

Van Buren Conservation District June 2023 Ag Conservation/Water Quality Projects Board Report Prepared 7/12/23

Staff: Colleen Forestieri Erin Fuller Carlie Southland

Highlight

In June, staff worked on a variety of outreach activities, including a grazing workshop and a farm newsletter to be distributed next month. The grazing workshop was held on June 14 in Bangor with over 75 attendees. In addition to the day's grazing topics, Ag & Water Quality staff also shared information about cost share opportunities, conservation practices, and concerns about antimicrobial resistance and its potential to impact human and animal health.

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

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 6/7/23, 6/21/23
- 2. Continue grower recruitment and contracts
- 3. Calculated pollutant load reductions from best management practices
- 4. Farmer interviews/surveys
- 5. Prep for summer field days
- 6. Develop farm newsletter
- 7. Tillage survey 6/1/23, 6/7/23
- 8. Farm Field Day 6/14/23
- 9. Alfalfa Harvest 6/16/23

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Water sampling from tile drains and streams 7/5/23,
- 2. Distribute farm newsletter
- 3. Prep for farm field day
- 4. Alfalfa Harvest 7/17/23
- 5. Quarterly reporting

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

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Team video conferences 6/1/23, 6/13/23
- 2. Prep for summer field days
- 3. Grazing Workshop Field Day 6/14/23
- 4. Develop farm newsletter



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Upcoming Activities

- 1. Team video conferences 7/13/23, 7/25/23
- 2. Outreach planning
- 3. Distribute farm newsletter
- 4. Quarterly reporting
- 5. Project extended through 9/1/2023

USDA - AFRI (Notre Dame)

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Continue developing outreach materials
- 2. Prep for summer field days
- 3. Develop farm newsletter
- 4. Submitted quarterly reporting 6/12/23
- 5. Farm Field Day 6/14/23

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Continue outreach activities
- 2. Distribute farm newsletter
- 3. Quarterly reporting

Other

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Weekly staff meetings
- 2. Reviewed grant budgets and staff hours allocated to each project
- 3. Summer programming planning and prep
- 4. Admin + water quality team meeting 6/6/23
- 5. Red Arrow property management meetings & discussions 6/8/23
- 6. Gobles Elementary Summer School program 6/15/23
- 7. Social media tasks

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Weekly staff meetings
- 2. Social media tasks
- 3. MI Natural Shoreline Partnership Outreach team meeting 7/6/23
- 4. Fuller bi-annual review 7/6/23



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- 5. Spotted Lanternfly survey 7/12/23
- 6. Summer education at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery 7/13/23
- 7. Van Buren County Youth Fair 7/19 7/20/23
- 8. VBCD Annual Meeting 7/26/23
- 9. Ross Coastal Plain Marsh Preserve SIte Visit 7/27/23

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

Photos

Senior Conservation Specialist Colleen Forestieri presents at the Van Buren Conservation District's 2023 Grazing Workshop on June 14, 2023 in Bangor.





SW x SW Corner CISMA

June 2023 Board Report Prepared 06/30/2023

Staff: Alex Florian Abigale Bristol Caleigh Dahn Jena Johnson

Highlights

The CISMA is getting the word out about invasive species throughout the service area through billboards, events, news articles, and one-on-one conversations. Despite various obstacles like the unavailability of awarded grant funds or unhealthy air quality, the Strike Team has remained active and productive. The CISMA is investing time in better understanding where invasive species are. As we build strong data systems, we can better track and better share our accomplishments.

