

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on April 14, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

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

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos,
Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler and Mr. Ron Smith.

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

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of March 10, 2026 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Kominos

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of March 2026. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water for the first quarter of 2026 and an Investment Report which is showing no new investments for the month of March 2026.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ms. Szwak seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher stated he has the Bill Resolution No. 2026-038 slated for approval after members review the schedule of warrants.

Bill Resolution No. 2026-038

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 2026-038 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$4,364,577.28** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7249-7279	\$ 334,442.91
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16752-16826	<u>\$ 4,030,154.37</u>
		\$ 4,364,577.28

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: April 14, 2026

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, Chairman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: April 14, 2026.

DATE: April 14, 2026

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher thanked Amanda Kearns for helping him to put together the bill list for this month in lieu of a co-worker who went on maternity leave.

Chairman Dour asked the Board if they want any Resolutions in the Consent Agenda be addressed separately. Mr. Gindoff asked Mr. McAloon if Resolution No. 2026-039 should be pulled until next month's meeting and Mr. McAloon replied that he never received a signed Change Order back from the contractor and the Resolution is contingent upon all those close-out documents. He recommended that we table this Resolution until next month's meeting when we have everything in hand.

Ms. Szwak had a question about Resolution No. 2026-040 about providing recycling containers for a private entity while under Hanover's Shared Service. Mr. Marrone replied that we have an agreement on top of the municipally provided service for bi-weekly collection to provide the weekly service the town doesn't provide. We are purchasing containers to service that location more effectively. These are our containers and when the agreement ends, we take the containers.

PURCHASING (Consent Agenda #2026-040 – #2026-41)

Chairman Dour asked for a Board Member to make a Motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-040 through #2026-041 as a consent agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to approve the purchasing Resolutions 2026-040 through 2026-041 as a consent agenda and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion. There were no questions about or requests to consider any of the resolutions on their own.

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

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion to table Resolution 2026-039 until the May 12, 2026 Board Meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to table Resolution No. 2026-039 until the May 12, 2026 Board

Meeting and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2026-040
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of
Eleven (11) Eight (8) Cubic Yard Front Load Containers Through the Sourcewell
Cooperative Pricing system 010825-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2026
(Hanover Park Shared Service Agreement)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2026, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of Eleven (11) Eight (8) Cubic Yard Front Load Containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a

National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on February 9, 2026 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of Eleven (11) Eight (8) Cubic Yard Front Load Containers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$14,256.00.00; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$1,504.69 by obtaining the Eleven (11) Eight (8) Cubic Yard Front Load Containers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$14,256.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of Eleven (11) Eight (8) Cubic Yard Front Load Containers in the amount of \$14,256.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

Resolution No. 2026-041
Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment

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

4-11 - 2004 Stirling Compactor
3-65 - 2003 Dodge Mini Van
MUA L5 - 2003 Case Skid Steer
S93T-1 - 1993 Ford New Holland Back Hoe
MUA GE2-11 Barn Door Container
MUA GO3-54 Container
MUA GO4-6 Container

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

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

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

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to post and sell the Equipment for auction on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, to the highest bidder and/or sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment at the time deemed appropriate.
2. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chair

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that shortly after the March meeting, the March 2025 audit commenced. The auditors are still putting together the audit and will should have something for next month's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff reported that during the Solid Waste Committee Meeting we addressed the issue of the request for a fuel adjustment by Mascaro. The decision was to let Staff go out and start discussing that with Mascaro and see what we come up. Hopefully something based on the formula and procedure that we used similar to what we did in the previous contract. If things move along with that, he would anticipate a Change Order to our Transfer Station contracts to consider at the May meeting for the fuel adjustment.

Ms. Szwak asked if a fuel adjustment was accommodated in the Contract and Mr. Carney replied that there is a definition of a fuel price adjustment in the Contract and also a mechanism in local Public Contracts Law.

There is no additional correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

SOLID WASTE

1. Letter received by Morris County Counsel on April 1, 2026 from Paul Baldauf, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP regarding Certification of the November 5, 2025 Amendment To the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan for County Plan inclusion of contract by and between the MCMUA and Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a as J.P. Mascaro & Sons for transportation and disposal of all solid waste

received at two MCMUA Transfer Stations for period of five (5) years beginning on

July 8, 2025, based on an open and non-discriminatory procurement.

2. Letter dated April 2, 2026 to John A. Napolitano, Morris County Counsel, from Jill Aspinwall, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing, NJDEP, regarding Notice of Incompleteness of the Morris County District Solid Waste Plan Amendment of March 11, 2026 for Inclusion of the Dan Como & Sons, Inc. C/O Daniel R. Como Jr. Facility from an Exempt Facility to a Multi-Class B/C Recycling Facility.
3. Letter dated April 2, 2026 to Larry Gindoff, MCMUA Executive Director, from Thomas D. Sassaman, Senior Financial Analyst, Solid Waste Services, In. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons regarding significant increase in their operating costs related to diesel fuel.

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Water sales continue to remain strong. About 60 MG more than were last year and 92 MG where we were in 2024. We do believe that neighboring towns got their issues resolved and he's happy to get these numbers back to normal.; (2) Regarding one of our capital improvement projects, the Cleaning of our Water Storage Tanks, we advertised the Notice To Bidders today. The plan is to take bids on May 5 so we could award at our May meeting. This is the preventative maintenance where we pressure wash the outside of our water storage tanks to help eliminate any mold and other growth on the tanks and preserve the coating we invested a lot in.; (3) Regarding Flanders Wells 1 and 2 Generator Replacements, which is part of the Alamatong project, the contractor will be replacing the motor at Flanders Valley Well #2. Once this motor is replaced, the final generator start-up and coordination can occur. We are hoping for mid-April. Trying to get everyone coordinated so this project can be closed out.; (4) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP – Phase I, we were prepared to submit all the close-out documents at this meeting, unfortunately, we are waiting on the contractor to sign the final Change Order that would be part of that final payment application and that would bring this project to completion. We are going to work with the contractor to make sure that could be finalized in May.; (5) Similarly the Phase II Project, Underground has submitted the shop drawings and we are still waiting on a few of the materials. They are shooting to get out there in early May, which has a corresponding completion date of the end of July. We are working to coordinate a formal traffic control plan that does utilize part of State Highway Route 10 so we have to get a Occupancy Permit. We are working on getting everything submitted and finalized for that.; (6) Regarding the Water Exploration Engineer, H2M is in the process of finalizing the DRAFT report for circulation to the team for review and comment.; (7) We are pressing at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, final motor control improvements. We have been advised by the Contractor that May 8 is the anticipated ship date.; (8) Regarding Howard Blvd. Watermain Extension (Cracker Barrel Connection), John Garcia started today doing the work. There was field meeting last week with representatives from Mt. Arlington and Roxbury and the contractor. We will continue to update the Board on the status of that project.; (9) Regarding Alamatong Wells #4 and #5 Electrical Improvements, we are prioritizing the motor replacement of Flanders Valley Well #2 and hopefully we can get that

