

Van Buren Conservation District August 2022 Board Report Prepared September 2022

Staff: Kimberly Sinclair

Highlights

We are slowing down a bit as summer fades. We had our last field day at Kolberg's Farm, including a fly on demonstration. We are firming up our calendar for next year. Work on the Tree Sale, Annual Report and Calendar are all happening to ensure timeliness. We are also trying to complete the policy and procedure review by calendar year end. We have also revamped the timesheet to allow for better reporting. Staff is also working on evaluations. This is a paperwork heavy time of year!

Activities & Accomplishments

- August 31 Staff Appreciation Event Ice Cream truck came and all the staff performed tasks to earn the treat. Lots of fun!
- 2. Hired Gabriel Francisco for the new Conservation Technician position.
- 3. Quickly pulled together a resource concerns survey for NRCS
- 4. Working on year end tasks

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. Weekly VBCD Staff Meetings
- 2. Bi-weekly CISMA Strategy Meetings
- 3. Weekly Administrative Team Meetings
- 4. Green Earth Meeting to discuss next year
- 5. MAEAP Progress Review with MDARD
- 6. VBCD Employee compensation meeting
- 7. Van Buren County Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 8. Met with Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Manager to discuss next year programing
- 9. Attended CISMA Steering committee meeting
- 10. Participated in the Kal Haven Clean Up
- 11. Attended Friends of the St Joe meeting
- 12. Attended Paddle with a Naturalist on Reynolds Lake

New Grant Proposals Submitted

Richard King Mellon Grant application for \$14,000 for CISMA signage

Upcoming Activities

1. Budget



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- 2. Liberty Hyde Bailey Agri-bus tour
- 3. Lawrence Recycle Roundup







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Staff: Colleen Forestieri Erin Fuller Hannah Hudson

Carlie Southland

Highlights

The Van Buren Conservation District staff worked this month to recruit farmers to participate in our aerial cover crop seeding co-op. This co-op keeps costs low for farmers who want to plant cover crops into their corn fields pre-harvest. By planting pre-harvest, the cover crop is able to get established before the weather turns cooler. This year, about 5,500 acres of farmland in Van Buren County were cover-cropped using this method.

Pine/Mill/Mud 319 Project (EGLE 319 Grant)

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 8/10/22, 8/24/22
- 2. Tile drain data management
- 3. Outreach planning
- 4. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
- 5. Work with contractors to install water level sensors in water control structures
- 6. Maintenance on the field
- 7. Meeting with Two Rivers Coalition re: E coli sampling 8/4/22

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 9/7/22, 9/21/22
- 2. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
- 3. Fall Field Day 9/7/22
- 4. "Life Hacks" Watershed Webinar 9/16/22
- 5. Soil Health Nexus Digital Cafe 9/21/22
- 6. 2023 Field Day planning 9/13/22
- 7. Make cost share payments
- 8. Work with contractors to install water level sensors in water control structures

Great Lakes Protection Fund Project (Xylem, Inc. + Notre Dame)

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Team video conference 8/9/22, 8/23/22
- 2. Team meeting outreach planning 8/11/22

Upcoming Activities



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- 1. Team video conferences 9/6/22, 9/20/22
- 2. Team meeting outreach planning

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (2020)

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Worked with soil health consultant RJ Rant and farmer (PMM-01) re: field amendments
- 2. Grower recruitment and contracts
- 3. Planning meeting for fall field day 8/9/22
- 4. Alfalfa harvest yield check 8/17/22

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Grower recruitment
- 2. Outreach planning
- 3. Fall Field Day 9/7/22
- 4. Alfalfa harvest yield check 9/15/22
- 5. Project extended through 12/31/2022

USDA - AFRI (Notre Dame)

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Continue developing outreach materials
- 2. Coordinate manure sampling
- 3. MAEAP field day 8/10/22

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Continue outreach activities
- 2. Fall Field Day 9/7/22

Other

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Weekly staff meetings



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- 2. Reviewed grant budgets and staff hours allocated to each project
- 3. Healthy Water Week, 8/1 8/5/22

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Weekly staff meetings
- 2. Healthy Water Week, 8/1 8/5/22
- 3. Preparation for presentation at Michigan Inland Lake Conference 9/15/22
- 4. Great Grains & Great Women farm Tour at Granor Farms 9/21/22
- 5. Staff retreat 8/18/22
- 6. Develop calendar pages for 2023 VBCD calendar

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. None

Photos



Cover crops being seeded into a corn field via airplane.



