



# Van Buren Conservation District

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

Prepared 4/4/23

Staff: Colleen Forestieri Erin Fuller Carlie Southland

### Highlight

More than 150 local farmers came together at the Van Buren Conservation District’s annual “Farming for the Future” conference on March 7 to learn about nutrient management, improving soil health, cost share opportunities, and more. Neal Kinsey of Charleston, Missouri, internationally recognized agricultural consultant and author of the book Hands-on Agronomy, was the keynote speaker. VBCD staff also discussed new research and cost-share programs that can offer funding to farmers to try conservation practices. Speakers from University of Notre Dame, MSU Extension, and MDARD also spoke during breakout sessions targeting grain, grazing, and fruit growers. See the end of this report for evaluation results for this event.

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

##### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 3/1/23, 3/15/23, 3/23/23, 3/29/23
2. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
3. Calculated pollutant load reductions from best management practices
4. Pollutant Load Estimation Tool (PLET) training 3/2/23
5. Farming for the Future Conference 3/7/23
6. Tillage survey 3/8/23
7. Meeting w/ UND re: sampling strategies 3/30/23

##### Upcoming Activities

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 4/12/23, 4/26/23
2. Farmer interviews

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

##### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Team video conferences 3/21/23

##### Upcoming Activities

1. Team video conferences 4/4/23, 4/18/23
2. Outreach planning
3. Project extended through 9/1/2023



## Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (2020)

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Project wrap-up and final reporting
2. Grant ended 12/31/22
3. Final reporting submitted 3/30/23

### Upcoming Activities

1. None

## USDA - AFRI (Notre Dame)

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Continue developing outreach materials
2. Coordinate manure sampling
3. Farming for the Future Conference 3/7/23

### Upcoming Activities

1. Continue outreach activities

## Other

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. Weekly staff meetings
2. Reviewed grant budgets and staff hours allocated to each project
3. Environmental Communication for Behavior Change class 3/2/23, 3/9/23
4. Communicating Edge-of-Field Practices to Landowners webinar 3/8/23
5. Shoreline Living webinar tech check 3/14/23
6. Admin + water quality team meeting 3/21/23
7. Outreach toolkit project (NWF) closeout meeting 3/21/23
8. Inter-staff meetings re: social marketing strategies 3/14/23, 3/21/23
9. VBCD Board Meeting 3/22/23
10. Kalamazoo Green Drinks 3/28/23

### Upcoming Activities

1. Weekly staff meetings



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2. Tree sale 4/8/23-4/15/23
3. Macro Sampling Discussion 4/6/23
4. MNSP Strategic Planning Meeting 4/20/23

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Invited to collaborate on a grant proposal with University of Michigan and Michigan State University: "Integrating livestock grazing and cover crop mixtures to recycle nutrients, build soil health, and produce local beef on farms in the Upper Midwest"

## Photos

*Agricultural consultant Neal Kinsey of Missouri presents at the Van Buren Conservation District's "Farming for the Future" Conference in Lawrence, MI on March 7, 2023.*





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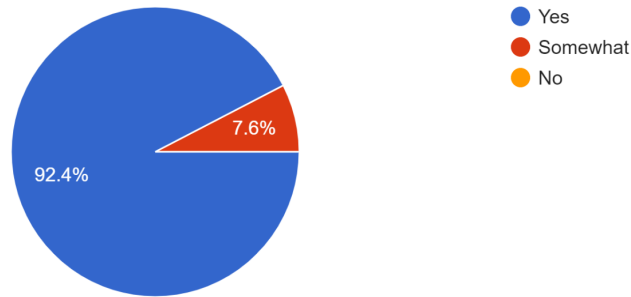
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### Farming for the Future Evaluation Results

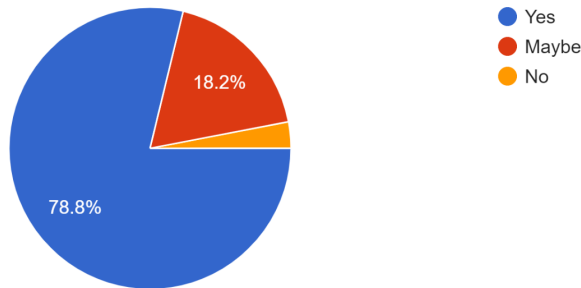
Did you find this workshop/meeting useful? (Check one.)

