



Van Buren Conservation District
April 2023 Ag Conservation/Water Quality Projects Board Report
Prepared 5/11/23

Staff: Colleen Forestieri Erin Fuller Carlie Southland

Highlight

As part of a collaboration with University of Notre Dame and the MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) VBCD staff are collecting water samples during rainstorms. This will help us track how much nutrient and sediment runoff happens during big storms. When these big storms occur before crops are planted, farm fields are especially vulnerable to soil loss. This type of water sampling will also help us determine what types of storms drive the most runoff, so we can develop strategies to prevent erosion and polluted runoff from entering our waterways.

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

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 4/12/23, 4/26/23
2. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
3. Calculated pollutant load reductions from best management practices
4. Farmer interviews/surveys
5. Quarterly report submitted 4/28/23

Upcoming Activities

1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 5/2/23, 5/10/23, 5/24/23
2. Prep for summer field days
3. Meeting with MSUE staff 5/9/23
4. Alfalfa Harvest 5/17/23

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

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Team video conferences 4/4/23, 4/18/23

Upcoming Activities

1. Team video conferences 5/16/23, 5/30/23
2. Outreach planning
3. Presenting at Indiana-Michigan Symposium hosted by the St. Joseph River Basin Commission 5/12/23
4. Submit quarterly reporting



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5. Project extended through 9/1/2023

USDA - AFRI (Notre Dame)

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Continue developing outreach materials
2. Coordinate manure sampling
3. Meeting with Two Rivers Coalition E coli workgroup 4/19/23

Upcoming Activities

1. Continue outreach activities
2. Grazing Field Day Planning Meeting 5/2/23
3. Interview with UND Learning 5/10/23
4. Submit quarterly reporting

Other

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Weekly staff meetings
2. Reviewed grant budgets and staff hours allocated to each project
3. Admin + water quality team meeting 4/25/23
4. Tree sale 4/8/23-4/15/23
5. VB CD Board Meeting
6. Macro Sampling Discussion 4/6/23
7. Maple Lake Improvement Committee Meeting 4/26/23

Upcoming Activities

1. Weekly staff meetings
2. Summer programming planning and prep
3. Admin + water quality team meeting 5/2/23
4. Shoreline Living webinar 5/2/23
5. MNSP Outreach/Education Committee Meeting 5/18/23

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA



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Photos

Conservation Associate Carlie Southland collects a water sample out of a water control structure. The VBCD Ag and Water Quality team is working with the University of Notre Dame to collect water samples during rainstorms to assess if nutrient runoff is greater during peak flow events.





SW x SW Corner Cisma

April 2023 Board Report

Prepared 05/03/2023

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol

Highlights

In April the Cisma finished our final preparations for the start of the field season. The Cisma also gave two presentations, and helped with the VBCD's prescribed burn at Butterfield drain. Two Grants were awarded for Cisma work during April, a GLRI grant from the US Forest service, and a grant from MDARD to survey for spotted lanternfly.

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Wrote Conservation Corner on Macroinvertebrate Sampling
2. Set up a table at the South Haven Maritime Museum for their Spring Break event
3. VBCD Tree sale
4. Presented to Van Buren ISD Tech Center Ag and Natural Resources program students
5. Butterfield Drain Prescribed Burn
6. MDARD SLF Grant awarded
7. GLRI grant awarded
8. Prepared maps, data recording systems, and supplies for Strike Team season
9. Visited GLRI sites for preliminary survey
10. Began Aquatic Nuisance Control permitting

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. SLF Mock Exercise
2. European Frogbit Collaborative Meeting
3. Michigan Paddle Stewards partner meeting
4. Berrien County Open House and Earth Day River Cleanup

Upcoming Activities

1. Stream Sampling
2. Steering Committee meeting
3. Free our trees presentation in St. Joseph
4. Begin Strike Team season





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New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. N/A

Species of the Month: Yellow Floating Heart (*Nymphoides peltata*)

Overview:

1. Yellow floating heart is a watchlist species in Michigan.
2. It forms dense mats of vegetation at the water's surface, shading out other aquatic plants and lowering oxygen levels.
3. Can increase mosquito larvae habitat.



Identification:

1. Flowers are bright yellow with 5 petals, located above the surface of the water.
2. Leaves are circular or heart shaped.
3. Leaves are alternately arranged on the stem but oppositely on the flower stalk.
4. Leaves are floating, with rhizomes that attach to the substrate
5. Seeds are flat and oval; many seeds per capsule.