SW x SW Corner CISMA August 2022 Board Report Prepared 09-06-2022

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

Highlights

August was a prime example of the services the SWxSW Corner CISMA provides. Throughout this month, Alex led naturalist events, performed site visits, and planned upcoming events. Abbie and the Strike Team managed target invasive species at private properties under both grant and for-hire funding. High priority species known within the state and CISMA are being assessed within current or planned management. The Strike Team has been reduced to the Coordinator, Abbie, and the Crew Lead, Justin.

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Alex published a Japanese Knotweed conservation corner in the newspaper.
- 2. Alex helped out at the VBCD's Recycle Roundup.
- 3. Alex and Abbie helped with the VBCD's Healthy Water Week.
- 4. Abbie and Alex worked on planning the MISC Summer Field Trip.
- 5. Mechanical management Tamarack Swamp.
- 6. Alex spoke about spotted lanternfly at the VBCD MAEAP field day.
- 7. Alex hosted a Paddle with a naturalist in Lawrence and a Hike in Gobles.
- 8. Alex Worked on Richard King Mellon Foundation Grant.
- 9. Alex performed one site visit.
- 10. Found multiple stands of native *Phragmites* (uncommon)
- 11. Strike Team treated stiltgrass and kudzu
- 12. Began Van Buren roadside spraying for Japanese knotweed and *Phragmites*
- 13. Monthly parrot feather monitoring
- 14. Strike Team Crew Lead, Lance McCarty, left the team to return to school

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. Lake Investigation Workshop
- 2. VBC Farm Bureau
- 3. Management of Leonard Preserve (Chikaming Open Lands)















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Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Alex will be attending a Freshwater Mussel Identification class.
- 2. Abbie and Alex will meet with fellow coordinators at the MISC summer field trip, which we are helping to host right here in Southwest Michigan.
- 3. Alex will be presenting at Cass County's MAEAP Field Day.
- 4. The VBCD and TRC Stream Sampling Event will take place on October 2nd.
- 5. Strike Team will complete Van Buren roadside treatment

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. N/A

Species of the Month: Spotted Lanternfly

Overview:

- On August 10th, USDA confirmed that Spotted Lanternfly is present in Oakland County.
- The full extent of the infestation is not yet known.
- The SWxSW Corner CISMA is continuing to monitor SLF traps around our service area.



If you see SLF, report it to MDARD's Eves in the Field survey or call Alex Florian at 269-633-9044.

Identification:

- Adults are 1" long leaf hoppers. Folded wings are gray to brown with black spots.
- Open wings reveal a yellow and black abdomen and bright red hind wings with black spots transitioning to black and white bands at the edge.
- Nymphs are ¼ inch to ½ inch long, wingless and beetle-like, first appearing black with white spots and developing red patches as they mature.



SW x SW Corner CISMA

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- Egg masses resemble old chewing gum, with a gray, waxy, putty-like coating.
- Hatched eggs appear as brownish, seed-like deposits.



August 2022 Deputy Administrator Board Report

Prepared September 2022 Staff: Emilly Hickmott

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Highlights

The Van Buren Conservation District's (VBCD) annual meeting and director election was a successful one, with about 145 people turning out to celebrate conservation in Van Buren County over the past year. The Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery was an excellent host, and we were grateful to our local and State representatives for attending and to Senator Aric Nesbitt for presenting State of Michigan tributes to our Conservationists and Farmer of the Year. The VBCD calendar is still full in August and September with field days, paddles with a naturalist, and recycling collections. You can always see our upcoming events here: https://vanburencd.org/my-calendar/

