatomy, life cycles, habitat threats, and conservation efforts.
- **Turtle Hurdles:** This activity teaches participants about sea turtle ecology and the impacts of human activities, especially ocean litter. Through role-playing, participants will experience the life cycle of sea turtles and understand the mortality factors they face. Designed for Upper Elementary to Middle School students, this lesson, developed by Project Wild, is a valuable resource for Clean Communities Coordinators to share with local educators.

The meeting has had a positive turnout, and we have extended invitations to County and Municipal coordinators throughout the state. In addition to these resources, the MCMUA has obtained supplies and built several fishing line recycling receptacles in-house. These receptacles will be provided to the site for future use, while the remaining ones will be distributed to attendees for use in their communities. Accompanying these materials is a how-to guide, a PowerPoint presentation, and information on how to recycle the collected materials for free through a take-back program with Berkley Fly Co. We've also included example signage and stickers for the containers.



Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Roadway Cleanups with MCMUA Contractor Adopt-A-Highway:

In early August, Civitella and Chavanne organized two county road cleanups with the MCMUAs cleanup contractor—one on August 18 and the other on August 25. The former cleanup was held on International Drive, resulting in 23 bags of trash, 9 bags of recycling, and about 15 pounds of construction debris being cleaned off the roadway. The August 25 cleanup was held on Boonton Ave. in Boonton Town, where about 16 bags of trash and 9 bags of recycling were removed, along with about 60 pounds of construction debris and a minifridge.

MCMUA General Program Revisions and Efforts to Improve the Clean Communities Program:

Morris County Clean Communities Program Webpage Redesign & Resources:

Starting in August, Chavanne began work on overhauling the MCMUA Clean Communities webpage. Two-thirds of the planned pages can be viewed at [Clean Communities – MCMUA News](#). Once completed, the Clean Communities webpage will feature the following:

1. A general Clean Communities homepage that aims to explain the program to the public and provide helpful resources.
2. A sub-page dedicated to Clean Communities Coordinators, offering updates from the MCMUA and additional resources.

3. A public grant information sub-page that summarizes all grants and contests under the Clean Communities program, including their application processes.

New resources include:

- A list of Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators for public access.
- A Clean Communities Coordinator Handbook.
- Statistical report resources, including a budget tracker and a guide for completing the Statistical Report.
- A Coordinator Checklist.
- A calendar of upcoming events and meetings.

The MCMUA team and JoAnn Gemenden, Clean Communities Council Executive Director, have reviewed and approved our new statistical reporting resources, including the new Statistical Report Guide, to be used in the upcoming Rutgers Clean Communities Certification course this coming Fall. The Clean Communities Coordinator Handbook is also in its first draft stage for review and updates. The calendar is now live on the Clean Communities Coordinator sub-page, featuring all known upcoming events, and the coordinator list is being updated to be added to the website.

Morris County Clean Communities Program Mini Grant Program Enhancement and Expansion:

In August, Chavanne, Marrone, and Toomey began formalizing the grants the Morris County Clean Communities Program provides to create a clear paper trail, allowing for easier tracking and budgeting of all expenses for the upcoming grant period. The Clean Communities Program will offer the following grants:

1. School Cleanup Grant: Schools can apply for a mini-grant of \$500 to complete a school cleanup successfully. After the cleanup, schools are required to submit a simple form to report their cleanup statistics. This year, the Clean Communities Program encourages schools to use the funds for educational programs or field trips that emphasize the importance of their efforts.
2. Non-Profit Cleanup Grant: Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant based on their proposed cleanup activities for the upcoming year. Funding will be determined by the number of cleanups planned during the grant period or the scope of their projects. One cleanup activity can also be substituted for one educational activity, pending pre-approval from the MCMUA. The funding scale is as follows:
 - a. Single Day Cleanup: Up to \$500
 - b. 3-4 Annual Cleanups: Between \$1,500 and \$2,000
 - c. 5-7 Annual Cleanups: Between \$2,500 and \$3,000
 - d. 8 or more Annual Cleanups: Up to \$4,500

For all funding opportunities, applicants must submit an initial application detailing their organization, proof of non-profit status, and a list of planned cleanup days. Before funding is disbursed, they must also provide a statistical report on the amount of litter collected.