replaced this week so that we could get the final synchronization and generator start-up at that site. Not to mention, it's comforting to get one of our biggest wells back in service in time for the high demand season.

Mr. Ragonese asked if the Greystone well area has been looked at by our Water Exploration Engineer and Mr. McAloon replied yes they have. In our formal presentation to the Water Committee, they talked about those Greystone wells and they believe that they are owned by Southeast Morris County M.U.A. There two high producers owned by Southeast and there was a question on who owned the other two and their viability.

PROJECT STATUS

2. General System:

A. Through the month of March 2026, MCMUA sold approximately 423.475 MG. This amount is approximately 60.782 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2025 and approximately 92.626 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024.

3. Cleaning of Four (4) Water Storage Tanks

SCE is finalizing the contract documents for the Cleaning of Four (4) Water Storage Tanks. The tanks are Markewicz #1 and #2, Dover-Chester Road, and Mt. Arlington tank. The Mine Hill Tank will not be cleaned since this is on the horizon for full rehabilitation. Below is the anticipated schedule of events.

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday April 14, 2026
- Bids Due: Tuesday, May 05, 2026
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, May 12, 2026

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

As part of the Alamatong Well #4 and #5 Electrical improvement project, the Contractor will be replacing the motor on Flanders Valley Well #2. Once this motor is replaced, the final general startup and coordination can occur. It is anticipated the motor replacement would be performed in Mid-April. We would then closeout this project in June.

Project Completion Summary Through April 14, 2026

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

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

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

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

Underground Utilities Corp. is finalizing the final payment and final change order. All other closeout documents have been submitted. If all original documents are received, SCE is prepared to present the Resolution Accepting Work and Authorizing Final Payment & Release of Retainage. The final payment amount of **\$88,745.44** is recommended.

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Change Order #1	\$87,601.91
Current Contract Amount	\$1,370,581.91
Payment Application #1	\$965,510.11
Payment Application #2	\$156,027.76
Payment Application #3	\$160,298.60
Payment Application #4	\$88,745.44
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,370,581.91
Percent of Work Complete	100%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

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

Underground Utilities Corp. has submitted the shop drawings for the proposed materials of construction. The Contractor is working to secure the necessary materials and is anticipating a mobilization date of early May, and completion prior to the end of July. Out of an abundance of caution, SCE has prepared a traffic control plan to detour trucks during the Park Avenue work. This detour will utilize State Route 10, and therefore SCE has prepared a permit for a highway occupancy. This permit should not impact the overall construction duration.

7. Water Exploration Engineer

H2M is in the process of finalizing the DRAFT report for circulation to the team for review and comment.

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$86,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$5,222.40
Payment Application #2	\$13,002.00
Payment Application #3	\$37,394.70
Payment Application #4	\$5,026.10
Total Value of Work Complete	\$60,645.20
Percent of Work Complete	71%

8. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

The Contractor has provided a timeline of replacement equipment ship date of May 8, 2026.

Project Completion Summary Through April 14, 2026

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

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

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	\$85,741.00
Percent of Work Complete	53.6%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,714.82

9. Howard Blvd. Watermain Extension (Cracker Barrel Connection)

The pre-construction meeting was held on Wednesday April 1, 2026 with **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.**, MCMUA, SCE, Borough of Mt. Arlington and Morris County. A field meeting was also held on Tuesday April 7, 2026 with representatives from the Mt. Arlington and Roxbury Traffic Control division to confirm necessary traffic control. The Contractor anticipates mobilization during the week of April 20.

Project Completion Summary Through April 14, 2026

Contract Start Date	April 1, 2026	
Original Contract Completion Time	100 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	13	13%
Days Remaining:	87	87%
Original Contract Completion Date	July 10, 2026	

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$177,962.59
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

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

Sovereign Consulting, Inc., has prepared shop drawings of all materials and is prioritizing the motor replacement of Flanders Valley Well #2.

Project Completion Summary Through April 14, 2026

Contract Start Date		March 23, 2026
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	22	6%
Days Remaining:	343	94%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 23, 2027

Project Financial Summary Through April 14, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$1,225,000.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following updates: (1) Thanked Art, Larry and Chris for attending the Solid Waste Committee Meeting.; (2) Tonnage numbers at both transfer stations were back up during the month of March. With the breaking weather, we are started to see a lot more homeowners at both stations especially on Saturdays at Mt. Olive. Same could be said for our HHW Program at the Permanent Facility in Mt. Olive.; (4) Staff met at Parsippany with H2M Engineering, Garland and Arco for the final walk-through of the roof replacement project for the station. The Board should expect close-out paperwork and payment for Arco at the May 12 meeting. Arco did prove to be a viable contractor. Special thanks to H2M for constant communication and their oversight on that project.; (5) The MCMUA received a lot of interest in our Leachate Collection and Disposal bid. Questions and answers were sent out today to everyone who requested the bid. The bid opening is scheduled for April 24. Potential award of the contract will be at the May 12, 2026 Board Meeting.; (6) Two other bids that we are working on mentioned in the report are Scale Maintenance for Both Transfer Stations and the Maintenance for our Air Pollution Control System in Parsippany.; (7) MCMUA is slowly implementing the Self-Generated Residential New Flat-Free Program approved in 2020 at a Public Hearing. This is a flat-free program for cars, trucks and car and trailer and truck and trailer. By implementing this program, we are hoping to move the lines faster and help out our weighmasters. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this is a pilot program this year and we will evaluate it and see where the future pricing really should come in.; (8) The new pit scale has been delivered to our Mt. Olive Transfer Station.; (9) Regarding HHW, we had an on-site meeting with Alaimo Engineering on March 30 for the potential bid for the HHW Facility wall, roof, signage and additional storage we would like to add.; (10) Our first HHW event is next Saturday, April 25, from 9 to 2 at the Jefferson DPW yard.; (11) Regarding Vegetative Waste, Marilyn has started calling customers yesterday for the start-up of our residential delivery program. Commercial sales of our compost has gone very well last month into this month with our partnership agreement with Vollers.; (12) The MUA has officially sent offer letters to two of our candidates for the vacant Heavy Equipment Operators at both Vegetative Waste sites.; (13) Plans are still being made to remove the tailings from Parsippany from our Fall Screen Event.; and (14) MUA has scheduled a site visit with Suburban, Mike, Brian and team for Wednesday, the April