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Provided information for and assistance to local municipalities, agencies, organizations, and residents regarding District programs
- 2. Reviewed legislative and other partner agency updates
- 3. Reviewed July 2022 Visa Charges Reconciliation
- 4. Updated VBCD shared calendars
- 5. Wrote and distributed August 2022 VBCD e-newsletter and August 2022 Municipal Programs Report
- 6. Prepared VBCD administrative team & staff meeting agendas and conducted meetings
- 7. Compiled and distributed VBCD board meeting materials
- 8. Reviewed and edited various social media and other media publications
- 9. Worked with Recycling & Materials Management Coordinator and West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum (WMSBF) to meet Materials Management Community Engagement grant deliverables
- 10. Drafted various VBCD policy edits to comply with Conservation Law and MDARD/MACD recommendations
- 11. Completed several tasks related to Fall Field Day and Healthy Water Week
- 12. Completed event summaries as appropriate
- 13. Promoted district programs and events through various media including press releases
- 14. Updated VBCD website added upcoming events, added municipal links, and more
- 15. Updated Soil and Water Testing handout
- 16. Processed & interviewed applicants for Conservation Technician position extended offer accepted
- 17. Nominated staff member for award decision to be announced late 2022
- 18. Created and ordered new name tags for staff & board
- Helped transition Conservation Associate from seasonal education focus to permanent focus on ag
 water quality



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- 20. Drafted FY 23 calendar and business plan of work through organizing staff conversations
- 21. Coordinated bottle cap recycling appointment with VBCD Treasurer and vendor
- 22. Finished Memorandum of Understanding for Senior Services of Van Buren County for electronics recycling partnership
- 23. Trained Recycling Coordinator on end-of-season tasks and preparation for next fiscal year
- 24. Responded to County request for background information on USDA Center Lease opportunity
- 25. Planned and executed staff appreciation surprise

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. 08/02/2022 VBCD Staff Meeting, VBCD Administrative Team Meeting
- 2. 08/03/2022 FY 23 Budget Work Session
- 3. 08/04/2022 Pre-Recycle Roundup Meeting, Healthy Water Week desk-tending
- 4. 08/06/2022 Recycle Roundup in South Haven
- 5. 08/08/2022 Conservation Technician Interviews, Paw Paw Township Board Meeting
- 6. 08/09/2022 VBCD Staff Meeting, VBC Board of Commissioners Meeting, VBC Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village of Lawton Council Meeting
- 7. 08/10/2022 FY 23 Budget Projections Work Session, MAEAP Fruit Field Day
- 8. 08/16/2022 Conservation Technician Interview, FY 23 Budget Work Session, EGLE & Army Corps of Engineers Beach Walk in South Haven
- 9. 08/18/2022 VBCD Staff Team Building Day
- 10. 08/22-23/2022 MACD Managers Training Retreat in Gaylord
- 11. 08/24/2022 MAEAP Grant Progress Review, VBCD Regular Board Meeting, Electronics Vendor FY 23 Meeting
- 12. 08/25/2022 County USDA Center Lease Meeting, VBC Supervisors Meeting
- 13. 08/26/2022 MISBF West Michigan Materials Management Coalition Meeting
- 14. 08/29/2022 VBC Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 15. 08/30/2022 VBCD Staff Meeting, Recycle Guide Updates Work Session, Fall Field Day Site Visit
- 16. 08/31/2022 VBCD Employee Pay Plan Meeting, VBCD Staff Appreciation, VBCD Administrative Team Meeting

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

Photo:



Van Buren Conservation District August 2022 Deputy Administrator Board Report Prepared September 2022 Staff: Emilly Hickmott





Photos from MACD Managers Training Retreat: Deputy Administrator visited Otsego Conservation District's Native Plant Nursery and public gardens.



Van Buren Conservation District AUGUST 2022 Education and Water Quality Report Prepared 8/30/22

Staff: Carlie Southland

Highlights

Conservation Associate, Carlie Southland, finished her Pop Up Lit Labs in partnership with Bangor and Decatur schools. She is continuing to water sample at a local farm. She is also working on farmer contracts for aerial fly-ons.

