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MANISTEE COUNTY GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 27, 2014
2:00 P.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

AGENDA

- 1) Sarah Archer - P.A. 69 Recycling Update (APPENDIX A)
- 2) Other Items From Committee Members
- 3) Adjournment

**Manistee County Green Team
Recycling Program Report – February 28, 2014
Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.**

The following is a summary of Recycling Program activity since the January 2014 Green Team meeting.

Meeting Attendance

- Green Team meeting – January 30
- Manistee Michigan Townships Association – no meetings scheduled in January

Current Volume Report

Total weight (pounds) of materials collected from 5 recycling drop-off sites.

January	48,220	April		July		October		
February		May		August		November		
March		June		September		December		
							Total To-Date	48,220

January 2014 volume is up from January 2013 by nearly 29%.

Compared to January 2013 the following sites had the most dramatic increases:

Betsie Valley	+61%
Maple Grove Township	+53%
Onekama Township	+39%

Funding Update

- On February 5, Governor Snyder made budget recommendations in support of statewide recycling. In his address to the Joint Appropriations Committee he stated, "A new investment of \$1 million is proposed for a recycling initiative designed to increase the number of counties with convenient access to recycling." Funding, if appropriated, would be used to support three FTE's and programming to focus on recycling measurement, technical assistance, education, and market development. Additional funding could also be leveraged to provide grant funding opportunities to communities to initiate and enhance recycling programs.
- An email urging Senator Booher to support Governor Snyder's recommendation was sent February 24. A presentation on the Proposed Plan of Action on Recycling was made by DEQ Director Wyant to the Senate Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee on February 25.

Education

- February E-newsletter sent
- Website revisions: Updated recycling information is on the website. Challenges getting broken links fixed to PA69 Recycling Guidelines flyer.
- Provided information on the recycling program to Manistee News Advocate in response to Board of Commissioners approval of educational signage for recycling sites.

Budget

- Current Budget – As of January 31, total costs for the PA69 Recycling program are running \$500.58 more than total costs in 2013.

Collection Event

- Benzie County will be hosting a computer recycling event on Saturday, April 19 at Betsie Valley School. It is open to all residents of Manistee County. A flyer is now available and will be posted to the Manistee County website.

JANUARY	LBS	% Change from Previous Month
Arcadia Twp	7,897.0	6%
Betsie Valley	8,913.0	45%
Brown Twp	5,075.0	40%
Maple Grove Twp	15,441.0	48%
Onekama Twp	10,894.0	27%
JANUARY TOTALS	48,220.0	33%
FEBRUARY		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
FEBRUARY TOTALS		
MARCH		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
MARCH TOTALS		
APRIL		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
APRIL TOTALS		
MAY		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
MAY TOTALS		
JUNE		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
JUNE TOTALS		

JULY	LBS	% Change from Previous Month
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
JULY TOTAL		
AUGUST		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
AUGUST TOTAL		
SEPTEMBER		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
SEPTEMBER TOTAL		
OCTOBER		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
OCTOBER TOTAL		
NOVEMBER		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
NOVEMBER TOTAL		
DECEMBER		
Arcadia Twp		
Betsie Valley		
Brown Twp		
Maple Grove Twp		
Onekama Twp		
DECEMBER TOTAL		

YEAR TO DATE (In lbs.)	48,220.0
YEAR TO DATE (tons)	24,110.0

Local Addendum to the Michigan Recycling Coalition's February 5, 2014 Release**Contact:****Elisa Seltzer****231-348-0640****eseltzer@emmetcounty.org**

Northern Michigan recycling leader Elisa Seltzer, Director of Emmet County Recycling for over 20 years, welcomed the news of increased funding for recycling in the state budget. "Michigan can't afford to bury or burn \$500 million worth of resources a year. Yet much of the state has no recycling, or just a couple of drop sites open a few hours a week. This investment by the state is the first step toward increasing opportunities to recycle and putting those recyclables to work conserving the environment, supplying businesses and creating jobs."

Seltzer has been participating in meetings called by Department of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant at the Governor's request to determine a plan to expand recycling in Michigan. She anticipates the \$1 million added to the state budget for recycling would be devoted to improving measurement of recycling activity in the state, providing technical assistance to communities developing and improving recycling programs, education, and market development.

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February 5, 2014

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Gov. Snyder Proposes Funding for Recycling
Governor's Budget Proposal Kicks Off New Recycling Initiative

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Snyder took an important first step to grow recycling in Michigan. In his 2015-2016 budget recommendations to the Joint Appropriations Committee today, Gov. Snyder prioritized action on recycling in Michigan. “A new investment of \$1 million is proposed for a recycling initiative designed to increase the number of counties with convenient access to recycling.”

For the first time in decades, the administration is acknowledging the value of recycling to Michigan's economy and environment. In his address to the Joint Appropriations Committee, Gov. Snyder indicated that, “This is really a kick off program to say let's start with this to see how well we can do, let's get our learning curve, let's learn best practices and then let's look to expand this program in the future to make Michigan a much better recycling state.”

The Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC) estimates that a 50% recycling rate would contribute an additional \$500 million to Michigan's economy annually. “Imagine the contribution recycling can make to the health and wealth of every Michigan community. Recycling should be the first option for Michigan residents and businesses, regardless of whether they are located in the city or a rural community,” says Kerrin O'Brien, Executive Director of the MRC.

As indicated by Gov. Snyder, this recommendation is only the beginning of a larger initiative. “If we can put all the elements of a comprehensive recycling system in place, including this leadership at the state level, we can achieve the significant economic and environmental rewards increased recycling has to offer,” commented Mike Csapo, MRC board member and general manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County.

The MRC is a non-profit statewide recycling advocate and association for recycling professionals. For over 30 years the MRC has advocated for waste reduction, recycling, and composting policies in Michigan. The Coalition of public and private recycling and composting service providers has facilitated an annual recycling conference and numerous other training and networking events to enhance recycling opportunities across the state. For more information on MRC, visit: www.michiganrecycles.org

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Date: Mon, 24 Feb 2014 11:06:42 -0500
Subject: Support Governor's Recycling Recommendation
From: Sarah Archer <sarah@iriswastediversion.com>
To: sendbooher@senate.michigan.gov
Cc: Tom Kaminski <tdkaminski@manisteecountymi.gov>

Dear Senator Booher,

I am writing to ask you to support the recommendation of Governor Snyder for \$1 million in general funds to begin to support and enhance recycling efforts throughout our great state.

As a consultant in the recycling field, I can attest to the need for improvements to recycling and the infrastructure and markets that support it. I am currently contracted as Manistee County's Recycling Coordinator and since 2011 have been managing the PA 69 recycling drop-off program that serves only half of the population. Serving rural county residents with a solid recycling program and educating them on the benefits and proper use is a challenge due to many factors however, funding is the greatest challenge since grants are scarce. The Manistee County PA 69 recycling program is funded in part by 7 Townships who have entered into an inter-local agreement with Manistee County to provide administrative and operations support. Although the recycling program is popular among permanent and seasonal residents, township officials do not favor increasing the assessment to residents to fully fund the program. The Manistee County Board of Commissioners has for the last 2 years assigned County General Fund dollars to cover the deficit.

Recycling is provided, at a very minimal level, by either County government, private sector, or non-profits in all but one County in your district. Your support of the Governor's funding recommendation will be the start of bringing much needed funding to these recycling programs. All would greatly benefit from improved support by the state to improve Michigan's recycling efforts.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information as you consider this decision.

Thank you for your time and support.

Respectfully,

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