



## Van Buren Conservation District

January 2023 Board Report

Prepared February 2023

Staff: Kimberly Sinclair

### Highlights

Completed annual tax filings. Worked on multiple grants for CISMA and the NRCS CT position. Had a fantastic Backyard Symposium. Working on summer programming with the VB District Libraries, Wolf Lake, VBC Drain Office, Farm Bureau, and VBC Road Commission. Hoping to secure additional fee for service work for the CISMA. Also we had both our trucks vandalized. The catalytic converters were stolen. Working with the insurance and car repair shop to get them fixed.

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Calendars Distributed
2. Annual Report completed and sent to print
3. Annual Reviews completed
4. Food Guide well underway

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Weekly VBCD Staff Meetings
2. Bi-weekly CISMA Strategy Meetings
3. Weekly Administrative Team Meetings
4. Telephone meeting with VBC Road Commission
5. Van Buren County Drain Commissioner meeting
6. Summer Programming meeting with VB District Libraries
7. Attended CISMA Annual Meeting
8. Attended Friends of the St Joe River meeting

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Save the Great Lakes pre-proposal
2. GLRI Forestry Grant for CISMA



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## January 2023 Ag Conservation/Water Quality Projects Board Report

Prepared 2/14/23

Staff: Colleen Forestieri Erin Fuller Carlie Southland

### Highlight

Most staff time in January was occupied with planning future educational events, including the Farming for the Future Conference which will be held in March. Planning included tasks such as developing the agenda, finding speakers to fill breakout sessions, and designing and mailing invitations and brochures. Staff also collected soil samples from several local farms that will be analyzed and discussed at the conference (see photo for more detail).

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

##### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 1/5/22, 1/18/22
2. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
3. Calculated pollutant load reductions from best management practices
4. Planning Farming for the Future Conference 1/10/23, 1/17/23, 1/31/23
5. Soil sampling 1/18/23
6. Meeting w/ Ehsan Ghane, MSUE, re: Drainage Water Management 1/18/23
7. Tillage/Residue Survey meeting with EGLE 1/19/23
8. Quarterly report submitted 1/30/23

##### Upcoming Activities

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams
2. Planning Farming for the Future Conference 2/2/23, 2/7/23, 2/21/23
3. Meeting w/ AgriDrain re: leaking DWM structure 2/8/23
4. Tillage/Residue Survey meeting with EGLE 2/14/23
5. Tillage survey 2/15/23-2/16/23

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

##### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Team video conferences 1/10/23, 1/24/23

##### Upcoming Activities

1. Team video conferences 2/7/23
2. Outreach planning meeting 2/8/23
3. Project extended through 9/1/2023



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### Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (2020)

#### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Project wrap-up and final reporting
2. Grant ended 12/31/23

#### Upcoming Activities

1. None

### USDA - AFRI (Notre Dame)

#### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Continue developing outreach materials
2. Coordinate manure sampling
3. Planning Farming for the Future Conference 1/10/23, 1/17/23, 1/31/23

#### Upcoming Activities

1. Continue outreach activities
2. Project update meeting 2/2/23

### Other

#### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Weekly staff meetings
2. Reviewed grant budgets and staff hours allocated to each project
3. Assisted with Annual Report preparation
4. Assisted with Backyard Symposium Planning
5. CISMA annual meeting 1/12/23
6. Underground Innovations Conference 1/23 & 1/24/23
7. Section 508 Aglean Training
8. Unconscious Bias AgLearn Training
9. Grant Writing Basics class 1/17/23
10. MiCorps grant meeting 1/17/23
11. Summer Programming preparation meeting 1/19/23
12. Prepared advertisements for Food, Farm and Fun Guide



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13. Environmental Communication for Behavior Change class 1/26/23

14. VBCD Board Meeting 1/25/23

### Upcoming Activities

1. Weekly staff meetings
2. Backyard Symposium
3. Environmental Communication for Behavior Change class 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23
4. Shoreline Living issue 2 Rollout planning meeting 2/1/23
5. MiCorps volunteer data webinar 2/7/23
6. New printer training 2/14/23
7. KBS LTAR Stakeholder advisory group 2/28/23

