

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2009
9:30 am

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER.....Chairman Dan Belden**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/2/08).....Chairman Dan Belden**
- NEW BUSINESS.....Chairman Dan Belden**
- 1. Solid Waste Management Plan.....Paul Dusek**
 - 2. NYSDEC Seminar on Recycling..... Bill Lamy**
- Old Business.....Chairman Dan Belden**
- Referrals.....Bill Lamy**
- PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.....Chairman Dan Belden**
- ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Dan Belden**

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Alexander B. Grannis
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April 1, 2009

Fred Monroe, Chairperson
Warren County Board of Supervisors
County Municipal Center
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Lake George, NY 12845-9803

Re: NYSDEC Region 5 Earth Day Recycling Summit for Municipalities

Dear Mr. Monroe:

As you know, Earth Day is coming up next month. It has become an annual opportunity to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our environment as well as to celebrate gains we have made and to create new visions for environmental progress. In this spirit, we are working on some special programs in our Region in recognition of Earth Day.

We are planning a summit to bring together representatives of our eight counties in DEC Region 5 for a forum on recycling and its associated challenges and opportunities. **The Earth Day Recycling Summit will be held on Thursday, April 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the DEC Warrensburg Office.**

In the late 1980's, we saw the development of local Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMPs) and county wide recycling programs, which was followed by a significant increase in recycling. More recently, we have observed a plateau, or even a decrease, in local source separation and recycling efforts and a loss of momentum and enthusiasm in support of these efforts. It is our sincere desire to use this summit as a way to refocus attention and energy such that local recycling programs can remain viable, and hopefully grow even in these times of economic uncertainty.

The summit will be organized into three components:

1. A short presentation by DEC staff on a few current topics of interest, such as the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, the new plastic bag recycling law, the automobile dismantler legislation, and the upcoming State and Local Solid Waste Management Plan revisions.
2. Presentations from two or three of the participants regarding their recycling programs; and
3. A roundtable discussion of a number of topics that may be common to all eight counties, which may include markets, storage of recyclables, the impact of current budget issues on recycling efforts, and more.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided courtesy of New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR3 - www.nysar3.org), thanks to Dianne Woske, the organizations current president.

We are asking that several individuals from each county attend the summit – the individual responsible for recycling efforts; the overall solid waste manger; and an elected official (or representative) with a strong knowledge/interest in the county's solid waste and recycling activities.

Please contact NYSDEC Environmental Engineer Gus Carayiannis, PE at 623-1219 or via email at gjcarayi@gw.dec.state.ny.us and provide him with a list of attendees from your county. Also, please let Gus know of any roundtable topics you want to offer for consideration.

I truly hope that Warren County will be able to attend this event. I am certain that we can use the energy and optimism associated Earth Day and this forum to have a positive impact on our environmental future.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth M. Lowe
Regional Director – Region 5

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cc: B. Lamy
G. Carayiannis

REFERRALS - MAY 2009

PUBLIC WORKS: *(Including Airport; DPW; Parks, Recreation & Railroad; Warren County Sewer and Solid Waste & Recycling)*

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING:

- 1) Hartford Landfill
 - a) Expressions of Interest are due on August 8, 2008 for purchase of the Hartford Landfill. (07.29.08)
- 2) Regarding Town contracts for recycling services - Mr. Lamy to contact Towns to determine need for services and will apprise Committee of status. (12.02.08)