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The President's Corner



—Mike Wolak

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at the recent Federation Conference which provided all of us with an outstanding program and the opportunity to meet with many of the solid waste managers, professionals, regulators and equipment suppliers who attended the Conference. I am sure that we all gained a wealth of information that we will use as we continue to provide environmentally sound and cost effective programs for the management of recyclables and solid waste in New York State.

On behalf of the Association Board I want to congratulate Katherine Bourbeau on her appointment as the part time coordinator for the New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC). She will be working on expanding product stewardship programs within New York State and providing our members with assistance on product stewardship issues.

In addition I want to thank all of the NYPSC committee members who have volunteered their time to serve on the Council during the past year and for their efforts in the development and recent passage of NY State's e-waste recycling law.

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Frank Visser was awarded the first ever Solid Waste Achievement of the Year award at the fall conference in Lake Placid.

Fall 09 Placid

Frank Visser, director of solid waste programs for the Oswego County Department of Solid Waste was the recipient of the 2009 NYSASWM Solid Waste Achievement award.

Visser was nominated by a fellow NYSASWM member, who cited his accomplishments in the planning and implementation of several major initiatives to the county's solid waste system.

These included:

- Converting to a single stream recycling system and reopening a mothballed MRF to receive and transport commingled recyclables.
- Installing a metals recovery system at the Energy Recovery Facility which keeps 2,000 tons out of the landfill and recycles an additional 2,000 tons. The reopened MRF also acts as the transfer area for the ferrous metal recovered at the ERF to 80-yard boxes used by the scrap vendor. This almost \$1 million dollar project is on the NYSDEC list requesting grant funds.
- Enactment of flow control occurred starting July 1, 2009
- A gas collection/flare system was installed at the landfill including gas wells, header piping, blowers and flare, as odor control.
- The county opened a permanent HHW facility for residents and conditionally exempt small quantity generators, which operates two days per week. An existing building was converted for this program and grant funds have been requested to cover the \$280,000 cost.
- Plans are in the works to install a leachate line to the wastewater treatment facility.

Visser was recognized for his "tenacity, technical capabilities, ability to work with the county legislature and his quiet leadership."

Federation Conference Has Over 600 Attendees

Over 600 attended the May 16-19 Federation of New York Solid Waste Associations annual conference at the Sagamore on Lake George in Bolton Landing.

The event got started with a light hearted look at frugality, with “The Ultimate Cheapskate” Jeff Yeager. The author of “The Ultimate Cheapskate’s Roadmap to True Riches” and most recently “The Cheapskate Next Door”, spoke at the plenary session. He regaled the crowd with some down to earth ways to earn and spend less while enjoying life more.



“Say Cheap!” *The Ultimate Cheapskate*, Jeff Yeager and Terry Laibach, conference vice chairman, at the book signing following his plenary session which kicked off conference sessions.

The conference covered a wide range of topics, including organics composting, product stewardship, waste to energy, pollution prevention, college recycling efforts, safety, transfer stations, geosynthetics, waste reduction, local solid waste management plans, landfill closure, solar landfill caps, electronics recycling, siting household hazardous waste facilities, storm water issues, the economy’s impact on solid waste, annual compliance reporting, single stream recycling and greenhouse gas issues.

Workshops were held on ethics and communicating technical information, and there were product spotlights and parking lot exhibitors. Recreational activities were also provided along with good food and lots of networking opportunities. Professional Engineer Development credit hours and SWANA continuing education units were available. Next year’s conference will be moved up on the calendar, from May 1-4, also at the Sagamore.



Joe Marron, greeter and Luann Meyer, technical program coordinator



LEFT: Hard working AV staff Deb Jackson of NYSDEC



RIGHT: Russ Rutkowski, conference chairman and Jay Pisco, SWANA-NY president visit exhibitor row



ABOVE: Kerry Mendez, center, of Perennially Yours, Ballston Spa, conducted a session on perennial gardening and pointed out different plants at the Sagamore conference center.