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. None

## Photos

*Colleen Forestieri and Carlie Southland took 6 soil samples while out in the field. These samples were sent to Neal Kinsey, the keynote speaker for our 2023 Farming for the Future Conference. Neal will analyze the soil samples and discuss the results at our upcoming conference.*





## SW x SW Corner Cisma

January 2023 Board Report

Prepared 02/10/2023

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

### Highlights

In January the SWxSW Corner Cisma held its 2023 Annual meeting, where we connected with partners and gave updates on Cisma activities. Cisma staff also attended the 2023 Michigan Invasive Species Coalition annual meeting to learn about updates on invasive species statewide. Strike team job descriptions were posted and promising applications have been received.

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Held our 2023 Cisma annual Meeting [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K\\_XY2WGNeSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_XY2WGNeSQ)
2. Met with South Haven Maritime museum about potential future opportunities
3. Worked to support VBCD SOGL Grant
4. Performed 3 site visits
5. Met with Jake Young at Cass Conservation District to talk about what the Cisma is and how we partner.
6. Began planning and scheduling the field season

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. MISC Annual Meeting
2. Met with Camp Tamarack Conservation Committee to present on possible GLRI project at their site

### Upcoming Activities

1. The Stewardship Network Conference
2. Begin Strike Team Interviews
3. Invasive Species in a changing climate forum
4. Meeting with MDARD about SLF trapping this fall

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. N/A





## SW x SW Corner Cisma

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Prepared 02/10/2023

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

### Species of the Month: Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)

#### Overview:

1. This invasive plant is frequently found in dune habitats of the Northern Lower Peninsula, but not known in our Cisma.
2. Threatens many native threatened plants, like Pitcher's Thistle.
3. Can produce up to 13,000 seeds per plant.
4. Commonly found as a filler in bouquets and decorative flowers, which is likely how they get introduced.



#### Identification:

1. Bushy plant, up to about 4 feet tall
2. Hundreds of small white flowers per plant
3. Five petals per flower
4. Thick, deep taproot
5. Narrow leaves
6. Calyx 1-2 mm long



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## Van Buren Conservation District

January 2023 Deputy Administrator Board Report

Prepared February 2023

Staff: **Emilly Hickmott**

### Highlights

January was a great month for the VBCD staff to prepare for a full year of events! We're looking forward to our farmer-focused conference, *Farming for the Future*, on March 7 at the Van Buren Conference Center and our Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Night on March 22. We ask folks to RSVP for these free events because space is limited and food will be provided. Our tree seedling sale continues through the end of April 7. Species will sell out, so order soon! Keep an eye on our calendar 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 and passed along grant opportunities
3. Updated VBCD shared calendars
4. Wrote and distributed January 2023 VBCD e-newsletter and Municipal Programs Report
5. Prepared VBCD administrative team & staff meeting agendas and conducted meetings
6. Compiled and distributed VBCD board meeting materials
7. Promoted district programs and events through various media including press releases
8. Updated VBCD website
9. Distributed newly adopted policies with staff and filed signatures
10. Drafted/updated VBCD policies for Board review
11. Interviewed for Michigan State University's Emerging Leader Program
12. Collaborated with Ag/Water Quality Team on organizational planning for *Farming for the Future*
13. Collaborated with Outreach Coordinator & Conservation Associate to plan Backyard Symposium
14. Oversaw preparations for SWxSW Corner CISMA Annual Meeting and launch of additional recycling services
15. Collaborated with CISMA staff on seasonal job posting
16. Began preparing for 2023 summer education programming with partner organizations
17. Appointed to Van Buren County Parks & Recreation Commission
18. Applied to Van Buren County Land Preservation Board
19. Finalized Memorandum of Understanding document for use with electronics vendor
20. Began gathering VBCD staff award information
21. Began planning Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment event
22. Collaborated with Conservation Technician on Sustain Our Lakes Grant pre-application