66 responses



Have you learned anything in this workshop/meeting that will change your behavior in the future? (Check one.)

66 responses



### Selected General Comments About This Conference

- Glad to hear about research and innovations and help available from knowledgeable and community connected staff!
- It reinforced my positive opinion of the Van Buren Conservation District and staff. You guys are doing an amazing job in so many different areas, including Farming for the Future.
- Workshop was very well put together! All speakers had something useful I could take home.
- Learned a lot more about soil test interpretation and what are good and bad soil conditions.
- Excellent presenters and breakout sessions!
- Great presentations, very well organized and enjoyable.
- You seem to get excellent speakers for these meetings which in turn brings many participants. My thanks to you all and the sponsors who helped make it all possible.



## SW x SW Corner Cisma

March 2023 Board Report

Prepared 03/31/2023

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

### Highlights

In March the Cisma focused on preparations for the summer. We extended offers to our two seasonal strike team crew members and both accepted. We also applied for funds from MDARD to survey for spotted lanternfly across our three counties. Cisma staff is now commercially certified to apply pesticide.

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. The Cisma had our MISGP entrance call and grant execution for our 2023-2024 Grant
2. The Cisma attended the VBCD Farming for the Future conference
3. Alex and Abbie inventoried the waders to prepare for the spring stream sampling event
4. Alex sent comments on European Frogbit being removed from the watchlist to EGLE
5. The Cisma held a Steering Committee Meeting
6. Alex began taking pesticide certification tests
7. Alex attended a Cass County Contractor Event
8. The winter field season contracted with Chikaming Open Lands was completed
9. Abbie scheduled summer Strike Team work
10. Abbie submitted the final report for the 2021 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant
11. Abbie began developing maps for the Strike Team's use
12. Abbie began ANC permitting process

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Spotted lanternfly virtual summit
2. Emerging Midwest Invasives - Lesser Celandine
3. Cass Conservation Community Zoom
4. TSN Coordinator Networking Session
5. Configuring ArcGIS Field Maps for Invasive Species Management

### Upcoming Activities

1. South Haven Maritime Museum Spring Break event
2. VBCD Tree Sale





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3. Spotted lanternfly Mock Exercise
4. Berrien CD Open House
5. MI Paddle Stewards Perner Meeting
6. Van Buren Tech presentation

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. "Research for Spotted Lanternfly in Southwest Michigan" proposal submitted to MDARD for \$13,672

### Species of the Month: Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

#### Overview:

1. Asian longhorned beetle, or ALB, is a boring insect, much like emerald ash borer.
2. ALB attacks a wide variety of trees, but its preferred host is Maples.
3. Because they Bore into the wood of the tree, ALB can be easily transported with firewood.
4. ALB can also kill poplar, willow, sycamore, and horse chestnut.
5. If you think you've seen ALB,



#### Identification:

1. Alternating black and white on the antenna.
2. Black with white spots on the elytra (the hard covers over the wings.)
3. Lookalikes include pine sawyer beetles. The easiest way to tell the difference is to look at the front middle of the elytra, where pine sawyer will have a prominent spot.
4. Also look for large bore holes on trees, dying limbs on trees, and sawdust at the base of trees.

Image credit: Kenneth R. Law, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org



## Van Buren Conservation District

March 2023 Deputy Administrator Board Report

Prepared April 2023

Staff: **Emilly Hickmott**

### Highlights

Farming for the Future, our annual farmer education program, was a great success in March and the perfect kickoff for our field days scheduled for June 14 and August 17. Details will be available on our website in the coming weeks. Recycling collections start in April, so please promote those events. Please encourage folks to register their tires before the events so that we make sure we have space for them. You can access recycling collection information on our website here:

<https://vanburencd.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections/>

### 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 March 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. Drafted/updated VBCD policies for Board review
10. Selected as Chairperson for Van Buren County Land Preservation Board
11. Reviewed Food, Farm, & Fun Guide drafts and provided notes/edits
12. Collaborated with team to finalize preparation for and host Farming for the Future (165 attendees) & Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Night (37 attendees)
13. Drafted memorandum of understanding for recycling infrastructure grant with Recycling Coordinator and attorney
14. Coordinated scheduling of Land Preservation Board June meeting & training
15. Prepared minutes for March Land Preservation Board meeting
16. Secured annual meeting location
17. Implemented regular check-in schedules for both ag/water quality teams
18. Prepared for tree sale wrapping & sale: determined tasks, delegated responsibilities, scheduled, etc.