29, to review the bin block needed around our free piles and our three loading ramps at our Mt. Olive facility that are in desperate need of replacement.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

The MCMUA plans to host a Solid Waste Committee meeting that will be held at the MCMUA Main Office Conference Room on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will transition directly into the start of the regularly scheduled April 14 MCMUA Board Meeting.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dan Como & Sons, Inc. (Como)- also known as “The Mulch Depot”, located at #3 Como Court (Block 41; Lot 1) in the Towaco section of Montville Township. In Fall 2022, Como formally requested a Plan Inclusion to transition from an exempt leaf transfer facility to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approved Multi-Class (B & C) Recycling Facility. The Morris County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on March 11 and considered the proposed Plan Amendment for the Como facility. The hearing was attended by MCMUA representatives Larry Gindoff and James E. Deacon, along with MCMUA Board member Larry Ragonese. No members of the public were in attendance, and no questions were raised prior to the Commissioners’ unanimous approval. Following the hearing, the Commissioners forwarded the approved Plan Amendment and transcript of proceedings to NJDEP for final review and approval. On April 2, MCMUA received a “Notice of Incompleteness” from NJDEP indicating that the Commissioners’ public notice failed to include a description of the facility and its site location, including municipality, street address, block and lot designation, proposed or expanded capacity, and the types of waste to be received. MCMUA staff will work in coordination with County Counsel to address these deficiencies.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage Summary- With the change in seasons, tonnage at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations increased in March. The 41,022 tons accepted at the transfer stations in March 2026 was 5.66% greater than the 38,826 tons accepted in March 2025 and for the most part, made up for the low tonnages accepted in January and February 2026. The tonnage for the first quarter of 2026 ended up just 0.25% less tonnage than the first quarter of 2025. Based on the first three (3) months of 2026, it is projected that 2026 will accept a total of 476,592 tons which would represent a 0.04% decrease from the 477,215 tons accepted in 2025. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics provided below for additional details.

March Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2025 to 2026):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 15,639- 1,546 more tons than 2025

Total Customers- 4,041- 207 more than 2025

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 993- 64 more than 2025

First (1st) Quarter of 2026 at Mount Olive- 39,446 tons, which is 73 more tons than 2025, Total

Customers 9,980, which is 281 less customers than 2025, and Self-Generated Customers 2,161, which is 65 more than last year.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 25,384- 652 more tons than 2025

Total Customers- 5,996- 172 more than 2025

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 575- 112 more than 2025

First (1st) Quarter of 2026 at Parsippany- 65,342 tons, which is 335 less tons than 2025, Total Customers 15,066, which is 174 less customers than 2025, and Self-Generated Customers 1,228, which is 170 more than last year.

2026 Bids for Transfer Station Related Services- On Friday, March 27, 2026, the MCMUA published Bid #2026-SW02 for “Leachate Collection and Disposal” services for the Mount Olive transfer station. As part of facility operations, leachate is collected through a sanitary drain system and stored in a 6,000-gallon holding tank. This material must be periodically removed and transported to a permitted facility for proper disposal and/or treatment. Currently, the MCMUA maintains an agreement with the Township of Parsippany to accept leachate generated at the Mount Olive Transfer Station. The deadline for submission of written questions regarding the bid documents is Wednesday, April 8. Sealed bids will be received on Tuesday, April 24, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the MCMUA Main Office, with an anticipated contract award at the May 12 Board Meeting.

In addition, the MCMUA has prepared bid packets for “Scale Maintenance” services, which will cover preventative maintenance (PM), inspection, calibration, and repair of truck scales and associated weighing equipment at two (2) solid waste transfer stations. A separate bid for “Air Pollution Control (APC) System Maintenance and Repair” at the Parsippany-Troy Hills facility has also been developed. Both bid packages are currently under review by Counsel.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- MCMUA 2025-2026 planned projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), and H2M at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the April 14 meeting:

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- The North Tipping Floor/Small Floor project at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station involves the complete replacement of the deteriorated floor using Euclid Chemical’s EucoFloor 404 system. The scope of work also includes enhancements to and replacement of the existing trench drain system, which currently utilizes the same plasma-cut steel grate system installed at the Mount Olive facility. Additional work includes replacement of the emergency valves that control the underground holding tank, as well as installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to help mitigate future damage to the building. Back in late January Alaimo Group conducted a preconstruction meeting onsite at the Parsippany transfer station with representatives from the MCMUA and Persistent Construction, Inc. of Fairview, New Jersey. Since the meeting Alaimo Group has received cutsheets and a few equipment submittals which are currently under review. Some of these submittals need to be resubmitted with corrections. Due to temperature limitations associated with the Euclid materials, Alaimo

and the MCMUA continue to delay the issuance of the official Notice to Proceed to Persistent Construction until suitable conditions are met.

- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement Project - This project includes replacement of approximately 32,300 square feet of standing seam metal roofing, 10,000 square feet of metal siding, 560 linear feet of metal gutters, and full replacement of the EPDM membrane roof system over the transfer station office area. The work is being performed by Arco Construction, Inc. of West Caldwell. Change Order No. 1 has been completed- the removal and replacement of deteriorated metal C-channel bracing over the office section, installation of a self-adhering underlayment over the existing metal panels to enhance waterproofing and reduce the potential for future leaks. During the project walkthrough on February 19 onsite review with representatives from Arco Construction, Garland (manufacturer), H2M, and MCMUA staff, the group discussed and agreed to pursue Change Order No. 2, which includes the installation of approximately 78' linear feet of snow guard along a section of the standing seam roof located above the small SBS roof area that was not included in the original bid specifications. The rest of the newly installed roof does include this snow guard. Change Order No. 2, the installation of these snow guards, was recommended to the Board at the March 10 meeting to help improve safety and protect the lower roof section from snow and ice accumulation. As a result, the Board accepted Resolution #2026-035 for Arco to continue work. Arco was present during the week of March 30 to resolve several punch list items, including the reinstallation of the site CCTV cameras in their proper locations. By the end of the day on Friday, April 3, all affected cameras had been reinstalled and are now functioning correctly. Arco returned to the site on Monday, April 6, to apply the roof coatings above the offices, expecting to finish the task within a single day. If all goes well, Arco should finish this project by end of week April 10. H2M will then follow up with Arco and Garland to schedule a final walkthrough so everyone can wrap this project up completely within the next couple of weeks.

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Pit Scale Replacement Project (Bid #2025-SW05) – This project includes the removal of the existing pit scale and the installation of two new axle and gross-weighing truck scale systems, along with all necessary labor, materials, and equipment. Each scale system will consist of three (3) separate 15-foot platforms designed to weigh the truck's steering axle, drive axle, and trailer axle. In accordance with the existing foundation configuration, approximately 20' feet of dead space will be maintained between the drive and trailer axles. Atlantic Scale (Mettler Toledo brand) and the MCMUA have fully executed the contract documents, and the Notice to Proceed was issued on February 7. Atlantic Scale is scheduled to deliver the new scale decks to the Mount Olive facility on Tuesday, April 7. Prior to this delivery of new equipment, the MCMUA held a preconstruction meeting on March 30 at the Mount Olive station to finalize project details and coordinate the construction schedule to ensure that daily transfer station operations continue without disruption. The project will be completed in two (2) phases, corresponding to the two (2) separate scale systems located in the tunnel. For each phase, Atlantic Scale will begin work on a Friday morning, continue through Saturday, and complete work on Sunday. This schedule will then be repeated for the second scale to ensure both systems are fully operational for the start of business on Monday morning.

- Mount Olive Transfer Station Public Water Service Project- This project involves the installation of 800 feet of DICL domestic service and an 8”-inch fire service along Gold Mine Road, in front of the Mount Olive transfer station property. No update.

Summary of Future Related Events:

1. The Approval from BPU for NJAWCo regarding the proposed franchise area all detailed above.
2. NJAWCo engages a contractor for the water main extension on Gold Mine Road.
3. The contractor proceeds with the installation of the water-main extension.
4. Following completion of approved plans and documents from Alaimo Group, a Notice to Bidder will be published for:
 - Installation of a meter chamber/hot box
 - Domestic and fire service line connections
 - Installation of a new fire pump to ensure adequate pressure for the sprinkler system
 - Installation of one (1) facility fire hydrant within the HHW facility

Once the Water Connection Project is Finalized:

5. A new full-site emergency generator (EG) will be installed, sized to power the new fire pump (budgeted for 2027).
6. The building’s sprinkler system will be upgraded or completely replaced (budgeted for 2028).
7. The existing Public Non-Community Water System (commercial use) or well will be decommissioned, and the 55,000-gallon above-ground holding tank currently used for fire suppression will be removed.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA staff are moving forward with the hiring of two (2) qualified candidates to fill the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator positions at both vegetative waste facilities. This position requires applicants to possess a Class B Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) to assist with material deliveries as needed. The MCMUA is also preparing to launch the residential mulch and compost delivery program, with order intake scheduled to begin on Monday, April 13. Deliveries will commence shortly thereafter on Monday, May 18. The program experienced delays due to staffing vacancies, as well as prolonged snow and ice coverage at the vegetative waste sites over the past several months. Site Supervisors Keil Klaver and Jaime Ayala continue to make necessary preparations and implement site improvements in anticipation of increased inbound materials as seasonal conditions improve. The current contract with Vollers for the marketing and commercial sales of our vegetative waste recyclable material had a huge impact on the volume of material sold year-to-date compared to last year’s totals. Vollers has been moving since the new year, approximately 3,300 cubic yards (CY) between both facilities since January 1, whereas by this time last year NaturCycle, LLC had sold about 1,400 CY of screened compost between both facilities.

MCMUA has engaged Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) to provide engineering services for planned improvements at both vegetative waste facilities located in Mount Olive and Parsippany Townships. These improvements include:

- Professional installation of bin block structures to contain mulch and compost stockpiles at both facilities.
- Installation of structural supports for three (3) different loading ramps at the Mount Olive facility:
 - One ramp located in the class B (log) processing area.
 - Two ramps located in the class C area- one near the entrance road and one across from the office trailer (windsock side).

In addition, staff continue to collaborate with SCE on compliance with NJDEP Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting (WRC) General NJPDES stormwater permits, including the development and maintenance of associated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SPPPs).

Further details regarding vegetative waste flow are available in the Vegetative Waste Report presented at the April 14 Board meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

On Monday, March 30, MCMUA staff met with Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek and Project Manager Michael Kobylarz from the Alaimo Group to initiate discussions regarding a planned 2026 improvement project at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) located within the Mount Olive Transfer Station. The meeting began in the transfer station conference room with a review of Alaimo’s original 1997 design plans for the facility. Following this, the group conducted a walkthrough of the HHWF site to discuss project scope and potential improvements moving forward toward the bidding phase. Two (2) major components of the project, as outlined in the 2026 budget, include:

- Demolition and installation of a new standing seam roof system, including new roof deck sheathing, as well as cleaning and protection of the existing steel barn columns.
- Demolition of the existing barrier wall and installation of a new landscape block retaining wall, along with privacy chain-link fencing equipped with privacy slats.