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Staff: **Emilly Hickmott**

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Grant Reporting Meetings (01/05, 01/20)
2. VBCD and Cass County Conservation District Executive Director Introductions (01/06)
3. Emerging Leaders Academy Interview (01/09)
4. Farming for the Future Planning Meetings (01/10, 01/17, 01/24, 01/31)
5. SWxSW Corner CISMA Annual Meeting (01/12)
6. Paddle Event Planning Meeting (01/13)
7. Food Systems & Climate Action in the Great Lakes Region Webinar (01/17)
8. VBCD and Michigan State University Extension Collaborative Meeting (01/17)
9. Cass & Van Buren Community Grant Summit (01/18)
10. VBCD and Van Buren District Library Summer Programming Planning Meeting (01/19)
11. Account Consolidation Meeting with Adobe (01/20)
12. SWxSW Corner CISMA Steering Committee Meeting (01/23)
13. Palisades Economic Recovery Initiative Presentation (01/23)
14. Restoring Nature with Prescribed Fire: Why We Burn and How We Do It Safely Webinar (01/26)
15. Backyard Symposium Speaker Tech Check (01/30)
16. MAEAP Grant Progress Review Preparation (01/31)
17. VBCD Staff Meeting (01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24, 01/31)
18. VBCD Management Team Meeting (01/04, 01/09, 01/20)
19. VBCD Administrative Team Meeting (01/04)
20. VBCD Outreach Admin Team Meeting (01/13)
21. VBCD Resource Recovery Admin Team Meeting (01/25)
22. SWxSW Corner CISMA Strategy Meeting (01/06, 01/31)
23. Resource Recovery Check-in Meetings (01/05, 01/09, 01/19, 01/23, 01/26, 01/30)
24. NRCS Conservation Tech Check-in Meetings (01/04, 01/18, 01/31)
25. VBC Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting (01/10)
26. VBC Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting (01/10)
27. VBC Committee of the Whole (01/10, 01/24)
28. VBC Board of Commissioners Meeting (01/24)
29. VBC Land Preservation Board Meeting (01/18)
30. Municipal Meetings (none)
31. VBCD Board Meeting (01/25)

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA





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January 2023 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared February 2023

Staff: Kyle Mead



## Highlights

January was a productive month, the technician attended several planning meetings for the VBCD’s Farming for the Future event that is to be held in March, conducted several assessments and reassessments on farms and had two farms get reverified.

Percentage Completed: 40% of required assessments completed

10 % of verifications

## Activities, Accomplishments, & Challenges

1. 1/18 – New Farm Assessment – Decatur
2. 1/19 – Verifications 1 new, 3 re-ver
3. 1/27 – New Farm Assessment – Hartford
4. 1/30 – New Farm Assessment – Lawton

## Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 1/4 – CIG Meeting
2. 1/10 – Farming for the Future Planning Meeting
3. 1/12 – Outreach Coffee Chat zoom meeting
4. 1/17 – Farming for the Future planning meeting
5. 1/24 – Farming for the Future planning Meeting
6. 1/31 – Farming for the future planning meeting
7. 1/31 – MAEAP Grant Progress Review with Kim and Emilly

A*Syst Type	Monthly A*Systs	Fiscal Year to Date A*Systs
Farm*A*Systs:	4	14
Orchard*A*Systs:	1	6
Greenhouse*A*Systs:	0	2



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Staff: Kyle Mead



Nursery*A*Systs:	0	0
Crop*A*Systs:	2	3
Livestock*A*Systs:	0	1
FWHP*A*Systs:	0	0
Total Assessments Completed (always year to date):	7	30/ 78 Goal
On Farm Risk Reductions (always year to date):	0	0 / 150 Goal
MAEAP Verifications (always year to date):	4	6 completed YTD (3FAS, 3CAS, #LAS, FWH) 58 Goal

Photos



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Staff: Lucas Hartman



## Highlights

The Inflation Reduction Act will make more funding available to conservation program applicants nationwide.