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. The VBCD's Clean Drain Dry Billboard went up in Mattawan
- 2. Alex attended and spoke at the VBCD's Grazing field day
- 3. The CISMA wrapped up MISGP reporting for our 2022-2023 core grant
- 4. Alex led a hike with a naturalist for the Harbor Country Hikers at Chikaming Township's Harbert Road Preserve
- 5. Caleigh and Jacob wrote a conservation corner on Wildlife-minded gardening
- 6. Alex Wrote Conservation Corner on Clean, Drain, Dry
- 7. Train the Trainer scheduling
- 8. Abbie and Strike Team surveyed all known kudzu sites
- 9. Strike Team was trained on using a brush cutter
- 10. Strike Team began surveying for *Phragmites* and Japanese knotweed in Van Buren County Rights of Way
- 11. Created interpreted stiltgrass image
- 12. Strike Team surveyed Ox Creek of Hall Park, Benton Harbor for invasive and native flora
- 13. Created and refined ArcGIS maps and data recording systems
- 14. Applied for Aquatic Nuisance Control permits

- 1. SLF Mock Exercise followup
- 2. Abbie met with Dan Burton to discuss cattail "painting" treatment method
- 3. Abbie discussed brush management options for better treating Japanese stiltgrass in Niles
- 4. Abbie and Strike Team trained on driving with a trailer















SW x SW Corner CISMA

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Upcoming Activities

- 1. Landing Blitzes
- 2. MISC Summer Field Trip
- 3. Gobels Hike with a Naturalist
- 4. VBCD Annual Meeting
- 5. Hike with a Naturalist Lawless Park

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. N/A

Species of the Month: lesser celandine (Also called fig buttercup, *Ficaria verna*, formerly *Ranucuculus ficaria*)

Overview:

- 1. Not currently known in our CISMA based on available reports. Prevalent in the Chicago area.
- 2. Lesser celandine is a new invader to our region, and likely under-reported.
- 3. Forms dense mats that shade out other plants.
- 4. Perennial
- 5. Managed by digging and hand pulling in spring.
- 6. Can spread by underground tubers.

Identification:

- 1. Yellow Flowers with 8-12 petals (usually 8)
- 2. Kidney or heart shaped leaves
- 3. Distinctive underground tubers
- 4. Prefers wet soils

Photo by Ansel Oommen, Bugwood.org Photo by David L. Clement, University of Maryland, Bugwood.org





June 2023 Deputy Administrator Board Report

Prepared July 2023

Staff: Emilly Hickmott

Highlights

District staff is in the field more and more as farm field days, recycling collections, educational presentations, naturalist events, invasive species treatment, and summer school programming kicks off. If you are hoping to connect with a particular staff member, please be sure to set an appointment so you're sure to reach them. You can find up to date contact information for all staff members on our website: https://vanburencd.org/about/

Activities & Accomplishments

- 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 June 2023 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. Arranged preparations for Grazing Workshop Field Day
- 11. Facilitated preparatory work for regional Materials Management Planning
- 12. Arranged preparations for MAEAP Field Day
- 13. Provided clarifying training on internal staff procedures

- 1. State-wide CISMA Fiduciary Conversation (06/09)
- 2. VBCD Grazing Workshop (06/14)
- 3. VBCD Staff Reviews (06/20, 06/23
- 4. VBC Parks & Recreation Keeler Township Tour (06/21)
- 5. VBC Land Preservation Board Meeting (06/22)
- 6. Recycle Roundup Pre-meeting (06/22)
- 7. NACD Grant Application Work Session (06/23)
- 8. Great Lakes Leadership Academy Coaching (06/23)
- 9. Great Lakes Leadership Academy Mentor Meeting (06/26)
- 10. Great Lakes Leadership Academy Growth Partner Meeting (06/29)



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- 11. VBC Farm Bureau Meeting (06/26)
- 12. Recycle Roundup (06/24)
- 13. MAEAP Field Day Planning Meeting (06/27)
- 14. Van Buren District Library Presentation (06/27)
- 15. Van Buren Cass District Health Department Eat Well, Be Well Intro Meeting (06/28)
- 16. Materials Management Planning Meetings (WMSBF and SWMPC) (06/30)
- 17. VBCD Staff Meeting (06/06, 06/13, 06/20, 06/27)
- 18. VBCD Admin Team Meeting (06/07)
- 19. VBCD Resource Recovery Admin Team Meeting (06/20)
- 20. VBCD Outreach Admin Team Meeting (06/21)
- 21. Ag/Water Quality Team Meeting (06/06)
- 22. Ag Check-in Meeting (06/09)
- 23. Conservation Associate Weekly Check-in (06/08, 06/22, 06/29)
- 24. Resource Recovery Check-ins (06/08, 06/12, 06/22, 06/26, 06/29)
- 25. SWxSW Corner CISMA Strategy Meeting (06/12, 06/29)
- 26. NRCS Conservation Tech Check-in Meetings (06/07, 06/20)
- 27. VBCD Board Meeting (06/28)
- 28. VBC Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting (06/13)
- 29. VBC Committee of the Whole (06/13, 06/27)
- 30. VBC Board of Commissioners Meeting (06/13, 06/27)
- 31. Municipal Meetings (Bloomingdale Township 06/21, Village of Paw Paw 06/26)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA



Emilly Hickmott welcomes attendees of the Van Buren Conservation District Grazing Workshop at Windshadow Farms in Bangor, MI on June 14, 2023.



June 2023 MAEAP Board Report

Prepared July 2023

Staff: Kyle Mead



Highlights:

June was a very busy month, the specialist helped with Recycle Roundup, did Ag container recycling pickup, presented at two MAEAP trainings as well as conducted normal MAEAP Assessments and Verifications. Of the Verifications, two were New Verifications and two were Re-Verifications. Of the assessments, two visits were with new farmers that are also new to NRCS.

Percentage Completed: 76.9% of required assessments completed

38% of verifications

Activities, Accomplishments, & Challenges

- 1. 6/1 Tillage Survey
- 2. 6/13 Field Day setup
- 3. 6/15 MAEAP Assessment South Haven
- 4. 6/16 MAEAP Verifications Decatur and Paw Paw
- 5. 6/21 MAEAP Assessment Lawton
- 6. 6/21 MAEAP followup Bangor
- 7. 6/24 Recycle Roundup Paw Paw
- 8. 6/26 MAEAP followup Decatur
- 9. 6/27 MAEAP Assessment Lawrence
- 10. 6/28 Pesticide Container pickups

- 1. 6/5-6/6 MACD Summer Conference
- 2. 6/9 Ag Check-in
- 3. 6/14 Grazing Fleld Day Bangor
- 4. 6/15 Planning Meeting for Fruit Field Day
- 5. 6/20 Presentation for MAEAP Irrigation Zoom Meeting
- 6. 6/22 Recycle Roundup planning
- 7. 6/26 Pesticide Container Pickup planning
- 8. 6/27 Fruit Field Day Planning
- 9. 6/29 MAEAP Irrigation training in person Shepherd, MI



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Promoting Stewardship

MAEAP

Protecting the Environment

Staff: Kyle Mead

A*Syst Type	Monthly A*Systs	Fiscal Year to Date A*Systs	
Farm*A*Systs:	4	30	
Orchard*A*Systs:	2	17	
Greenhouse*A*Systs:	0	2	
Nursery*A*Systs:	0	0	
Crop*A*Systs:	2	7	
Livestock*A*Systs:	0	4	
FWHP*A*Systs:	0	0	
Total Assessments Completed (always year to date):	4	60/ 78 Goal	
On Farm Risk Reductions (always year to date):	Not easily tracked in DB	0 / 150 Goal	
MAEAP Verifications (always year to date):	2	22 completed YTD (11FAS, 11CAS, #LAS, FWH) 58 Goal	

Photos



May 2023 NACD Technical Assistance

Board Report

Prepared June 2023

Staff: Lucas Hartman



Highlights

NACD funded staff assisted in the obligation of 13 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts. This will provide landowners with the means of adopting a variety of conservation practices on over 800 acres in Van Buren County.