Additional improvements discussed during the site walkthrough included updated site signage, installation of trees, and the addition of sheds and storage areas. MCMUA will continue to work with Alaimo and anticipates going out to bid in July 2026, with the goal of completing all improvements within the same calendar year

Program Participation- As seasonal weather improves, the HHWF continues to experience increased appointment volumes, particularly on Saturday mornings. Environmental contractor Maumee Express Inc. (MXI) conducted its first shipment of the year in mid-January, with the next hazardous waste shipment scheduled for April 7. During March 2026, the permanent HHWF serviced a total of 197 appointments, including 185 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG (Very Small Quantity Generator/small businesses), and 8 out-of-county residents. For comparison, in March 2025, the HHWF serviced 178 total appointments, including 171 Morris County residents, 5 out-of-county residents, and 2 VSQG/small businesses. Year-to-date, the HHWF has serviced 569 appointments through the first three (3) months of 2026.

The first of four (4) scheduled one-day HHW drop-off events is approaching on Saturday, April 25, at Jefferson Township's Department of Public Works yard off Weldon Road.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

In March, the rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was finalized at a **(Negative)** -\$88.96/ton. This represents a \$3.18-per-ton decrease in cost for MCMUA and its customers from the February rate of -\$92.14 per ton.

In March, the Northeast US recycling markets experienced a shift in bale pricing for various materials. Unlike typical trends, cardboard, metals, and select plastics #2 and #5's saw rising prices, while PET/#1 plastics prices continued to decline, dropping to 0 cents/lb. due to facility closures and limited market demand. The rising freight costs and fewer end markets further compounded these challenges for reclaimers.

The plastics price increases for #2 and #5 plastics are largely due to supply interruptions, higher demand, and surging virgin oil prices. Even comingled plastics bailed from s 1-7 came above -\$1 per lb. for the first time since 2020, reaching \$5/lb. currently. On the other hand, PET plastic in April hit negative numbers for the first time at a charge at a baled price of -0.50/lb.

In the cardboard sector, the global e-commerce packaging market is expected to grow and continue to drive up prices, despite a projected shift towards more sustainable packaging options, such as flexible plastics, in the long term. Paper remains the same and is unmoved, but the national average continues to tick upward, showing some signs of possible growth, but not enough in our region to move the needle.

Metal markets in the Northeast in March faced instability, with strong aluminum demand but downward pressure on steel prices following a winter surge. However, it seems that, at the beginning of April, wartime pressure slightly pushes up prices for both steel and aluminum.

Glass pricing remained stable for our regional average.

Looking ahead towards the remainder of April, plastics prices are expected to rise, except for PET, while cardboard prices will continue to increase, metal prices will slow, and glass and paper prices will remain stable.

Shared Service Agreement Updates:

This month's report highlights continued efforts to secure additional agreements for depot collection of vegetative waste in Chatham Township and curbside collection of recyclables in Mendham Borough.

In Chatham Twp., discussions continued to secure an amendment to our existing shared service agreement, as they look to close their existing composting site and streamline service with the

MUA. However, they are still addressing budgetary issues internally and keeping us informed about their activities.

In Mendham Boro, the MCMUA submitted a proposal for the Borough's rebidding of its bulky waste and recycling collection services contract on March 31. At the bid opening, two other haulers, along with the MCMUA, submitted bids. The MCMUA bid was lower than others but did not include weekly service or bulk solid waste collection. Based on what was submitted, our proposal looks promising in terms of price, but does not match the current service. The Council plans to review the bid results in mid-April and follow up with bidders regarding awards.

Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates:

On March 31, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Ashleigh Clenord as our new Recycling Outreach Coordinator and Program Assistant. Ms. Clenord has a strong background in environmental programming and education and will serve as a liaison between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) and our public & private partners. Her role will focus primarily on educational initiatives to help Morris County achieve a 50% municipal solid waste recycling rate, as well as providing classes on waste reduction and recycling techniques, creating informative materials, and participating in outreach projects and events. We welcome Ms. Clenord to the team and look forward to great things ahead.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division Holds its Second MRC Meeting of the Year:

On April 1, the MCMUA held its second Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting of the year via Webex, along with a virtual tour of the Mine Hill recycling facility and a live Q&A with the Republic's Operations Manager.

With 73 participants, this meeting was one of the most widely attended, with additional participants from other counties who had asked to attend.

The virtual format was chosen to enhance participation to help them comply with their annual meeting requirement and this year's Materials Recovery Facility tour requirement.

Presenters included GreenChip Recycling, who updated attendees on the electronic waste recycling program, Steve Adams demonstrated the HHW facility scheduling system, the Battery Network (formerly Call2Recycle) shared best practices for battery recycling and education on battery handling, the NJDEP, which discussed last-minute entry procedures for the Municipal Tonnage Grant due on the 30th of this month, and I provided updates on our departments programs, upcoming legislation, materials markets, and new educational materials.

With both the first and second meetings completed, all 39 MRCs fulfilled their county meeting

requirement. Nearly half also participated in a virtual tour of the MCMUA/Republic Services facility, followed by a Q&A session.

2025 MTG Program Activities:

On February 5, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) released the 2025 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Procedural Guide. Throughout March and into April, we continue to assist Morris County municipalities by soliciting and distributing their recycling reports to municipal recycling coordinators and offering personalized support to our coordinators, especially the newer ones, to see how their efforts are coming along and whether they have any questions about the process.

As part of this process, I have also reviewed over half of our MRCs' potential submissions to the state for accuracy and suggested updates and helped them find additional tonnage.

Many of these are our newer coordinators, still needing to obtain their Rutgers Certified Recycling Professional licenses, and I included a thorough review of their reports to assist them in bringing them into compliance, so I can sign off on their submissions with my own license.

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

In March, Alessia and I developed materials for MCMUA's second annual recycling enhancement mini-grant program, this year aimed at Morris County's Municipal Environmental Commissions.

Following last year's program that awarded \$3,000 for recycling improvements, this year will grant four mini-grants of up to \$1,500 each for new recycling and waste prevention projects, enhancing waste reduction efforts across the county.

Projects should promote the collection of recycled materials, enhance recycling rates, or reduce solid waste through reuse and repair. Priority will be given to municipalities with recycling rates below 50% and those committed to long-term improvements.

Eligible initiatives may include educational programs, improved recycling equipment, backyard composting, and community partnerships.

Applications are due by June 26, and projects must be completed by year-end, with reports due 60 days afterward. So far, I have spoken to eight environmental commissions/town officials who are interested in submitting a proposal.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

On April 1, our combined boat shrink-wrap recycling collection program kicked off for a fourth year, and by Friday morning, our first 30-yard container was filled, compacted by the end of the day for use over the weekend, and then full and transported to our recycler in PA, averaging about 1 ton of material.