## Activities & Accomplishments

1. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - a. Eligibility deadline for 2023 participants - January 27, 2023
    - i. Working with all applicants to fulfill a variety of program eligibility requirements with the Farms Service Agency.
  - b. Continued planning and assessment work with all FY2023 Applications.
    - i. Practices include
      1. Forest management plans
      2. Cover cropping, and reduced tillage
      3. Agrichemical handling facilities
      4. Rotational grazing
      5. Nutrient and pesticide management and conservation
2. Conservation Stewardship program (CSP)
  - a. Still awaiting program information for FY2023
    - i. Applicants will be limited to those producers that reach a required benchmark of conservation activities on their operations.
3. Inflation Reduction Act
  - a. Increased funding for Farm Bill conservation programs has been made available and details on allocations will be sent to the Paw Paw field office in the coming weeks.
4. VBCD Backyard Symposium
  - a. Creating a presentation on an introduction to soil formation, and conservation for VBCD's 3rd annual Backyard Symposium.

## New Grant Proposals Submitted

No new proposals at this time. Requests for continued funding through NACD are expected to be released in Q2 of 2023.



## Highlights

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. SOGL Grant Pre-Proposal Submitted!

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Grassworks 2.0 - Wisconsin Dells - From Feb. 2nd - 4th I attended the Grassworks 2.0 conference at the Chula Vista resort in Wisconsin Dells, the theme of the conference was "Foraging Ahead" and many of the speakers focused on what was "new" in grazing today. Topics included Radio GPS collars to track and move livestock remotely from a computer space, Contract Grazing for Low Impact Invasive Species Control, Silvopasture, The Future of Meat Markets in the United States, Livestock Ingestible Magnets and Microchips to actively monitor health, and "Slim Farming" the art of farming more profitable with less production.
2. Grant Research and Writing - OnePlace Training Center Kalamazoo - on Jan24th I attended the OnePlace Grant Writing Training at the Kalamazoo Library. During this free training session I learned about a few different grant research networks, and maybe not so much about grant writing, but it was an informative training none-the-less.
3. OEFFA Conference - Newark, Ohio - From Feb 16th - 18th I as well as Paw Paw NRCS employee Kami Williams will be attending the OEFFA Conference in Newark Ohio. At the time of writing this board report I haven't attended yet, but this conference looks to be well organized and should be an amazing event. This year's theme of the OEFFA conference is "Germinate. Regenerate. Agitate", which you know what, sounds perfect for me!. Kami and I will be taking the "Grazing Track", but we are sure to poke our heads into a few of the Orchard and Gardening tracks as well!

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. National Fish and Wildlife Federation - Sustain our Great Lakes (SOGL) - For the past few weeks I, as well as practically the rest of the VBCD office, has been rapidly working on putting together a rather cool grant and opportunity for Van Buren County. The SOGL grant offered through the National Fish and Wildlife Federation focuses on 4 different categories, all surrounding bolstering soil and water health around the great lakes water basin. Using funds from the SOGL grant we plan on forming a rather unique partnership between the VBCD, NRCS, SWxSW CISMA, MSUE, Van Buren Drain Commission, and even local food banks. Plans for the grant would fund a herd of small ruminants that will be managed by the Conservation Technician as invasive species control units, mainly focusing on our agricultural drain system around the county. This would also move my role as an



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area Livestock and Grazing Specialist that could be utilized by the offices of the VBCD, NRCS, and MSUE for county livestock and grazing questions, and to help move area livestock farmers into more conservation minded practices on their farms. Lastly as mentioned before this grant would also allow us to form a small but important partnership with our counties food banks. At the end of each grazing season our plans are to process and distribute the meat from the season's lamb and goat kids which we estimate will be over 500 pounds of locally raised, pasture grazed protein for some of our counties most underserved and poorest community members. Our pre-proposal was due Feb. 14th and we should hear back by the end of April to see if we make it to the next stage!