Activities & Accomplishments

- 1. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
 - a. Contract obligation for EQIP 2023 13 new obligated contracts
 - i. \$334,639 granted to landowners to share the cost of implementing a variety of conservation practices.
 - ii. Primary resource concerns include...
 - Riparian Habitat improvement, Nutrient, and forest management planning, pasture seedings, and prescribed grazing, erosion control, mitigating petroleum, and ag chemical pollution.
- 2. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - a. Planning and enhancement recommendations to producers will commence in August of 2023
 - b. Number of active applications
 - i. 8 Fruit production, grain crops, forestry
- 3. Conservation Operations Technical Assistance (CoTA)
 - a. Planning for habitat projects with customers that are interested in what the new Farm Bill will have available.
 - i. Number of plans that are currently underway
 - 1. 8
 - ii. Clients that are planning on applying to a Farm Bill program in FY 2024
 - 1. 9



May 2023 NACD Technical Assistance



Prepared June 2023

Staff: Lucas Hartman



4. Upcoming Events

- a. MAEAP fruit field day
- b. Van Buren County Youth Fair
 - i. Volunteering for kids day, and attending livestock auction
- c. VBCD Annual Meeting

New Grant Proposals Submitted

MACD submission for the NACD Outreach & TA grant - Due August 6th, 2023



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Staff: Gabriel Francisco



Highlights

Activities & Accomplishments

1. On June 14, the VBCD hosted our first field day of the season. The 2023 Grazing Day was held at Windshadow Farm in Bangor, which is operated by VBCD Board Member Ron Klein and his wife, Soo. The event brought together community members, livestock producers, and industry professionals all interested in the benefits that effective, conservation-minded grazing can offer. Our day started off with introductions by the VBCD staff about their various programs, then straight to a conversation with Jeff Douglas of the Van Buren NRCS Office about common pitfalls and FAQ's that he receives on grazing related concerns in the county. Next, Ron took us on a tour of the property to highlight the amount of planning, infrastructure, and work that went into making his farm into the grazing example it is today. Following Ron, Gabriel Francisco of the Van Buren Conservation District spoke on "Pasture Plant Identification and Digestive Morphology." Lauren Burns of Tending Tilth, based in Kalamazoo, closed out the day with her talk on rotational grazing as a business and pasture evaluation. Thank you to all of those who were able to attend this year's grazing day and for making it such an amazing event. While it may have been our first Grazing Day event, I doubt it will be our last.

- 1. 6-1-23 Tillage Survey Meeting
- 2. 6-8-23 EQIP Farm Visit Bangor High Tunnel, Cover Crop, Heavy Use Protection
- 3. 6-9-23 AG-Team Check-in Meeting
- 4. 6-13-23 Site Prep for Grazing Day Windshadow Farm
- 5. 6-14-23 Grazing Day 2023 Windshadow Farm
- 6. 6-20-23 Con. Tech Monthly Check-in Meeting
- 7. 6-23-23 NRCS Grant Meeting
- 8. 6-26-23 EQIP Farm Visit Decatur Heavy Use Protection, Fencing, Pasture Replanting, Prescribed Grazing
- 9. 6-27-23 EQIP Farm Visit Lawrence Fencing, Brush Management, Prescribed Grazing, Pasture Replanting, Well Closing, Livestock Pipeline
- 10. 6-28-23 VBCD Board Meeting
- 11. 6-30-23 EQIP Farm Visit Paw Paw Brush Management, Prescribed Grazing, Pasture Replanting, Heavy Use Protection, Livestock Pipeline, Access Road



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Staff: Gabriel Francisco



New Grant Proposals Submitted

NACD CT Grant - This year Lucas Hartman and I will be applying together for the NACD TA Grant. This
will allow both Lucas and I to better focus our time into both of our areas of interest, his in natural
landscapes and design, and mine in livestock and pastoral Issues. Because of the number of clients
that Van Buren is maintaining, we feel that this makes for a more efficient and effective Conservation
District and EQIP application process for our customers.

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Van Buren County 4-H Fair Coming up quickly is the 2023 Van Buren Youth Fair. The VBCD will be in attendance, and I personally will be part of both the Agricultural Olympics and Sheep judging panels.
- 2. Thunderfoot Farm NRCS Work My personal farm, Thunderfoot Farm, is officially off and running getting work done for our own NRCS EQIP contract! First up is brush management, taking out the abundance of leftover christmas trees and reverting the field back into a working pasture! Follow us, or drive on by and check out my progress as I start to retake the farm!
- 3. MAEAP Field Day, August 17 Stocchiero Farms, Bangor And we are off, planning the next fantastic field day for everyone! Please join us on August 17 and take a tour of the Stocchiero Farm, a beautiful family run farm for over 50 years!