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April 2023 Deputy Administrator Board Report

Prepared May 2023

Staff: **Emilly Hickmott**

Highlights

April was a whirlwind for District staff! With our annual tree sale, prescribed burn of one of our properties, Earth Day, and all of our normal activities, we sure kept busy. On the horizon early this summer, we have recycling collections, farm equipment rental, a grazing workshop, and more. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter at the bottom of our website (www.VanBurenCD.org) to keep up to date on all that is available to you through the District.

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 April 2023 Municipal Programs Report
5. Trained and transferred monthly e-newsletter responsibilities to Outreach Coordinator; will continue to review before distribution
6. Prepared VBCD administrative team & staff meeting agendas and conducted meetings
7. Compiled and distributed VBCD board meeting materials
8. Promoted district programs and events through various media including press releases
9. Updated VBCD website
10. Drafted/updated VBCD policies for Board review
11. Finalized memorandum of understanding for recycling infrastructure grant with Recycling Coordinator and attorney
12. Collaborated with Senior MAEAP Specialist to prepare field day task list template
13. Executed successful tree sale with whole VBCD team
14. Attended first of three weeks for Michigan State University's Great Lakes Leadership Academy Emerging Leader Program
15. Completed Operations Grant reporting, assisted technicians with review of various grant reports
16. Participated in Materials Management Community Engagement grant group meeting
17. Prepared for start of new CISMA Strike Team Crew Members
18. Drafted summer tax bill insert and asked municipalities about inclusion
19. Honored as Future Sustainable Hall of Fame Member at Michigan Sustainable Business Forum Gala

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Photo Project Training Meeting (04/06)



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Staff: **Emilly Hickmott**

2. MailChimp Training (04/06)
3. Tree Sale Packing and Setup (04/07)
4. Tree Sale Wrapping, Packing, & Sale (04/08, 04/10-15)
5. Emerging Leader Program (04/17-20)
6. Michigan Sustainable Business Forum Great Green Gala (04/19)
7. Michigan Envirothon Subcommittee Meeting (04/27)
8. West Michigan Coalition Materials Management Community Engagement Regional Meeting (04/28)
9. VBCD Board Meeting (04/26)
10. VBCD Staff Meeting (04/04, 04/25)
11. VBCD Management Team Meeting (04/21)
12. VBCD Administrative Team Meeting (04/05)
13. VBCD Resource Recovery Admin Team Meeting (04/05)
14. VBCD Outreach Admin Team Meeting (04/21)
15. Ag/Water Quality Team Meeting (04/25)
16. Ag Check-in Meeting (04/05)
17. Conservation Associate Weekly Check-in (04/06, 04/27)
18. SWxSW Corner Cisma Strategy Meeting (04/06, 04/21)
19. NRCS Conservation Tech Check-in Meetings (04/05, 04/25)
20. VBC Committee of the Whole (04/26)
21. VBC Board of Commissioners Meeting (04/26)
22. Municipal Meetings (Lawrence Township - 04/13)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA



Photo Caption: VBCD Staff had a staff meeting at Portman Nature Preserve to celebrate Earth Week, the VBCD's 79th anniversary, and to participate in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' 5K to Save the Trees.



Van Buren Conservation District

April 2023 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared May 2023

Staff: Kyle Mead



Highlights:

April was a great month with many outdoor activities and (mostly) outdoor-worthy weather. The Senior MAEAP Specialist attended the Van Buren Farm Bureau Meeting, did a presentation for the Van Buren County Democrats and Paw Paw Middle School's Salmon Release, and picked up and then helped to wrap trees for the Annual VBCD Tree Sale Week. He also completed work with a new farmer and a long-term MAEAP farmer resulting in their Re Verification and a New Verification. Then, he also started the MAEAP process with a farmer that should result in a quick Verification. The Specialist was asked to help train new MAEAP Technicians on Irrigation Uniformity and sit on a committee hoping to bring back Envirothon ending with a presentation at MACD Summer Conference. Another busy month that didn't result in a lot of "widgets" towards MAEAP Goals, but the specialist stayed very busy and was still able to knock out some Verifications and assessments.

