

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING
July 22, 2025**

Committee Members: CONOVER, Strainer, Bruno, Bean, Crocitto, Turner and Merlino

- I. Committee Meeting Call to Order by Chair**
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting**
- III. Privilege of the floor and public comment**
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business**
 1. Request: Transfer
Rationale: Cover the cost of overtime for hauling.
- V. Information for Discussion/Review**
 1. Limited Recyclables Pilot program
 2. Update on Compost Pilot project
- VI. Referrals/Pending Items**
- VII. Privilege of the floor and public comment**
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn**

Attachments:

1. Recyclables Pilot handout

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

TO: AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK, WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Solid Waste

Name of Department

SIGNED: _____ DATE: 7/22/2025

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A.1628.110	Salaries - Regular	A.1628.120	Salaries - Overtime	\$ 2,000.00

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A.1990 439 Contingent Fund

Please state reason for transfer request:

Transfer to cover OT salaries for hauling for Towns

Testing a way to recover value from recyclables in Warren County

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Background

- Warren County currently hauls cardboard, mixed plastics, newspaper, and paper from town owned transfer stations.
- We pay \$90/ton to dispose of these materials.
- While grant funding for a centralized baling facility was submitted with the US EPA, even if awarded next steps are at least a year away.

Pilot Proposal

- Launch a small-scale pilot targeting high-value, high-volume materials:
 - Cardboard
 - #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) Plastics
- Partner with Replenish, a company offering direct commodity pricing and pickup.
- Use existing transfer stations and space.
- Lease a baler that can handle both plastic and cardboard (or two small balers).
- Pilot would run for 12 months to test cost savings, logistics, and market viability.

Financial Summary

Item	Estimated Annual Value
Avoided Disposal (\$90/ton)	\$24,000 (cardboard) + \$15,000 (plastics)
Sale of Material (5% to Replenish)	\$31,000 (combined est.)
Hauling Savings (30%)	~\$8,000
Total Benefit	~\$78,000
Pilot Operating Cost	~\$30,000 (labor + baler lease)
Net Gain	~\$48,000/year

Benefits of a pilot

- Even if the large grant is awarded, this builds operational knowledge.
- Uses existing infrastructure; modest investment.
- Reduces disposal costs and hauling distance.
- Increased transparency with domestic end markets.
- Rate guarantee for pre-determined period.
- Real-world data supports future expansion and grant applications.

Request

- Seeking support to further develop a detailed plan for a limited recycling pilot—covering costs, logistics, and vendor terms—to bring back for committee review.