Photos





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Staff: Gabriel Francisco



Gabriel Francisco - Identifying Pasture Plants (Grazing Day 2023)



Planning a Pasture Based Farm from the Ground Up (Grazing Day 2023)



Ron, Jeff, Colleen, and Lucas (Grazing Day 2023)



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Staff: Jacob Diljak

Highlights

Outreach saw great progress with project development, community engagement, and partnership coordination. Successful events, like recycling collections, saw great results with high public participation. Trail and river clean up projects saw significant progress with partnerships.

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. Billboards: planning, design, and coordination
- 7. Van Buren State Trail Project: coordination, trail signage, supplies
- 8. Historical Photo Project: design, photography
- 9. 80th Anniversary: logo work
- 10. Paw Paw River Clean Up: project planning
- 11. MAEAP Field Day: promotion
- 12. Grazing Workshop: packing, set up, tear down, photography
- 13. Food, Farm, & Fun Guide: deliveries, planning for next year, local food promotion
- 14. 2024 Planning: VBCD calendar and annual report

- 1. Staff meetings (6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27)
- 2. Admin team meetings (6/7)
- 3. Outreach Check-In (6/21)
- 4. Waverly Township Board Meeting (6/1)
- 5. Decatur Township Board Meeting (6/8)
- 6. Red Arrow Property Photos & Clean Up (6/8)
- 7. Grazing Workshop Packing (6/12)
- 8. Clean, Drain, Dry Billboard Photography (6/13)
- 9. Geneva Township Board Meeting (6/13)
- 10. Grazing Workshop (6/14)
- 11. Butterfield Timelapse Photography (6/20)
- 12. Two Rivers Coalition Board Meeting (6/20)



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- 13. Paw Paw Farmers Market Board Meeting (6/21)
- 14. Pre-Recycle Roundup Meeting (6/22)
- 15. Paw Paw Recycle Roundup (6/24)
- 16. MAEAP Field Day Planning (6/27)
- 17. Eat Well, Be Well Discussion (6/28)
- 18. Covert Passenger & Semi Tire and Electronics Collection (6/29)

New Grant Proposals Submitted

1. NA

Upcoming Activities

- 1. Landing Blitz (7/7)
- 2. Paw Paw Large Tire Collection (7/10-11)
- 3. South Haven Charter Township Board Meeting (7/12)
- 4. Bi-annual Check-In (7/14)
- 5. Hike with a Naturalist (7/18)
- 6. Two Rivers Coalition Meeting (7/18)
- 7. Annual Meeting (7/26)

	Trends	Content	Audience	
Facebook	8,896 People Reached	39 Posts	2,516 Page Likes (17 ↑)	
Instagram	179 People Reached	31 Posts	224 Followers (17 ↑)	
LinkedIn	5 Impressions	2 Posts	40 Followers (0 ↑)	
YouTube	Total Views	-	1,020 Subscribers (20 ↑)	
TikTok 185 Likes		2 Posts	12 Followers (7 ↑)	

Event Category	Number of Events	Impressions
Miscellaneous	5	75
VBCD Events	3	142
Farmers Markets	0	0



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Group photo of staff and volunteers at the Paw Paw Recycle Roundup - the first Recycle Roundup of the year.



Recycling Coordinator Kalli Marshall collecting electronics for recycling at the Covert Passenger & Semi Tire and Electronics Collection in Covert.



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Strawberry season reached its peak in June with unusually warm temperatures.