MCMUA General Projects with the Clean Communities Program:

In March and early April, several waterway non-profits, including WRWAC, Raritan Headwaters, and the Musconetcong Watershed Association, participated in their cleanup mini-grant activities, resulting in over 1,000 participants cleaning up litter, amounting to hundreds of bags of trash and recycling across Morris County.

Michelle is also organizing her two meetings for Morris County Clean Communities Coordinators this year. Her first meeting in May will be a 1-hour virtual lunch-and-learn session, including a live question-and-answer period. The second will be our annual fall meeting in October, held this year at Kean Skylands, and will focus on water quality protection, environmental education, and enforcement activities.

Lastly, submissions continue to roll in for this year's sustainability artwork contest, from sticker designs to upcycled projects to digital proposals. Some of the submissions are quite impressive, and more are expected to arrive before next week's deadline.

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

In March, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate with Republic Services was calculated at -\$90.05 per ton, a \$2.09 decrease from the previous month's finalized rate of -\$92.14 per ton.

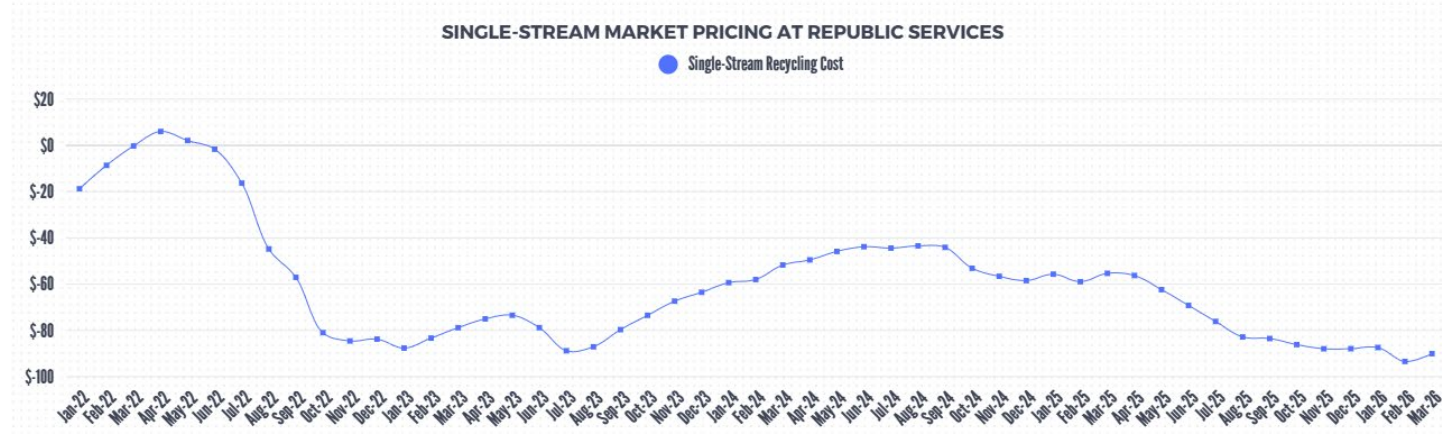
In March, recycling markets in the Northeast US saw a divergence in bale pricing for recycled materials, breaking from the usual trend of declining values across several commodities, including cardboard, metals, and select plastic mixes such as polyolefins (polyethylene (PE/#2) and polypropylene (PP/#5) plastics). Meanwhile, PET/#1 plastics pricing continued to decline from the previous month and remained challenged to find a stable bottom, as seasonal demand typically drives bale pricing higher ahead of summer demand.

Looking first at plastics in mid-March, post-consumer plastic bale pricing showed mixed trends as noted above. PET values have dropped significantly over the last two months, closing out March at 0 cents/lb., in the Northeast. A lot of this has to do with reclaimers closing facilities over the last several months, and those that are still in operation have limited storage capacity and continue to receive recycling volumes despite low demand. This is further compounded by rising freight costs, which drive the value of curbside PET bottle bales even higher. In contrast, fewer end markets and rising logistics challenges make the situation even worse. When hit with situations like this, MRFs' main priority is to create space, often leading to material being sold at very low or even negative prices. Despite these current challenges, some optimism remains that negative bale pricing could make rPET (recycled PET) more competitive as virgin PET costs rise

with rising crude oil prices, whereas domestic demand for rPET may increase; time will tell. One factor that typically arises when this happens is the dilemma of choosing between two unattractive options for haulers and their end markets: either managing negative values that could limit reclaimers' competitiveness or opting for cheaper landfilling despite their legal mandates to recycle these materials. Fortunately, for PET, this is a relatively new issue, but large volumes will begin to accumulate over time without solutions and viable end markets. In contrast, polyolefin prices are rising due to supply interruptions from recent winter storms and anticipated capacity increases in the select regions of the US, with HDPE and polypropylene prices rising significantly as the Iran war continues.

Next, looking at Old Corrugated Containers (OCC/cardboard), market research and consultants are reporting that the global e-commerce packaging market is expected to continue growing through 2031, driven by the rise of online retail, sustainability demands, and changes in packaging formats. Accounting for the steady rise in pricing for the commodity this month. However, firms forecast a compounded annual growth rate, with corrugated boxes remaining dominant in that field; this is expected to be short-lived, as their market share wanes. Companies continue to adopt right-sizing strategies, increasingly focused on reducing material use and improving shipping efficiency, driven by regulatory pressures and consumer demand for more sustainable solutions. With flexible packaging projected to be the fastest-growing category.

As for metals in March, the Northeast US is navigating unstable markets, with strong demand for aluminum, while ferrous/steel prices are beginning to face downward pressure after a winter surge following a strong February. Market sentiment remains moderately positive, suggesting that while the market is still supported, upward momentum has weakened with mill inventory levels reporting as well supplied, further weakening demand into April.