Percentage Completed: 66.6% of required assessments completed

24% of verifications

Activities, Accomplishments, & Challenges

1. 4/7 – Tree Pickup
2. 4/8 – Tree Wrapping
3. 4/10-4/15 – Tree Wrapping and Sale
4. 4/18 – MAEAP Verifications (2 Revers, 2 New) Decatur and Paw Paw
5. 4/21 – Changed the oil and washed the Gator – Mead Residence
6. 4/25 – Staff Retreat
7. 4/27 – Prescribe Burn at Butterfield
8. 4/28 – New MAEAP Assessment – Paw Paw

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 4/3 – Farm Bureau Meeting – VBFB office
2. 4/5 – VBCD Ag Checkin – VBCD
3. 4/6 – Van Buren Democratic Party Presentation – Paw Paw Library
4. 4/21 – Planning Meeting for MAEAP Irrigation Meeting – Zoom



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- 5. 4/26 – Paw Paw Salmon Release Presentation
- 6. 4/27 – Envirothon Planning Meeting - Zoom

A*Syst Type	Monthly A*Systs	Fiscal Year to Date A*Systs
Farm*A*Systs:	1	26
Orchard*A*Systs:	0	13
Greenhouse*A*Systs:	0	2
Nursery*A*Systs:	0	0
Crop*A*Systs:	1	5
Livestock*A*Systs:	0	4
FWHP*A*Systs:	0	0
Total Assessments Completed (always year to date):	2	52/ 78 Goal
On Farm Risk Reductions (always year to date):	0	0 / 150 Goal
MAEAP Verifications (always year to date):	4	14 completed YTD (7FAS, 7CAS, #LAS, FWH) 58 Goal



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Staff: Kyle Mead



Photos



Photo caption: Senior MAEAP Specialist Kyle Mead uses a drip torch at the prescribed burn conducted by District and NRCS staff on District property.



Van Buren Conservation District:
April 2023 NACD Technical Assistance
Board Report
Prepared May 2023
Staff: Lucas Hartman



Highlights

VBCD staff, USDA partners, and volunteers successfully completed a controlled burn on ~30 acres of district owned native grassland in Waverly Township. Invasive species present throughout the native area are continuing to subside with this method of control.

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - a. Continued processing of selected applications for 2023
 - i. Creating individualized conservation plans, maps, soils inventories, engineering design packages etc.
 - ii. Twelve additional applications have been submitted for funding through the Inflation Reduction Act .
 1. Three of these applications were selected earning those producers a combined \$180,000.
2. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - a. Six applications have been submitted by a variety of Van Buren County producers, and the Paw Paw field office is still waiting on selections to be made.
3. VBCD Planting Equipment Rental
 - a. First rentals of JD1590 and SSB12 (Brillion) have occurred.
 - i. Renter calibration error resulted in SSB12 “front” seed bin needing to be realigned. Ten minute fix (hand tools) with Renter, L. Hartman & C. Druskovich
4. Butterfield Drain Management - Prescribed Burn
 - a. Completed second controlled burn on 30-acre of Native Warm Season Grasses on VBCD-owned property in Waverly Township
 - i. VBCD & SWxSW CISMA staff
 - ii. USDA staff
 - iii. Volunteers
 - iv. 4.5 hour total burn time for ~30 acres



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5. Upcoming Events

a. NACD Summer Meeting

i. Possible Virtual Attendance

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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Highlights

Activities & Accomplishments

1. Tree Sale (Wrapping, and Selling) - This month was the VBCD annual tree sale, lots of trees were sold helping to make Van Buren County green and beautiful for years to come! A big thank you to all of our volunteers this year, with their help we were able to wrap hundreds, nay thousands of trees and get them safely and efficiently distributed to customers! This year during the last day of our annual tree sale, I was able to bring out my 5 goat babies for customers to pet while they were picking up their trees. This was widely reported to be a great addition to a fantastic event.
2. Lawrence Forestry Display - VBCD was asked to help build a forestry display in conjunction with our Annual Tree Sale for the Lawrence Public Library. Using old teaching material we had in our storage lockers that I was able to revamp, we were able to provide a fun, interactive display on forestry succession and identification for virtually no-cost to the VBCD or Lawrence Public Library.
3. 4-H Ag. Olympics Sponsorship - A friend of mine, who is the Head Leader for the Almena Happy Helpers 4-H whom I also volunteer with, sent out a notice seeking sponsors for the 2023 Ag. Olympics at the Van Buren Youth Fair. With your approval we were able to sponsor the event at the \$100 level, and provide them a commemorative patch which will be designed by both Lucas Hartman and Myself.

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 4/5/2023 - Ag. Team Check-in
2. 4/8/2023 - CRP Controlled Burn Volunteer Help (Almena)
3. 4/21/2023 - 2024 EQIP Application Appointment and Farm Visit (Paw Paw)
4. 4/27/2023 - Butterfield Drain Controlled Burn (Bangor)
5. 4/29/2023 - Tillers International Plow Day (Scotts)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Submittal of proposal to purchase smaller "Pasture" Broadcast Seeder - I am proposing that we consider the purchase of a smaller broadcast seeder that can be used for 30hp or even ATV or Lawn tractors as an option for area farmers besides only the current seeders we have in our equipment library that can only be used by tractors 65 hp and above. These larger seeders that we can offer are more meant to apply cover crops, rather than small already pre-designed pastures that are generally 2 acres or smaller per paddock and feature permanent fencing and support structures.