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Assisted in water sampling at Red Arrow Dairy
- 2. Assisted and led Pop Up Lit Labs for Bangor and Decatur schools
- 3. Created farmer contracts for fly-ons
- 4. Assisted with Healthy Water Week

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. 8/1: Check-in meeting with Emilly Hickmott- VBCD Office
- 2. 8/4: TRC Ecoli working group- VBCD Office
- 3. 8/8: Decatur lit lab meeting- virtual
- 4. 8/9: VBCD staff meeting- VBCD office
- 5. 8/16: VBCD staff meeting- VBCD office
- 6. 8/22: Lake Survey Training- MSU
- 7. 8/30: VBCD staff meeting- VBCD office

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. N/A

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Continued water sampling at Red Arrow Dairy
- 2. Creating farmer contracts
- 3. Farm Field Day

Photos







May 2022 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared August 2022

Staff: Kyle Mead



Highlights

In August, Kyle held a Fruit Field Day at Oxley Farms in Lawton, MI. Earlier in the year, Kyle assisted Ed Oxley with planting various cover crops in their vineyard middles. The demo plots totalled about 5 acres and displayed 4 different mixes designed by Colleen Forestieri. The event was well attended and allowed for a lot of casual conversations about the project, VBCD programs, and grape farming in general.

Percentage Completed: 58 % of required assessments completed

24 % of verifications

*goals set at MAEAP Goal Setting meeting

Activities, Accomplishments, & Challenges

- 1. 8/3-8/5 Healthy Water Week in the office
- 2. 8/6 South Haven Recycle Roundup
- 3. 8/8 Verification in South Haven FWHP
- 4. 8/10 Setup for Fruit Field Day
- 5. 8/22 Water Tested surface water for livestock farm issue Paw Paw
- 6. 8/29 Water tests to prepare for Verifications Lawton and Paw Paw farms

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. 8/9 Fall Farm Field Day Planning
- 2. 8/10 MAEAP Fruit Field Day at Oxley Farms in Lawton
- 3. 8/17 MAEAP Follow Up Gobles
- 4. 8/19 MAEAP Assessment Lawton
- 5. 8/19 MAEAP Assessment Paw Paw
- 6. 8/26 MAEAP System Meeting (advises on changes to MAEAP tools)
- 7. 8/30 Fall Field Day site visit for planning

Upcoming Activities



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Staff: Kyle Mead



Llberty Hyde Bailey Museum tour - 10/1 Fall Field Day - 09/7 2023 Field Day Planning - 9/13

A*Syst Type	Monthly A*Systs	Fiscal Year to Date A*Systs
Farm*A*Systs:	2	20
Orchard*A*Systs:	0	4
Greenhouse*A*Syst s:	0	0
Nursery*A*Systs:	0	0
Crop*A*Systs:	1	6
Livestock*A*Systs:	1	4
FWHP*A*Systs:	0	1
Total Assessments Completed (always year to date):	0	35 / 60 Goal
On Farm Risk Reductions (always year to date):	15	44 / 240 Goal
MAEAP Verifications (always year to date):	1	12 completed YTD (5FAS, 6CAS, #LAS, 1FWH) 50 Goal



May 2022 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared August 2022

Staff: Kyle Mead



Photos







August 2022 NACD Technical Assistance

Board Report

Prepared September 2022

Staff: Lucas Hartman



Highlights

A significant number of small livestock farmers have been introduced to the MAEAP program, and will be applying for assistance through the Farm Bill program in 2023. Grazing and waste management are expected to be a major category for funding in Van Buren County for 2023.



Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Van Buren County Farm Bureau Monthly meeting Conservation District Report
 - a. Recycling events
 - b. Farm Bill 2023
- 2. Forest management plan proposition for Paw Paw Conservation Club
 - a. Conservation Club board has decided to move forward with contracting a forest to create a forest management plan for their entire acreage.



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Prepared September 2022

Staff: Lucas Hartman



- b. Paw Paw Conservation CLub may decide to use recommendations from a contracted forester to apply for financial assistance in future farm bill programs.
- 3. MAEAP Field day in Lawton
 - a. Talked with vineyard, and orchard farmers about FSA eligibility requirements, and other Farm Bill Program information.
- 4. Site visits to producers interested in Farm Bill 2023
 - a. Small livestock operations
 - b. Forestry
 - c. Climate smart agricultural practices
- 5. Prairie Strip Field Day with Kellogg Biological Center Edward Lowe Foundation
 - a. Attended as a speaker presenting on utilizing various farm bill programs for technical and financial assistance with prairie strips, and other long term vegetative cover practices.