## Upcoming Activities

1. Farming for the Future
2. Grazing Workshop

## Photos





## Van Buren Conservation District

January 2023 Outreach Board Report

Prepared 1/31/2023

Staff: **Jacob Diljak**

### Highlights

Significant public outreach and professional goals were achieved with training, increased social media following, and work in VBCD programs and partnerships. A community cleanup grant was submitted- stay tuned for updates! Current projects underway: Tree Sale; 2022 Annual Report; Backyard Symposium webinar; 2023 Food, Farm, & Fun Guide; and a possible grant project.

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Social media management: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, data tracking
2. Financials: invoice and receipt management
3. General VBCD photography: events, presentations, stock photography
4. Conservation Corner: review, editing, writing
5. 2023 Annual Report: editing of drafts, coordinating with designer
6. Backyard Symposium: coordination with speakers
7. Tree Sale: website and order work, advertising, customer questions, stock management
8. 2023 Food, Farm, & Fun Guide: festival work, edits, advertiser work
9. Seasonal Strike Team Crew: job postings, application submission, application opportunities
10. Community Clean-Up: groundwork on grant, feasibility, planning
11. Stream Clean-Up: groundwork on grant, feasibility, planning

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Staff meetings (1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 24, 1/31)
2. Admin team meetings (1/4)
3. Outreach Check-In (1/11)
4. Food, Farm, & Fun Guide MAEAP Ad meeting (1/5)
5. "How to Become a Conservation Photographer" The Conservation Photography Podcast (1/9)
6. "7 Types of Photo Stories Every Conservation Non-Profit Needs" The Conservation Photography Podcast (1/10)
7. How to Find Conservation Photo Stories (1/11)
8. CISMA Annual Meeting (1/12) **pictured**
9. MACD Education Committee meeting (1/13)
10. Photography Essentials (1/18-19)
11. Nikon D33400 Training (1/20)
12. Decatur Mini-Grant Awarding (1/20) **pictured**
13. South Haven Electronics Collection Site: Opening Day (1/24) **pictured**
14. Backyard Symposium Speaker Tech Check 1 (1/30)



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### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Keep Michigan Beautiful Shirley Richardson Mini-Grant Program

### Upcoming Activities

1. Admin Team Meeting (2/1)
2. Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail Board Meeting (2/6)
3. Backyard Symposium (2/6-9)
4. Outreach Check-In (2/15)
5. SWxSW Corner Cisma Annual Meeting (2/12)
6. 2023 Photography Planning
7. CREP Trainings (2/14, 21, 28)

	Trends	Content	Audience
Facebook	14,184 People Reached	28 Posts	2,390 Page Likes (27 ↑)
Instagram	115 People Reached	23 Posts	159 Followers (19 ↑)
LinkedIn	11 Impressions	4 Posts	30 Followers (7 ↑)
YouTube	Total Views	-	917 Subscribers (17 ↑)
Website	~	~	9,430 (0 ↑)

Event Category	Number of Events	Impressions
Miscellaneous	2	48
VBCD Events	2	7
Farmers Markets	0	0



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SWxSW Corner CISMA with their Steering Committee during the SWxSW Corner Annual Meeting.





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Administrator Kim Sinclair, Recycling & Materials Management Coordinator Kalli Marshall awarding Hartford High School's Go Green Club with a mini-grant award.



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Recycling & Materials Management Coordinator Kalli Marshall and Outreach Coordinator Jacob Diljak on the opening day of the South Haven Electronics Collection Site at Senior Services of Van Buren County.