3. Public Education Grant: Public entities within Morris County (such as libraries, schools, and public programs) can request a grant to reimburse them for educational programs or assemblies. The MCMUA will follow the following steps:
 - a. Interested educational vendors must fill out a form for pre-approval at the beginning of the grant period to provide their pricing structures and assist public entities in finding suitable programs.
 - b. The public entity must then formally request reimbursement for a specific vendor. This application must include the date of the presentation and the expected cost.
 - c. After the event, a simple form must be submitted as proof of completion. Once this form is received, the MCMUA will reimburse the public entities.
4. School Art Contest: Schools throughout Morris County can participate in a county-wide art contest designed to engage students creatively. The contest will feature various categories, including:
 - a. Multi-Media Art Design: Encouraging unique and 3D art forms, such as sewing, knitting, sculpting, photography, Etc.

- b. Recycled Art Design: Allowing students to use everyday items to promote reuse and raise awareness about recycling practices.
- c. 2D Art Design: This category is open to all 2D hand-drawn submissions, including drawings, paintings, and charcoal. Digital art will not be accepted.
- d. Elementary Design: This category is for children below grade 5 (ages 5-9). Students will draw pictures on 8x11-inch paper with a border promoting recycling.

This structure aims to foster community involvement and increase awareness of environmental issues among students.

Clean Communities Educational Programming Materials:

In August, Civitella developed a comprehensive list outlining educational programs for implementation with the Morris County Clean Communities program. These are designed to be interactive and can be adapted for classroom and outdoor learning environments. Each activity focuses on waste reduction, recycling, and awareness of ecosystems. These proposed activities include:

- *Recycling Relay Race*: This game teaches students how to sort recyclables while promoting teamwork properly.
- *Trash Timeline*: This activity teaches students how long everyday materials decompose and the significance of reducing waste.
- *Upcycling Craft Workshop*: This workshop encourages creativity by transforming discarded items into functional or decorative products.
- *Ecosystem in a Bottle*: This project allows students to create miniature self-sustaining ecosystems to observe soil, plants, and water interactions over time.

Clear objectives, a list of required supplies, detailed instructions, and timing recommendations accompany each activity.

Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator Handbook:

In August, Chavanne and Civitella worked on finalizing a comprehensive handbook for Morris County Clean Communities Coordinators. This well-structured guide covers all the essential elements of the Clean Communities Program, including statutory guidance, educational initiatives, enforcement strategies, funding guidelines, and the roles and responsibilities of the Clean Communities Coordinator and the Alternate. The handbook also includes detailed subsections on the Clean Communities Act, the Council, education, enforcement (in collaboration with both the Morris County Health Department and state regulations), and cleanup initiatives such as Adopt-a-Highway, private cleanups, the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program, and graffiti removal. Additionally, it provides information on budget breakdowns, allowable and unallowable costs, income and expense reporting, and program performance metrics. This handbook will significantly enhance our program by offering coordinators clear direction and education on effectively implementing their initiatives within their municipalities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff let the everyone know that Marilyn called him just prior to the meeting and she wanted to express her appreciation to all the Board members, consultants and staff that have reached out to her and who were praying for her and that she really thinks it helped her get through this difficult time. There being no other Old Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no 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:

Chairman mentioned we have matters to go over in a closed session. Mr. Gindoff stated the reason is attorney/client privilege information as well as litigation regarding the PFAS litigation and the related JCO NJDEP is considering. Additionally contract negotiations related to the HJR Group easement agreement and finally, Mr. Druetzler asked to go into closed related to a real estate matter with Ajaco Towing.