Upcoming Activities

1. Grazing Day (6/14/2023) - Coming up quickly is the 2023 Grazing Day at Windshadow Farms in Bangor. If you would like to join us for this fun half field day register quickly, spots are filling up fast!
2. Alfalfa Counts for Grant Reporting (Last Two Weeks of May) - Heading out to Red Arrow Dairy to sample and facilitate Alfalfa weights, data collection for grant reporting.
3. Thunderfoot Farms Staff Fun Day "Shearing" (5/16/2023) - Teaching and Learning about the wool industry at my family farm on the northside of Paw Paw.

Photos



Kami representing the NRCS at Plow Day



Fjord Team at Plow Day



Paw Paw Farm Visit



Controlled Burn Help in Almena



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Staff: Gabriel Francisco



Baby Goats at Tree Sale



Jacob and Spot



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Prepared 4/28/2023

Staff: **Jacob Diljak**

Highlights

April was a busy month for outreach with Tree Sale wrapping and pickup; Food, Farm, & Fun Guides arriving; recycling collections starting, a prescribed burn, and other outreach events. 16,950 seedlings were sold or donated, over 3,000 Food, Farm, & Fun Guides were delivered, and 3 recycling collections were held!

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
5. VBCD Newsletter: drafting, sending
6. Tree Sale: dune grass ordering, pickup coordination, promotional and sale work, tree wrapping, event set up and tear down, social media management, customer questions and order work
7. Forestry Display: assistance with display
8. CISMA invasive species event support: event set up and tear down, invasive species and VBCD education and outreach
9. Butterfield Drain Prescribed Burn: supply runner and transport, photography and videography
10. Food, Farm, & Fun Guide: arrival, deliveries, social media promotion

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. Staff meetings (4/4, 4/18)
2. Admin team meeting (4/5)
3. Outreach Check-In (4/21)
4. Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum Dune Grass Presentation (4/1)
5. City of Bangor Council Meeting (4/3)
6. Forestry Display Meeting (4/4)
7. South Haven Maritime Museum Spring Break: Great Lakes Stewardship and Invasive Species (4/5)
8. Tree Sale Pickup MailChimp Email Meeting (4/6)
9. Tree Sale Packing & Set Up (4/7)
10. Tree Seedling Wrapping (4/8, 4/10-15)
11. Village of Lawrence Council Meeting (4/11)
12. Two Rivers Coalition Board Meeting (4/18)
13. Packing for Large Tire Collection (4/20)
14. South Haven Large Tire Collections (4/24-25)



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15. Happy Little Trees 5K (4/25)
16. Paw Paw Middle School Salmon Release (4/26)
17. Prescribed Burn (4/27)
18. Decatur Passenger & Semi Tire and Electronics Collection (4/29)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

Upcoming Activities

1. Tree Seedling Sale Recap & Survey Review (5/2)
2. 80th Anniversary Project Meeting (5/2)
3. Grazing Workshop Planning (5/2)
4. Pine Grove Township Board Meeting (5/3)
5. Macroinvertebrate Stream Monitoring (5/7)
6. Paw Paw Farmers Market Meeting (5/7)
7. Hamilton Township Board Meeting (5/9)
8. St. Joseph River Basin Commission Annual Indiana-Michigan Symposium (5/12)
9. Two Rivers Coalition Board Meeting (5/16)
10. Hartford Passenger & Semi Tire and Electronics Collection (5/17)
11. Board Basics Training (5/31)

	Trends	Content	Audience
Facebook	12,097 People Reached	25 Posts	2,454 Page Likes (27 ↑)
Instagram	154 People Reached	25 Posts	193 Followers (9 ↑)
LinkedIn	3 Impressions	3 Posts	38 Followers (0 ↑)
YouTube	Total Views	-	985 Subscribers (23 ↑)

Event Category	Number of Events	Impressions
Miscellaneous	5	168
VBCD Events	6	252



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Farmers Markets	0	0
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MAEAP Specialist Kyle Mead, Deputy Administrator Emily Hickmott, and Conservation Specialist Colleen Forestieri at the Tree Sale Wrapping event.



Outreach Coordinator Jacob Diljak inside a farm tire at the South Haven Large Tire Collection.