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

Resolution(s) for Board Consideration

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Equipment:

The MCMUA Board will be asked to consider adopting a resolution to authorize the

purchase of eleven eight-cubic-yard front-end loading dumpsters. These dumpsters will replace the existing ones currently used by the Hanover Park Condominiums in East Hanover Township. The current containers are undersized for the complex's increased waste generation and create challenges for our curbside collection teams due to their incompatibility with our equipment. The new dumpsters will nearly double the existing capacity, making collections more efficient by utilizing our front-end loader and reducing the time and manpower required. It is important to note that MCMUA collects recycling from this location biweekly as part of the East Hanover Municipal Shared Services Agreement and has a separate contract with the Complexes Management Company directly for collections during the off week.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities in Progress

In March, Marrone worked on incorporating the following shared service agreements into our curbside collection program, as follows:

Township of Chatham Vegetative Materials Depot Collection SSA Proposal:

Marrone continued discussions with Chatham's Director of Public Works regarding funding options for the proposed amendment to collect vegetative materials in roll-offs from the recycling depot. A revised proposal including lidded containers (two 30-cy brush, one 30-cy leaves, one 30-cy grass) was previously submitted. The Township is evaluating grant and budget options; approval remains pending.

Borough of Mendham Curbside Recycling and Depot SSA Proposal:

In late January, Marrone was informed that the Borough had decided to reject all proposals from its initial bidding process, including two bids from private companies and our MCMUA shared services agreement. Instead, the Borough has chosen to rebid for curbside collection of recyclables and bulk solid waste. This time, they have broken down the service options, allowing vendors more opportunities to bid on specific items at varying rates and durations. The new bid opening was scheduled for Tuesday, March 31. On Monday, March 30, at the end of the day, Marrone emailed an electronic copy of the MCMUA's recycling collection proposal to the Borough Administration, the DPW Director, and the Borough Clerk for their review. He also informed them that the MCMUA would be present at the bid opening with a hard copy of their proposal.

On Tuesday, March 31, Chavanne attended the bid opening at Town Hall. In addition to our proposal, bids were submitted by Blue Diamond, the current service provider, and Affordable Cartage. Our bid reflected our previous proposal, but it was notably lower than the other bidders'. However, it did not include the weekly service option currently provided. Additionally, we did not provide a proposal for bulk solid waste collection. Another vendor proposed handling bulk collection separately, which could benefit us. This arrangement would involve splitting bulk solid waste collection with that vendor while allowing the MCMUA to manage recycling for the Borough based on the bid results. Other factors, such as paperwork and bid bonds, may provide further insights. The MCMUA has been informed that the results of the bid will be reviewed and discussed at the Council's next meeting in mid-April, and there will be

a follow-up with the bidders regarding the awards shortly thereafter.

Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates

MCMUA Welcomes its New Recycling Outreach Coordinator & Program Assistant:

On Monday, March 31, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Ashleigh Clenord as the new Recycling Outreach Coordinator and Program Assistant. Ms. Clenord brings a strong background in environmental and sustainability programming, environmental education with various age groups, and stakeholder engagement, with experience from various nonprofit and institutional agencies. Clenord will serve as a liaison between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) and both public and private partners. Her role will focus on educational initiatives and collaborations to help Morris County achieve its annual goal of a 50% recycling rate for municipal solid waste (MSW). Clenord's responsibilities will include providing educational opportunities and classes on waste reduction, materials reuse, and proper recycling techniques. She will create informative materials, including flyers, presentations, signage, decals, and other outreach resources. Additionally, Ms. Clenord will participate in projects like the Tag-it and Leave-it inspections, ANJR presentations, and various municipal outreach events.



She will also serve as the primary contact for educational programs in schools throughout Morris County, developing outreach materials and lesson plans, and collaborating with educational institutions to inspire and educate young minds. While working alongside the recycling team to make significant improvements to our online resources, stream information to better serve the public, and collaborate with municipalities to enhance their educational outreach on recycling. We look forward to the valuable expertise she will contribute and the new direction she will provide for the Division.

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

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

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

- MCMUA and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts

- MCMUA and Rockaway Borough Work Together to Start a Recycling Program at a Private School
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA Participants in the NJ Composting Councils Tiered Compost Permitting Webinar
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- MCMUA and Zoophoria Present at the Lafayette Learning Center on Litter Prevention & Recycling
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division Plans for and Hosts its Second MRC Meeting of 2026:

The Solid Waste Planning Division hosted its second Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting on April 1 via Webex. All 39 Morris County MRCs attended, satisfying the NJDEP annual county-meeting requirement. Highlights included presentations by GreenChip Recycling, NJDEP, the Battery Network (formerly Call2Recycle), and a virtual tour of the MCMUA/Republic Services facility.

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

In March, Marrone and Eramo began working on materials for MCMUA's second annual recycling enhancement mini-grant program, available to Morris County's Municipal Environmental Commissions. Following last year's mini-grant program, which awarded \$3,000 to municipalities for improvements to their recycling programs, several Environmental Commissions contacted the MCMUA seeking support for their own initiatives in this area. This year's program will award four Environmental Commission mini-grants of up to \$1,500 each to support new recycling and waste prevention projects, with the goal of fostering initiatives for waste reduction and recycling throughout Morris County.

The documents being prepared include a cover letter, application instructions, submission evaluation criteria, an application form, and a closing report for award recipients. These documents will be sent to the municipal clerks of each municipality, with a request to forward the grant information to relevant parties, including the Environmental Commission members, the Municipal Recycling Coordinator, and the Mayor and/or Township Administrator/Manager. Approval from these parties is required to complete the application. If a municipality does not have an Environmental Commission, the information should be forwarded to another appropriate municipal committee or commission (e.g., a Recycling Committee) that may apply in its place. Documents are being distributed the week of April 6, with a proposal deadline of June 26, and all projects are to be completed by the end of the year, with closing reports due 60 days thereafter.

All projects must promote the collection of recycled materials for existing or developing markets or enhance recycling rates by preventing, reducing, or diverting solid waste through reuse, repair, and remanufacturing. The grant program aims to support new recycling and waste-reduction initiatives to help municipalities achieve or maintain a 50% recycling rate. Priority will be given to projects in municipalities with recycling rates below 50% and those demonstrating sustained efforts beyond the grant period. Funding will not be provided for existing projects without modifications.