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. None at this time



August 2022 Outreach Board Report Prepared 8/31/2022

Staff: Jacob Diljak

Highlights

August saw great public outreach with our booth at the Mattawan Farmers Market, Paddle with a Naturalist event on VanAuken Lake, and municipal meeting attendance. Work is already underway for 2023 publications- be sure to look out for the 2023 VBCD Calendar and 2023 Tree Sale!

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Social media management: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, data tracking
- 2. Financials: Visa bill reconciliation, invoice and receipt management
- 3. General VBCD photography: events, presentations, stock photography
- 4. Conservation Corner: review, editing, writing
- 5. Billboards: artwork, planning, collaboration
- 6. Butterfield Drain Photography Project
- 7. 2023 Tree Sale: invoice and order management
- 8. MAEAP Fruit Field Day: set up, event assistance, photography (8/10) pictured
- 9. Mattawan Farmers Market (8/17)
- 10. Staff Competition (8/18)
- 11. Paddle with a Naturalist events: assistance, promotion
- 12. Kal-Haven Trail Clean Up: promotion, planning, general work
- 13. 2019/2020 Annual Reports: completion of rough drafts
- 14. Vehicle maintenance: oil changes, safety recall notices
- 15. 2023 Food, Farm, & Fun Guide: advertiser work, promotion, 2023 edits
- 16. CISMA Photo Shoot (8/18)
- 17. Co-hosted Paddle with a Naturalist on VanAuken Lake (8/19) pictured

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. Staff meetings (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/30)
- 2. Admin team meetings (8/2, 8/31)
- 3. Pre-Collection Meeting (8/4)
- 4. Fall Farm Field Day Discussion (8/9)
- 5. Bangor Township Regular Board Meeting (8/9)
- 6. Columbia Township Regular Board Meeting (8/16)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA



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Staff: Jacob Diljak

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Lawrence Farmers Market (9/3)
- 2. Kal-Haven Trail Clean Up (9/18)

	Trends	Content	Audience
Facebook	15,543 People Reached	36 Posts	2,044 Page Likes (30 ↑)
Instagram	108 People Reached	28 Posts	112 Followers (5 ↑)
LinkedIn	64 Impressions	3 Posts	22 Followers (7 ↑)
YouTube Total Views		-	871 Subscribers (29 ↑)
Website	~	~	1,323 (137 ↑)

Event Category	Number of Events	Impressions
Miscellaneous	2	20
VBCD Events	2	24
Farmers Markets	1	35



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Staff: Jacob Diljak



MAEAP Fruit Field Day: Colleen Forestieri and Kyle Mead showing farmers cover crop options and their benefits.



Paddle with a Naturalist event on VanAuken Lake. Kalli Marshall and Jacob Diljak co-hosted the event with 16 people in attendance.

Produce Safety Monthly Report August 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022





Completed

- MI Harvest Webinar (8/4)
- Farm Visit Allegan (8/10)
- Pick up fair materials USFS (8/10)
- Pick up fair materials MDNR (8/10)
- Newsletter planning meeting (8/11)
- Food preservation webinar (8/11)
- Farm Visit Kalamazoo (8/11)
- Set up fair booth (8/12)
- Farm Visit Berrien (8/16)
- Allegan and Ottawa Field Day (8/18)
- Farm Visit Van Buren (8/19)
- Tech grant change meeting (8/22)
- Environmental Monitoring Training (8/23&8/25)
- Blueberry field day (8/24)
- Monthly Huddle (8/26)
- Farm Visit Kalamazoo (8/26)
- FSMA NCR proposed water rule compliance dates meeting (8/30)
- Farm Visit Allegan (8/30)

Upcoming

County	Berrien	Allegan	Kalamazoo	Van Buren
Farm Visits	1	2	2	1



Van Buren Conservation District July 2022 Resource Recovery Board Report Prepared August 2022

Staff: Kalli Marshall Jacob Diljak Emilly Hickmott VAN BUREN



Highlights

August was another busy month as we began to finish up the summer festivities. Resource Recovery held the second Recycle Roundup of this year in South Haven. We diverted 1,388 passenger tire equivalents, 17,466 pounds of hazardous waste, and 6,960 pounds of electronics. We have also begun preparing for the 2023 collection season by securing locations for collections and renewing contracts from vendors.