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. MAEAP Grant Progress Meeting (03/01)
2. Review Equipment Rental Program (03/03)



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3. Van Buren County (VBC) Farm Bureau Board Meeting (03/06)
4. Farming for the Future (03/07)
5. VBC Land Preservation Board (03/08)
6. The Recycling Partnership Grant Proposal Discussion (03/09)
7. Flywheelers Museum Tour (03/15)
8. Local Food Promotion Grant Consideration Meeting (03/16)
9. SWxSW Corner Cisma Steering Committee Meeting (03/20)
10. Palisades Update Meeting (03/20)
11. Covert Outdoor Summer Event Planning Meeting (03/21)
12. VBCD Food, Farm, & Fun Guide Final Decisions (03/21)
13. MailChimp e-newsletter Training with Outreach Coordinator (03/21)
14. Entrance Call Invasive Species Grant (03/22)
15. VBCD Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Night (03/22)
16. VBC Supervisors Meeting (03/23)
17. Van Buren District Library Lawrence Branch Display Planning (03/28)
18. Tree Sale Planning Meeting (03/29)
19. Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development Operations Grant Meeting (03/30)
20. VBCD Board Meetings (03/01, 03/22)
21. VBCD Staff Meeting (03/14, 03/21, 03/28)
22. VBCD Management Team Meeting (03/03, 03/10, 03/24)
23. VBCD Administrative Team Meeting (03/01)
24. VBCD Resource Recovery Admin Team Meeting (03/08)
25. VBCD Outreach Admin Team Meeting (03/15)
26. Ag/Water Quality Team Meeting (03/21)
27. SWxSW Corner Cisma Strategy Meeting (03/21, 02/23)
28. Resource Recovery Check-in Meetings (03/02, 03/09, 03/13, 03/15, 03/20, 03/23)
29. NRCS Conservation Tech Check-in Meetings (03/01, 03/29)
30. Conservation Associate Check-in Meetings (03/30)
31. VBC Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting (03/14)
32. VBC Committee of the Whole (03/14, 03/28)
33. VBC Board of Commissioners Meeting (03/14)
34. Municipal Meetings (Covert Township - 03/14, City of South Haven - 03/20, Columbia Township - 03/21)

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA





## Van Buren Conservation District

March 2023 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared April 2023

Staff: Kyle Mead



### Highlights:

March was a busy month for the technician. Several farm visits were conducted as well as Re-Verifications (both systems) for two farmers in South Haven. There are several more that are on deck for Re-verification and 2 New Verifications and 2 Re-Verifications are already scheduled for the month of April. This month, the technician also took time off to give presentations to the Van Buren Technology Center Fire Science Class, helped with a prescribed burn, gave guidance to a farmer looking to start a chicken operation in Bloomingdale, and helped several farmers report their water use to the Department of Agriculture. As busy as March was, April is looking to be even busier.

Percentage Completed: 64% of required assessments completed

17 % of verifications

### Activities, Accomplishments, & Challenges

1. 3/2– MAEAP Verifications (4) in South Haven
2. 3/9– MAEAP Assessment – Mattawan
3. 3/13– MAEAP Assessment – Covert
4. 3/30– Prescribed Burn – Paw Paw

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 3/1– MDARD Quarterly Review with Jack Knorek and admin staff
2. 3/3– Equipment Rental Program Review with Dep. Admin
3. 3/7– Farming for the Future
4. 3/8– Tillage Survey for Colleen's Grant
5. 3/10– Ag Checkin Meeting
6. 3/13– Pesticide Recycling Pickup discussion with Recycling Coordinator
7. 3/21– Farmer meeting with Conservation Tech
8. 3/27– Soil Sampling in Bloomingdale with Conservation Tech
9. 3/31– Farm Visit with Conservation Tech in Paw Paw