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Staff and volunteers at Butterfield Drain examining the aftermath of the prescribed burn.



The Recycling Team (Outreach Coordinator Jacob Diljak and Recycling & Materials Management Coordinator Kalli Marshall) at the check-in tent during the Decatur PSTE Collection April 29, 2023.

Produce Safety Monthly Report

April 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023



Completed

- Edit/ work on Tech Flier on Spring cleaning for newsletter (4/3)
- Spring Blueberry Online Webinar (4/5)
- Kalamazoo Tree Wrapping (4/19)
- Prepare for Tree Sale. Sort Orders/ Create Contact List/ Prepare materials (4/1 – 4/20)
- Pick up Moss Petersons Nursery Allegan (4/21)
- Pick up Trees at Newaygo Conservation District Nursery (4/22)
- Earth Day Event Benton Harbor (4/22)
- Pick up Trees Engels Nursery Fennville (4/24)
- Pick Up Dune Grass Holland (4/26)
- Additional Tree Sale Work (4/21-4/29)
- Work on Bird Nesting article for newsletter
- Ongoing work for Native Plant Sale Sort Orders/ Create Contact List/ Prepare
- Ongoing work with six growers towards certificate
- Ongoing phone and email contact with growers

Upcoming

- Submit Newsletter Article (5/3)
- Farm Visit Kalamazoo/ Vicksburg (5/2)
- Farm Visit Van Buren/ Bangor (5/3)
- Pick Up Water Sample Vials at New Age Laboratories South Haven (5/3)
- Meeting with Kalamazoo ValleyHub (5/3)
- Farm Visit Calhoun/ Tekonsha (5/4)
- Aquatic Insect Collection (5/7)
- Michigan Good Food Summit East Lansing (5/19)
- MIOFPS Spring Meeting Mt. Pleasant (5/22)
- Native Plant Sale (5/23-24)



Van Buren Conservation District
April 2023 Resource Recovery Board Report
Prepared April 2023
Staff: Kalli Marshall



Highlights

April kicked off the collection season for the resource recovery program. The beginning of the month began with tree sale, squeezed in work on the 2023 EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant, and finished with three fantastic collection events. In those first three days of collections, we have already collected over 3,600 passenger tire equivalents!

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 April 2023
4. Read resource recovery updates from Michigan Recycling Coalition and EGLE to keep abreast of trends and changes
5. Tracked electronics collection for April 2023
6. Remained up to date with 2023 Scrap Tire Grant requests from partners
7. Completed quarterly reporting for Scrap Tire Grant
8. Sent Municipality pledge forms to applicable communities
9. Worked with Townships with transfer stations on proposals for 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. Kept up with supplies at Battery Recycling Stations
14. Completed and submitted grant reporting for the first reporting period of the EGLE Electronics Grant
15. Completed Recycling Conservation Corners for publication
16. Registered for Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference with Sponsorship and Recycling Leaders Cohort Training
17. Created signage for transfer stations around the county to include in the grant proposal
18. Completed a summer programming trifold and ordered from vendor
19. Wrote thank you letters to municipalities who participate in the Municipal Pledge Program for Resource Recovery
20. Finished special event permit applications for recycling events

Meetings/Trainings Attended

1. 4/6/2023 - Macroinvertebrate planning meeting
2. 4/6/2023 - Waverly Township Board Meeting
3. 4/7/2023 - Tree Sale Prep



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4. 4/8/2023, 4/10-12/2023 - Tree Seedling Wrapping
5. 4/11/2023 - Antwerp Township Board Meeting
6. 4/12/2023 - Porter Township Board Meeting
7. 4/13/2023 - The recycling Partnership Progress Meeting
8. 4/13-15/2023 - Tree Seedling Sale
9. 4/17/2023 - EPS Security Meeting with Antwerp Township
10. 4/18/2023 - Sustainable Business Forum MMCE grant check-in
11. 4/18/2023, 4/25/2023- Staff Meeting
12. 4/18/2023 - Village of Bloomingdale Council Meeting
13. 4/19/2023 - Waste Management Recycling Meeting
14. 4/19/2023 - Almena Township Board Meeting Presentation
15. 4/20/2023 - Village of Decatur Electrical Hook Up Meeting
16. 4/24-25/2023 - Large Tire Collection South Haven
17. 4/26/2023 - Board of Commissioners Meeting and presentations
18. 4/27/2023 - Prescribed Burn Butterfield Drain
19. 4/28/2023 - West Michigan Materials Management Coalition Regional Meeting
20. 4/29/2023 - Decatur Passenger and Semi and Electronic Collection Event

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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Photos