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Responded to residents who had recycling questions with options for disposal/recycling
- 2. Submitted appropriate check requests for Gobles Village Market paper/cardboard recycling
- 3. Scheduled social media posts for August 2022
- 4. Read resource recovery updates from Michigan Recycling Coalition and EGLE to keep abreast of trends and changes
- 5. Tracked electronics collection for August 2022
- 6. Assisted landowners with signing up for 2022 tire collections
- 7. Triple confirmed VBCD household hazardous waste vendor scheduling
- 8. Connected with various staff members at the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department to confirm work program help at tire collections
- 9. Processed VBCD Scrap Tire Grant invoices, transportation records, and payment requests
- 10. Wrote Event Summaries for August Events
- 11. Organized staff for upcoming Recycling Roundup Collection
- 12. Processed Invoices from Green Earth Electronics and Drug and Lab from Recycle Roundup
- 13. Contacted potential site hosts for 2023 tire and electronic collections
- 14. Requested contracts from recycling collection companies
- 15. Organized a informational booth for Lawrence Flea Market
- 16. Registered for several sustainability events to learn upcoming advances in the industry and tools and skills for communication with parties for materials management
- 17. Prepared for Paddle with a Naturalist by scouting the lake with Alex to learn more about the environment around the lake
- 18. Followed up with residents who registered for tire collections, but missed their reservations to reschedule for future events
- 19. Designed door hanger advertisements for municipalities to handout focused on tires
- 20. Designed 2023 Decatur Dump Day Ad for the Village of Decatur
- 21. Partnered with USDA to recycle old printer cartridges and electronics
- 22. Condensed contact information from recycling collections to add to mailchimp mailing list
- 23. Requested us of county property for 2023 collections



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24. Collaborated with Cass County for Scrap Tire Grant miscommunications

Meetings/Trainings Attended

- 1. 8/1/2022 City of Bangor Council Meeting
- 2. 8/1/2022 Healthy Water Week
- 3. 8/2/2022 Bangor Popup Lit Lab
- 4. 8/2/2022, 8/9/2022, 8/16/2022, 8/30/2022 Staff Meeting
- 5. 8/2/2022, 8/31/2022- Administrative Team Meetings
- 6. 8/4/2022 Back to School Bonanza
- 7. 8/4/2022 Pre-collection Staff Meeting
- 8. 8/6/2022 South Haven Recycle Roundup
- 9. 8/9/2022 Covert Township Board Meeting
- 10. 8/10/2022 MAEAP Field Day
- 11. 8/10/2022 Porter Township Board Meeting
- 12. 8/11/2022 Decatur Popup Lit Lab
- 13. 8/11/2022 Hartford Township Board Meeting
- 14. 8/16/2022 Columbia Township Board Meeting
- 15. 8/17/2022 Materials Management Planning Meeting
- 16. 8/17/2022 Bloomingdale Township Board Meeting
- 17. 8/19/2022 Paddle with a Naturalist
- 18. 8/24/2022 Green Earth Electronics Partnership Discussion
- 19. 8/26/2022 Michigan Sustainable Business Forum Meeting
- 20. 8/29/2022 VBC Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 21. 8/30/2022 Recycle Guide Update Meeting
- 22. 8/30/2022 Advancing Climate Action Event

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Update Recycle Guide review materials that Andrew previously updated
- 2. Prepare compost video for Paw Paw Library
- 3. Prepare Resource Recovery Management Plan for Growers
- 4. Research/develop A*Syst Program booklets for restaurants, organizations, growers, schools, homes, municipalities



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- 5. Milk jug recycling to benches school program
- 6. Hang Recycle, MI signs somewhere impactful

Photos