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A*Syst Type	Monthly A*Systs	Fiscal Year to Date A*Systs
Farm*A*Systs:	3	25
Orchard*A*Systs:	3	13
Greenhouse*A*Systs:	0	2
Nursery*A*Systs:	0	0
Crop*A*Systs:	0	4
Livestock*A*Systs:	0	4
FWHP*A*Systs:	0	0
Total Assessments Completed (always year to date):	6	50/ 78 Goal
On Farm Risk Reductions (always year to date):	0	0 / 150 Goal
MAEAP Verifications (always year to date):	4	10 completed YTD (3FAS, 3CAS, #LAS, FWH) 58 Goal

Photos



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Staff: Lucas Hartman



## Highlights

Applications for Conservation practice cost share through the EQIP program in 2023 total more than \$1,000,000 for Van Buren County. This is larger than 2021 and 2022 allocations combined.

## Activities & Accomplishments

1. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - a. 20+ applications selected in the first round of funding for 2023.
    - i. Funded projects & Conservation practices include:
      1. Ag Chemical Handling Facilities (Chemical Buildings)
      2. Prescribed Grazing
        - a. Fencing, watering stations, pasture plantings
      3. Critical Erosion Control
      4. Manure, and compost storage
      5. Comprehensive nutrient management plans
      6. Forest management plans
      7. Forest stand improvements
      8. Invasive species control
      9. Riparian and wetland habitat improvement
    - b. Contracts expected to initiate May 26th, 2023
    - c. Inflation reduction Act Funding
      - i. "Climate Smart" practices (Cover Crop, Prairie planting, etc.) have been applied for through this alternative funding.
      - ii. Paw Paw field office is still awaiting application selection from this pool.
2. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - a. Inflation Reduction Act Funding
    - i. Planning meetings with potential applicants will continue through April. Deadline to submit applications for funding considerations is April 14th.
3. Upcoming Events
  - a. Prescribed Burn at VBCD Property - Butterfield Drain



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- i. Great opportunity for volunteers to learn about managing native planting with fire.
- ii. Controlled burn scheduled in the second half of April (weather dependent)
  1. Planning, and equipment inventory scheduled in the second half of March.

## 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.

Proposals have historically been for 12 months of continued funding for a "Conservation Technician" to assist NRCS with Farm Bill programs and conservation planning.

The National Wild Turkey Federation has opened RFP for critical turkey habitat research and improvement, providing an opportunity for projects at VBCD owned natural areas.



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March 2023 NRCS CT Board Report  
Prepared April 2023  
Staff: Gabriel Francisco



## Highlights

### Activities & Accomplishments

1. IRA-EQIP/CSP - This past month has been a race indeed, trying to get everyone entered and ranked into IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) funding pools, but with the expert help from Lucas, Kami, Jeff, and I was able to keep up and get everything entered and adjusted for our area livestock managers and grazers who came to see me!
2. Prescribed Burn Help - It was an absolute pleasure to help Lucas, Kyle, Kami, and our always enjoyable, happily retired professional Steve Bare on a quick and simple prescribed burn project in the south Paw Paw/ Decatur area.

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. N/A

### New Grant Proposals Submitted

Unfortunately, we were not successful with the Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant (SOGL), but we are now currently prepping two more grant proposals for the same goat project we submitted under SOGL. Our two new grants may look different on paper, but we think that my particular project utilizing the goat herd and then processing the meat for area food banks fits neatly within both of their scopes. Our two new grant submissions will be for the:

1. Watershed Council Support Program Grant - Funds are available to support general organizational administration as well as conservation and educational activities to improve water quality on a watershed basis. Individual grants are capped at \$40,000 and have a maximum one-year timeframe. No local match is required.
2. Sky High Farm Grant - The Sky High Grant will make at least \$350,000 in grants (total) to individuals working in agriculture, food justice, and/or land sovereignty. The average proposal funded in 2022 was \$13,529. Grant proposals should match the scope and capacity of the amount requested.