Potential projects must meet one or more of the following objectives: improving education about recyclable materials in community programs, increasing collection rates and reducing contamination in recycling, and preventing solid waste from entering the waste stream through prevention, reduction, reuse, or diversion. Eligible projects may include improvements to recycling equipment, educational signage for recycling programs, specialized reuse initiatives (e.g., lending libraries, repair cafes), backyard composting programs, drives for specific materials (e.g., clothing, electronics), recycling for non-mandated materials, educational campaigns on food waste, food waste collection pilots, and other objectives that align with the grant program.

In addition to the projects mentioned, Environmental Commissions may partner with community groups such as cooperative or school green teams, boards of education, non-profits, and other municipal departments for initiatives like food waste minimization efforts (e.g., audits, share tables), educational campaigns (e.g., “Trashless Tuesday”), composting projects, waste audits, upcycling initiatives, recycling in classrooms, field trips related to recycling, and zero-waste event planning.

2025 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement Efforts:

The draft County REA Grant Guide was reviewed; no major changes were identified beyond new guidance emphasizing food-waste programs (already addressed in MCMUA’s ongoing SWOT and Food Waste Rescue initiatives). The final guide release is now anticipated in late April. Draft application materials are in preparation for submission upon portal opening.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In March, Marrone continued its efforts on the boat shrink wrap recycling program in Morris County for the fourth year. Collaborating with Roxbury Township’s Municipal Recycling Coordinator and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF), Marrone engaged marinas, boating clubs, and local residents. The program is being actively promoted to potential partners, highlighting the benefits of participation. Many who had not previously joined the program have already signed up for this year’s commercial drop-off option, while residents have overwhelmingly expressed interest in our public drop-off day. The program officially starts on April 1st in Morris County and will run until mid-June. So far, the public drop-off day for recycling is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, and a second date will be determined according to public interest thereafter. At this time, two containers are being provided at the Jefferson Township Health Center off Miniskink Road until Construction at Lee’s County Park Marina

wraps up at the end of April, and a container can be placed at that location. In conjunction with our Morris County program, the Sussex County program at the SCMUA recycling center in Lafayette has been running successfully since mid-March. Marrone, the MRC, and the LHF will monitor collection sites, manage materials, and provide ongoing education.

2025 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Document Activities:

Marrone, Chavanne, and Eramo continue to assist municipalities with tonnage report collection, distribution, and one-on-one support. Due to coordinator turnover, the MCMUA is temporarily signing reports for newer MRCs pending completion of the Certified Recycling Professionals course.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

2026 Clean Communities Non-Profit Mini-Grant Updates:

In March, the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC) became the first non-profit organization to organize a cleanup funded by the Clean Communities Non-Profit mini-grant. This event took place on March 20 in Morristown and involved approximately 100 volunteers, who collected around 150 bags of trash and recycling. The Raritan Headwaters and the Musconetcong Watershed Association are scheduled to hold their cleanups early to mid-April. They have borrowed gloves and trash bags from the MCMUA to support their efforts.

MCMUA's first Clean Communities Coordinator Meeting/Lunch & Learn for 2026:

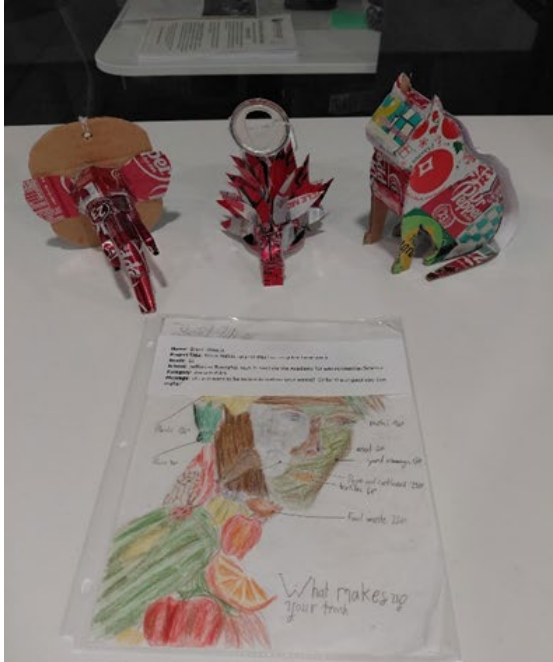
In March, Chavanne organized the first of two meetings for Morris County Clean Communities Coordinators for 2026. This year, we aimed to ensure our coordinators were well-prepared for success by clearly outlining the deliverable requirements for their grants. As a part of the training, we will provide a step-by-step guide on how to complete their statistical reports, detailing activities from past grant periods, grant expenditures, and future program goals. The meeting will be a 1-hour virtual lunch-and-learn session and include a live question-and-answer period. The training is scheduled for May 5 and will include the program's Executive Director, who will co-present.

Morris County Clean Communities 2025 Storm Water Data Report for Morris County Engineering:

In March, Chavanne compiled information for our annual cleanup report for the Morris County Engineering Department, to be submitted to the NJDEP. On March 30, the 2025 Storm Water Data Report was completed and forwarded to the department for their records. During 82 cleanups (including adopt-a-highway, non-profit, school cleanups, and the SLAP program), a total of 705 bags of trash, 174 bags of recycling, and 83 tires were collected. In total, 857 participants helped clean up 30.6 road miles, 39.5 acres, and 1,404 river miles.

MCMUAs Sustainability Artwork Contest Update & Submissions:

On March 13, registration closed for this year's Sustainability Artwork Contest. Nine schools participated, providing over 1,000 students with the opportunity to take part. The deadline for the submission is April 22, and all materials must be submitted by that date. Of the participating schools, two are involved in the multimedia art design category, three in the upcycling category, and four in the sticker contest. Students range from elementary to middle and high school ages. So far, one school has submitted its artwork (pictured on the left) and is ready to deliver additional pieces (pictured on the right).



OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Szwak asked if we been contacted about the immigration center in Roxbury to supply water and Mr. Gindoff replied no. Mr. McAloon replied no; it would not be connected off the MUA transmission main. Whatever municipality it is located in would have the over-arching water contractual agreements.

Ms. Szwak asked are we going through the MUA open space process for Heritage Homes and Mr. Gindoff asked him to go through our application and prepare something on that. We would have an Open Space Meeting once this is received. Mr. Gindoff reported that 3 Tingley Road is about to close.

There being no further 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:

There being no Closed Session, this portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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