BELOW: Casino Night





Product Stewardship News



The NYSASWM board recently approved hiring Katherine Bourbeau as its New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC) coordinator. The vote occurred at the May 16 meeting at the Federation conference at Bolton Landing.

Ms. Bourbeau will be a part time coordinator for the Council. As an advocate for product stewardship, her duties will include education, coordination of events and programs, development of outreach tools, conducting training sessions, development of listserves, pursuit of funding sources, and coordination of NYPSC meetings.

She has a strong communications background, including a stint as photo editor at ABC News for Peter Jennings, including on the book "The Century."

She is co-located in New York City and Central New York giving her connections to both upstate and downstate. Ms. Bourbeau can be reached at kbourbeau@nypsc.org with any NYPSC news or issues, or to learn how to get involved.

In other Product Stewardship news, in early June, Governor David Paterson signed an e-waste recycling law, so that manufacturers must provide free, convenient recycling programs by April 1 of next year. Broome County recently passed a resolution in support of Extended Producer Responsibility, joining Onondaga and Fulton Counties in their support of Product Stewardship. In March, the state of Maine became the first state to sign into law extended producer responsibility "framework" legislation, to establish a process for creating producer responsibility programs for hard-to-recycle products and packaging, moving the physical and financial responsibility for managing old products from the general taxpayer to producers, consumers, and others who benefit from products sold and used.



IMAGES ABOVE:
Parking lot exhibitors

RIGHT & BELOW:
Many enjoyed the cocktail reception, followed by Casino Night



REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTH—Region 1

■ **WESTCHESTER COUNTY** — After 25 years of receiving approximately 175,000 tons per year of ash from the Wheelabrator Westchester Resource Recovery facility the landfill reached its design capacity and closed last October. The responsibility for ash disposal now rests with Wheelabrator Technologies, according to Mario A. Parise, Director of Operations in the Solid Waste Division, Department of Environmental Facilities.

Due to the tremendous success of its Household chemical clean up days throughout the year the County has decided to build 2 permanent household chemical facilities within the County.

In 2009 the County started recycling vegetable oil from local food establishments and has so far collected 34,500 gallons. The oil is filtered and mixed with diesel fuel at a 5-10% rate and the bio-diesel is currently being used in all diesel powered vehicles and heating fuel in county buildings.

The county worked with NYSDEC to start a take back prescription drug program which has collected 1,500 lbs of drugs which are disposed of in the Waste to Energy Plant. Also, the County sponsors 15 E-Waste days all over the County and has collected 3000 lbs of E-Waste.

■ **NYC** — Legislation has been introduced to expand NYC recycling. The proposal calls for a new recycling facility in Brooklyn for all rigid plastics, in addition to the HDPE and PETE presently accepted. Other recycling efforts would include the doubling of recycling bins in public spaces in the next three years, city-wide textile recycling and household hazardous waste collection programs.

City officials anticipate the diversion of over 8,000 tons of plastic from landfills and incinerators with the proposal, which also includes provisions for waste characterization studies and composting feasibility studies.

■ **NASSAU COUNTY** — North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman launched Long Island's First Composting Cooperative, partnering with residents to reduced waste.

Under the program, residents receive a composter for a nominal fee along with a free instructional demonstration on proper composting techniques at the 12-acre Clark Botanic Garden. Kaiman said "We want to change the nature of garbage, we want people to recycle everything possible."

Councilman Tom Dwyer stated "by utilizing a composter properly, residents can reduce the need for water, fertilizers and pesticides." Under this pilot-program, residents who wish to participate will be provided a green, 30-inch composting drum for \$50 along with the instructional session. The North Hempstead Composting Cooperative's goal is to educate the community and create awareness on the importance and the ease of composting.



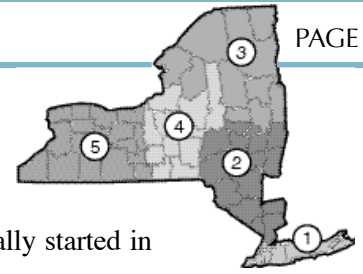
Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman kicks off the Composting Cooperative

To date, the Town of North Hempstead boasts close to 1,000 participants in its Residential Composting Cooperative and has expanded this groundbreaking initiative to its NYS Environmental Award Winning School Recycling Program. The Town developed a program to include the School Composting Cooperative of North Hempstead. This includes 45 buildings and 30,000 students.