### Upcoming Activities

1. Staff Shearing Day - It's that time of the year again "dang sheep need to git' a shearin'!". For a quick staff outing, and to learn the process the staff of VBCD along with Kami Williams of the NRCS will be taking a field trip to Thunderfoot Farm soon (Date TBD, Estimated early May) to learn all about shearing and wool production from myself. Thunderfoot Farm is my family's farm and woolmill and it



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is located in north Paw Paw at the corner of M43 and 32nd street. Secretly between you and me I just really need them to participate in the sheep rodeo for me, but shhh don't tell them that.

## Photos



Spring Lambs at Thunderfoot Farm



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Staff: **Jacob Diljak**

### Highlights

Another successful Tree Sale is in the works! Pre-orders are due April 7 and pickups will begin next month. The 2023 Van Buren County Food, Farm, and Fun Guide is set to arrive next month, promoting local food and the County's outdoor recreation opportunities.

### 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. Photography: water sampling, transfer stations
6. River Cleanup Project: grant application work and submission
7. Tree Sale: website shop, customer and order work, planning
8. Food, Farm, & Fun Guide: draft, edits, sent to printer, map work
9. Dune Grass Presentation: event preparation and promotion
10. Macroinvertebrate Stream Monitoring: promotion
11. VBCD Newsletter: training
12. Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Night: promotion, event work, photography

### Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Staff meetings (3/14, 3/21, 3/28)
2. Admin team meetings (3/1)
3. Outreach Check-In (3/15)
4. Water Sampling Photography (3/1) **pictured**
5. White Oak: Managing Oaks for Birds (3/1)
6. Farming for the Future (3/7) **pictured**
7. South Haven Electronics Recycling Video (3/13)
8. Village of Lawton Regular Council Meeting (3/14)
9. Transfer Station Photography (3/16, 20-21)
10. Two Rivers Coalition Board Meeting (3/21)
11. Food, Farm, & Fun Guide Meeting (3/21)
12. MailChimp Newsletter Training (3/21)
13. Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Night (3/22)
14. Columbia Township Recycling Grant Meeting (3/27)



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### 15. Tree Sale Planning Meeting (3/29)

## New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program Grant | Michigan Clean Water Corps | \$2,877.06

## Upcoming Activities

1. Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum: Dune Grass Presentation (4/1)
2. City of Bangor Council Meeting (4/3)
3. South Haven Maritime Museum (4/5)
4. Tree Sale Wrapping (4/8, 4/10-12)
5. Village of Lawrence Regular Council Meeting (4/11)
6. Tree Sale Pickup (4/13-15)
7. Two Rivers Coalition Board Meeting (4/18)
8. South Haven Larger Tire Collections (4/24-25)
9. Decatur Passenger and Semi Tire and Electronics Collection (4/29)

	Trends	Content	Audience
Facebook	13,535 People Reached	27 Posts	2,427 Page Likes (23 ↑)
Instagram	119 People Reached	26 Posts	184 Followers (11 ↑)
LinkedIn	8 Impressions	2 Posts	38 Followers (3 ↑)
YouTube	Total Views	-	962 Subscribers (21 ↑)

Event Category	Number of Events	Impressions
Miscellaneous	2	28
VBCD Events	2	193
Farmers Markets	0	0





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Conservation Associate Carlie Southland and University of Notre Dame graduate student Emma Thrift conducting water sampling for the Pine-Mill-Mud research project.



Watershed Project Manager Erin Fuller discussing anti-microbial resistance in waterways during the Farming for the Future conference.