## Produce Safety Monthly Report

January 1, 2022 – January 31, 2022



### Completed

- Tech Chat (1/6, 1/27)
- Farm Visit Allendale, Ottawa County (1/10)
- Meeting with West Michigan Works, Consulting on Videos about jobs in agriculture (1/11)
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College ValleyHUB summit, Presentation on Technicians, PSRA, and Certificate process (1/12)
- Cultivate Michigan Marketplace in person networking event Kalamazoo in person (1/12)
- Travel to Traverse City (1/16)
- Northwest Orchard and Vineyard show sessions and booth coverage, networking (1/17-1/18)
- MIOFPS Newsletter planning meeting (1/19)
- NCR FSMA Listening Session (1/19)
- Small farm sanitizing and cleaning meeting, Ann Arbor 1/31, Kalamazoo 2/17 (1/20)
- PSA Training Session (1/23)
- Grower Meeting Kalamazoo (1/24)
- Grower Meeting Ottawa, Allendale (1/25)
- West Michigan Works meeting, Consulting on Videos about Jobs in Agriculture (1/26)
- MIOFPS Monthly Huddle (1/27)
- Prepare for ValleyHUB Summit, event for all stakeholders for the food hub, service providers, growers, and buyers.
- Prepare for in person Grower Training
- Prepare for Small Farm Sanitizing and Cleaning presentation
- Continue working on relationships with partners in coverage area
- Ongoing correspondence through email with growers
- Ongoing correspondence with growers through phone conversation

### Upcoming

- Southwest Horticulture Days (2/1-122)
- In Person Grower Training Kent (2/7)
- Benton Harbor Reister Meeting (2/8)
- PSA Training (2/13)
- KVCC Small Grower Cleaning and Sanitizing meeting (2/17)
- MIFFS Conference (2/25)



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January 2023 Resource Recovery Board Report  
Prepared February 2023  
Staff: Kalli Marshall Jacob Diljak Emily Hickmott



## Highlights

January was another important month for resource recovery. The Rural Electronic Recycling Grant was received and work was able to commence! We got the new year round permanent electronic collection site opened at South Haven Senior Services Center. This month we also were able to open all nine of the battery recycling drop off stations at most of the libraries in Van Buren County. We were also excited to be able to check in with the Hartford High School Go Green Club who recently was awarded a mini grant to start a school recycling program and are off to a fantastic start!

## 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 January 2023
4. Read resource recovery updates from Michigan Recycling Coalition and EGLE to keep abreast of trends and changes
5. Tracked electronics collection for January 2023
6. Processed VBCD Scrap Tire Grant invoices, transportation records, and payment requests
7. Submitted 2022 VBCD Scrap Tire Grant Report
8. Investigated funding opportunities for Resource Recovery through EPA Grant
9. Scheduled out packing, and made vehicle reservations for 2023 recycling collections
10. Scheduled and set up battery recycling stations at 9 drop off locations
11. Delivered flyers for recycling events to all municipality halls and various other locations
12. Edited and assisted with Memorandum of Understanding for DLD and Green Earth Electronics
13. Connected and ordered battery pails from Cirba Solutions
14. Revised the electronics list with Vendor
15. Ordered and assisted with delivery of South Haven Senior Services Electronics trailer
16. Sent Municipality pledge forms to applicable communities
17. Designed and ordered advertisements for recycling collections and services
18. Opened South Haven Senior Services Electronics Collection Location
19. Processed Invoices for Electronics Grant

## Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 1/3/2023, 1/10/2023, 1/17/2023, 1/31/2023 - Staff Meeting
2. 1/4/2023, 1/25/2023 - Admin Team Meeting
3. 1/11/2023 - Fun as a renewable Resource Webinar



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4. 1/11/2023 - Washtenaw Ordinance Discussion
5. 1/12/2023 - CISMA Annual Meeting
6. 1/13/2023 - PADNOS Discussion
7. 1/17/2023 - Food Systems and Climate Action Webinar
8. 1/17/2023 - Micorp Water Sampling Meeting
9. 1/18/2023 - Water Sampling for Pine-Mill Creek Project
10. 1/18/2023 - EPA Grant Discussion with Sustainable Business Forum
11. 1/19/2023 - Summer Programming Discussion with Libraries
12. 1/20/2023 - Hartford Mini Grant Photo
13. 1/21/2023 - Materials Management Coalition Meeting
14. 1/24/2023 - Van Buren County Board of Commissioners Presentation

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

### Upcoming Activities

1. Prepare compost video for Paw Paw Library
2. Prepare Resource Recovery Management Plan for Growers
3. Research/develop A\*Syst Program booklets for restaurants, organizations, growers, schools, homes, municipalities
4. Hang Recycle, MI signs somewhere impactful

### Photos



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