Produce Safety Monthly Report June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023





Completed

- Farm Visit Vicksburg (6/1)
- Farm Visit Covert (6/2)
- Farm Visit Coloma (6/5)
- Farm Visit Berrien Springs (6/6)
- Farm Visit Berrien Springs/ Water Testing (6/6)
- Food Safety Meeting KVCC (6/7-6/8)
- Water Testing Berrien (6/9)
- Farm Visit Quincey (6/13)
- ValleyHUB Meeting (6/15)

Finalized the onboarding process for the incoming farms selling to the ValleyHUB. New farms will be required to meet with a Produce Safety Technician and complete the Michigan On-Farm Produce Safety Certification. After that the farm will have to have a technician to follow up each year. Existing farms that are selling to the ValleyHUB will be required to obtain the certification within the next two years but will be required to have a Produce Safety Technician on farm and working toward the certification as soon as possible. The ValleyHUB currently has around 35 farms and is expecting to greatly expand over the course of the next few years. All these farms are located in Southwest Michigan, and the majority are in the main coverage area. I am currently working with seven new and existing farms and will be working with many more once the season slows down.

- Farm Visit Covert (6/20)
- Farm Visit Bangor (6/21)
- Newsletter Planning Meeting (6/22)
- PS Tech Meeting (6/23)
- MIOFPS Monthly Huddle (6/23)
- Saugatuck Farmers Market/ Farm Visit (6/23)
- Farm Visit Tecumseh (6/27)
- Water Sampling Berrien Springs (6/28)
- Farm Visit Berrien (6/28)
- Farm Visit Benton Harbor (6/29)
- Ongoing work with growers towards certificate
- Ongoing phone and email contact with growers

<u>Upcoming</u>

County	Allegan	Berrien	Branch	Kalamazoo	Lenawee	Van Buren
Farm Visits	1	7	1	1	1	3



Van Buren Conservation District June 2023 Resource Recovery Board Report Prepared July 2023

Staff: Kalli Marshall Jacob Diljak



Highlights

June was a busy month as we held the first Recycle Roundup of the year. The event was highly successful! We served 252 residents of the county for recycling of household hazardous waste, electronics, confidential shredding, foam (polystyrene/styrofoam™), and passenger & semi tires. We finished the month in Covert Township with a passenger & semi tire and electronic collection.

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 June 2023
- 4. Read resource recovery updates from Michigan Recycling Coalition and EGLE to keep abreast of trends and changes
- 5. Tracked electronics collection for June 2023
- 6. Remained up to date with 2023 Scrap Tire Grant requests from partners
- 7. Kept up with supplies at Battery Recycling Stations
- 8. Completed Recycling Conservation Corners for publication
- Wrote thank you letters to municipalities who participate in the Municipal Pledge Program for Resource Recovery
- 10. Processed Invoices from Scrap Tire Grant
- 11. Organized Pesticide Container recycling pickup with MAEAP
- 12. Discussed potential partnership of Hartford Schools and Township for Recycling
- 13. Received and Delivered 2023 Recycle Guides
- 14. Wrote Thank you cards to volunteers and sponsors for recycle Guide
- 15. Collaborated with EGLE for Kids Recycling Book
- 16. Worked on Presentations for school age kids
- 17. Confirmed vendors for Recycle Roundup Event
- 18. Ordered Supplies for MiCorp Grant Macro sampling
- 19. Scheduled tour and video making at Cobalt Rubber
- 20. Rescheduled residents for additional or another collection date

- 1. 6/5-6/23 MACD Summer Conference
- 2. 6/7/2023, 6/20/2023 Admin Team Meeting
- 3. 6/8/2023 Gobles Summer School Planning



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- 4. 6/8/2023 Microplastics Webinar
- 5. 6/8/2023 Hartford Township Board Meeting
- 6. 6/12/2023, 6/20/2023, 6/27/2023 Staff Meeting
- 7. 6/14/2023 Hartford Schools Recycling Meeting
- 8. 6/15/2023 Interview with WJSM Radio for Recycle Roundup
- 9. 6/21/2023 Materials Management Planning Workgroup
- 10. 6/22/2023 Recycle Roundup Pre-Staff Meeting
- 11. 6/24/2023 Recycle Roundup Paw Paw
- 12. 6/28/2023 Pesticide Container Pickups
- 13. 6/29/2023 Covert Township Passenger and Semi Tire and Electronics Collection
- 14. 6/30/2023 Pesticide Container Drop off

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
- 5. Hartford School Recycling Collaboration
- 6. School Education Planning

Photos





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