## Produce Safety Monthly Report

March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023



### Completed

- Farm Visit Berrien Springs (3/2)
- Berrien County Conservation District Annual Meeting (3/2)
- Farm Visit Berrien County (3/2)
- Urban Ag Meeting with NRCS Outreach Coordinator (3/3)
- MI AG Ideas to Grow With (3/6, 3/7, 3/9, 3/10)
- Grower Meeting Cass County (3/6)
- MI Ag Ideas to Grow By (3/6)
- PSRA Review Meeting (3/7, 3/14)
- PSA Training (3/13)
- NCR FSMA Listening Session (3/16)
- Help With Nancys presentation (3/17)
- Cass Conservation District Meeting (3/22)
- PSA Grower Training (3/23)
- PSA Tech Chat (3/24)
- MIOFPS Monthly Huddle (3/24)
- Newsletter Planning Meeting (3/24)
- Tech Check (3/27)
- Farm Visit Berrien Center (3/29)
- Ongoing work with tree sale
- Ongoing work for Native Plant Sale
- Ongoing work with three growers towards certificate
- Ongoing phone and email contact with growers

### Upcoming

- Newsletter Planning meeting (4/20)
- Earth Day Event (4/22)
- Tree Sale (4/21- 4/29)



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Prepared April 2023  
Staff: Kalli Marshall



## Highlights

The Resource Recovery Program has undertaken a new adventure this month. Kalli is coordinating with municipalities to bring funding to expand recycling for residents and to improve recycling infrastructure. This project aims to improve nine transfer stations to expand services and capacity for Van Buren County residents and landowners.

## 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 March 2023
4. Read resource recovery updates from Michigan Recycling Coalition and EGLE to keep abreast of trends and changes
5. Tracked electronics collection for February 2023
6. Remained up to date with 2023 Scrap Tire Grant requests from partners
7. Investigated funding opportunities for Resource Recovery through EGLE Grant
8. Sent Municipality pledge forms to applicable communities
9. Pursued Townships with transfer stations for interest in recycling infrastructure grant
10. Pursued several municipalities for more access for drop off recycling
11. Contacted Municipalities for information on current transfer station use and infrastructure
12. Requested and received quotes for purchases regarding the EGLE Infrastructure Grant
13. Assisted with Annual Report Drop-off to Municipalities
14. Kept up with supplies at Battery Recycling Stations
15. Assisted with promotional video for South Haven Electronics site
16. Began grant reporting for the first reporting period of the EGLE Electronics Grant
17. Assisted in cleaning and inventory of CISMA storage unit and damaged waders
18. Drafted MOU for Recycling Infrastructure Grant Application
19. Completed proposal for The Recycling Project Grant to assist with the match for Recycling Infrastructure Grant
20. Drafted Letter of Support for Recycling Infrastructure Grant
21. Applied for the Recycling Leaders Training through Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan State

## Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 3/1/2023, 3/8/2023 - Admin Team Meeting
2. 3/6/2023 - Farming for the Future Shopping and Packing



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3. 3/7/2023 - Farming for the Future
4. 3/8/2023 - Recycling Expansion Discussion Hamilton and Decatur Townships with Village of Decatur
5. 3/9/2023 - Decatur Township Board Meeting
6. 3/9/2023 - The Recycling Partnership Grant Discussion
7. 3/13/2023 - Schedule with MAEAP for Pesticide Container Recycling
8. 3/13/2023 - Paw Paw Township Regular Board Meeting
9. 3/14/2023, 3/21/2023, 3/28/2023 - Staff Meeting
10. 3/14/2023 - Paw Paw Township Recycling Discussion
11. 3/14/2023 - Van Buren Board of Commissioners Meeting Presentation
12. 3/14/2023 - Recycle, MI Engagement Meeting
13. 3/15/2023 - Village of Decatur and Republic Waste Hauler Meeting
14. 3/15/2023 - Almena Township Recycling Discussion
15. 3/15/2023 - Materials Management EGLE Meeting
16. 3/15/2023 - Arlington Township Board Meeting
17. 3/20/2023 - Antwerp Township Recycling Discussion
18. 3/20/2023 - Hartford Township Recycling Discussion
19. 3/21/2023 - Erin Fuller Education Behavior Change Strategy Meeting
20. 3/21/2022 - Arlington Township Recycling Discussion
21. 3/22/2023 - Paw Paw Township Grant Discussion
22. 3/22/2023 - Volunteer Appreciation
23. 3/23/2023 - Supervisors Meeting
24. 3/27/2023 - Columbia Township Recycling Discussion
25. 3/28/2023 - Sustainable Business Green Drinks & Presentation
26. 3/29/2023 - Tree Sale Planning Meeting

## 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



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