

Sullivan

Rockland

Orange

Ulster

Westchester

Dutchess

HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

3 Washington Center
2nd Floor
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 564-4075
(845) 565-4918 FAX
hvrc@hvi.net

Solid Waste Committee

Meeting Notes – June 9, 2010
Larkin Conference Room
33 Airport Center Drive, New Windsor, NY

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Present: | Mike Bemis | Ulster County RRA |
| | Ken Brezner | NYS DEC |
| | Bill Calogero | Dutchess County RRA |
| | John Crews | Hudson Valley Regional Council |
| | Bill Cutler | Sullivan County Solid Waste |
| | Joe diFrancesca | Rockland County Solid Waste |
| | Sarah Garvan | Westchester, Environmental Facilities |
| | Diana Hesse | Hudson Valley Regional Council |
| | Terry Laibach | NYS DEC, Region 3 |
| | Charles Marino | City Carting-Westchester |
| | Michelle Leggett | Ulster County RRA |
| | Mary Rice | Putnam County Health Department |
| | Gary Ritchie | Westchester County |
| | Kerri Scales | Rockland County SWMA |
| Fred Sears | City Carting-Westchester | |
| Guests: | Tim Flanagan | Hudson Baylor |
| | Steve Hastings | Hudson Baylor |

I. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Chairman Ritchie commenced the meeting with self-introductions by the attendees.

- II. Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Hastings took turns talking about their company's capabilities, particularly involving "single stream" operations and the relative cost/benefits of the process versus 'dual streaming' particularly the benefits to the haulers and carting companies. After discussion, it was the consensus of the group to meet at a Hudson Baylor facility and view their operations and a follow-up was planned. As a result of later discussion however, after the company representatives departed, it was decided the committee needs to meet and discuss the subject further and perhaps include other companies

II. **County Roundtable Briefings:**

Dutchess County: Dutchess continues to focus on its Solid Waste Management Plan and appreciates the assistance being provided by DEC. Bill said the his most recent HHW collection event resulted in more than 1000 pounds of medications being collected. They operate a dual stream recycling process.

Orange County: Was not represented

Putnam County: Mary Rice said her county is reducing the number of collection events and hopes to achieve more efficiencies. She noted that the first medication collection yielded 86 pounds of drugs in 4 hours.

Sullivan County: Bill Cutler reported Sullivan is planning to build a new transfer station in Monticello and they are scheduling their first HHW collection event over the coming weekend. They run a dual stream recycling process.

Westchester County: Fred Sears reported that recycling in the county has doubled in past year. Their veggie-oil recycling program is under scrutiny because of emissions concerns (from the tail pipe of the vehicles it is used in) and it may have to be abandoned. He said they utilize a dual stream with optical sort and noted that single stream is typically urged by the haulers who benefit most from it.

Ulster County: Michelle Leggett reported that Ulster has increased its recycling average from 23% to 48% in the past year. The first medication recall yielded 180 pounds and Michelle noted that her school tours have increased as a result of the end of the school year calendar. Mike Bemis noted he continues to pump leachate from two landfills annually and is looking for alternatives. He also noted he is currently bidding his long-haul contracts. He noted that single stream is a hot button in Ulster at this time.

Rockland County: Kerri Scales reported her outreach program to businesses is progressing and increasing recycling volumes are resulting, Rockland is redoing its Solid Waste Management Plan with focus on flow control. She noted that the collection haulers are selling off more materials.

NYSDEC: Terry Laibach noted that the "Beyond Waste" plan is being introduced to the public and public hearings have been scheduled. (There is an **informational-only** meeting scheduled at DEC's Regional Offices in New Paltz on June 29.) Kenneth Brezner noted that Stony Kill Farm will not close, and that the committee can return there for future meetings.

III. **Regional Composting Initiative: Update-June 16 Meeting**

During lunch at the SWANA Organic Waste conference in Albany on June 16 John Crews convened a meeting that included Mike Bemis, Melissa Leggett, Terry Laibach, Resa Dimino (DEC) Pete Hammond Gary Ritchie, Kerri Scales; and Mary Rice for the purpose of renewing the discussion on the possibility of establishing a Regional Compost Facility. Pete Hammond stated that he has the support of his County Executive to continue efforts to investigate the possibilities and opportunities, It was made clear by Ms Laibach and Ms. Dimino that DEC will support and assist in this effort. After discussion it was decided that a survey based on the DEC composting "model" will be coordinated by (HVRC) John Crews to determine the volume of materials, IE; food waste, yard waste, wood chips, etc each county could provide to a centralized regional facility. This subject will continue as an agenda item on future Solid Waste Committee meetings.

IV. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is of scheduled for **Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.** at the NYSDEC Stony Kill Farm Education Center in Fishkill. The Agenda is to continue the "Single Stream" discussion.

V. Adjournment