MOTION: At 8:23 Ms. Farris made a motion to go into closed session to discuss these matters and it was seconded by Ms. Szwak and the Board went into closed session at 8:23.

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

MOTION: At 8:43 Dr. Kominos made a motion to leave the closed session and go back into open meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Farris and the Board went back into open session at 8:43.

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

Mr. Gindoff stated that we're asking for a motion to authorize counsel and staff to draft a comment letter for the Chairman's signature regarding the 3M case and the JCO NJDEP is considering.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a motion authorizing the drafting and submission of such PFAS/JCO comment letter and Ms. Szwak seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of Resolution #2025-072 which Mr. Gindoff read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-072

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF MOTION TO INTERVENE IN THE MATTER PENDING IN THE UNITED DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY IN THE MATTER OF NJDEP, ET AL. V. E.I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS AND CO., ET AL., CASE NO: 1:190CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.) REGARDING THE PROPOSED JUDICIAL CONSENT ORDER AS TO THE 3M COMPANY

WHEREAS, there is pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey litigation entitled NJDEP, et al. v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-14766-RMB-JBC in which there is a proposed Judicial Consent Order as to 3M Company (JCO); and

WHEREAS, the proposed JCO states, in relevant part, that "the JCO will resolve filed claims and will preclude certain filed and unfiled claims with respect to PFAS contamination"; and

WHEREAS, the definition of "Released Claims" in the proposed JCO includes "any Claim for cost recovery or contribution, including pursuant to section 107 or 113 of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. sec. 9607, 9613) or any State or federal statute related to liability (which this JCO resolves) for the Discharge or threatened Discharge of PFAS"; and

WHEREAS, the "Release" in the proposed JCO states that that the Settling Plaintiffs "on

behalf of and for the benefit of all the State's Political Subdivisions, citizens, and residents, fully and forever release all Released Entities from all Released Claims and fully discharge all Released Claims against all Released Entities"; and

WHEREAS, the State's Political Subdivisions are defined in the JCO to include the "any city, borough, town, township, village, county, or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency or instrumentality of one or more therefore" which would include the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the "Covenant Not To Sue" in the proposed JCO states that "the Releasors absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenant not at any time hereafter, whether directly or indirectly or individually or collectively, to sue or take administrative action or commence, bring, file, assign, or prosecute . . . or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any, Released Claim against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever"; and

WHEREAS, the JCO defines the Releasors to include "all of the State's Political Subdivisions and their departments, agencies, authorities, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind, and attorneys, and any Person claiming by or through any of the foregoing", which includes the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the "Exclusive Remedy" in the proposed JCO states: "The relief provided for in this JCO shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for all Releasors with respect to any Released Claim, and the Released Entities shall not be subject to liability or expense of any kind with respect to any Released Claim other than as set forth in this JCO."; and

WHEREAS, the Authority arranges for the transportation of all solid waste generated in Morris County for final disposal at out-of-state disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a CERCLA claim would ever arise in the future as against MCMUA for PFAS-Containing Waste (as defined by the JCO), the MCMUA would be prohibited from seeking a contribution claim as against 3M and its affiliated companies for "any PFAS into the Environment from the beginning of time through the Effective Date [of the JCO]" if the JCO is fully executed by the parties and approved by the federal district court in the above matter; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey (the "AEA") may be filing a motion to intervene in the above matter.

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

1. In the event that the AEA retains counsel to file a motion for intervention in the above matter, the Authority authorizes its counsel to include the Authority as a separate entity in said motion and to further authorize alternative relief, such as appearing as *amicus curiae*, for the purpose of seeking to amend the proposed JCO so that the Authority would not be barred in the future from bringing a claim against 3M and its affiliated companies for solid waste containing PFAS.
2. The Executive Director, staff, counsel and consultants are hereby authorized to take any other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
3. 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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a Motion to approved Resolution #2025-072 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Larry Gindoff
Executive Director

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