The above mentioned award was one of several of the 6th annual Environmental Excellence Awards, given to the town for its initiative to team up with public schools on a comprehensive recycling program, aimed at preventing large amounts of solid waste from entering landfills and saving significant taxpayer dollars.

As part of this initiative, North Hempstead joined with 8 of the town's 11 school districts and supplied every classroom and office in each participating district with recycling bins. More than 28,000 students are participating in this program, resulting in the diversion of 279 tons of material from landfills.

■ **SUFFOLK COUNTY**— The Town of Islip's "Boat Pump-Out Program" was also a winner of the Environmental Excellence Awards, for offering a viable and cost-effective solution to the longstanding environmental problem of sewage discharges impacting Great South Bay. In partnership with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and with DEC funds, the town purchased a boat for this service. The pump-out-boat is available to assist boaters on an "as needed" basis without long wait times or fees.



EAST—Region 2

■ **ALBANY COUNTY**— Albany County is heading up a Solid Waste Management Authority Feasibility Study with the help of a \$55,000.00 Local Government Efficiency grant from the NYS Department of State.

According to County officials, the intent of this study is to determine the feasibility of a solid waste management authority for the region. The study will research the economics and viability of a solid waste management authority, the status of recycling efforts in the region, the effectiveness of existing disposal methods, and the performance of the many existing and new waste treatment technologies.

The County received more than 20 letters of support from municipalities in the Counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady, and the County of Schoharie when the grant application was submitted. Since that time, other counties have expressed interest, and the study could include planning units from as many as 11 counties in northeastern New York.

A Project Steering Committee consisting of a representative from each planning unit is being formed and will help select a consultant from those responding to a request for proposals. The steering committee will also monitor the progress of the study, and will receive draft studies for review and comment. The project schedule is expected to culminate in a final study with recommendations being issued in May of next year.

■ **ROCKLAND COUNTY**— A not-for-profit corporation operating 24 certified community residences serving developmentally disabled adults was awarded an Environmental Excellence Award in December. Camp Venture, Inc. which is licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) was recognized for incorporating green building practices into four new residences, all designed to be environmentally friendly. This included increasing insulation, installing occupancy sensors, using high efficiency lighting systems, installing low-flow toilets and purchasing energy star appliances. Camp Venture, Inc. is the first of almost 6,000 group homes under OMRDD equipped with a photovoltaic (PV) array. In one year, this project generated 3,551 Kw of power, energy used to power much of this active residence and reduce CO2 emissions.

NORTH—Region 3

■ **FULTON COUNTY**— Recently received two of three anticipated reimbursements on a landfill gas grant submitted by the Department of Solid Waste, for a total of \$747,000.

The County received the first check for \$206,115.75 and a second payment of \$540,884.25, according to Department Director Jeff Bouchard. This represents reimbursements for a grant that was submitted in 2006 related to landfill gas col-

lection system work that initially started in 1996.

According to Bouchard, these payments are the culmination of several years of grant administration by staff. The grant program, which is managed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, designated a pool of funds for landfill closure and landfill gas projects.

“It pays to continually apply for funding, even though it takes considerable time and effort, because when funding eventually comes through, it benefits the county,” Bouchard stated. The grant requested reimbursement for a variety of items related to the gas system, he explained. These included piping within the landfill to draw out the methane gas and flare it off to reduce odor issues, hours of labor provided by in house staff to weld and install the pipe; engineering and design of the initial gas extraction system, and more recently, the funding expended for the landfill gas to energy system which will be run by Innovative Energy of Oaksfield, NY.

The plant is expected to produce 3.2 megawatts of power, which will be sold back to the grid to bring approximately \$600,000 annually in revenue through the DSW. The total grant reimbursement is anticipated at \$830,000.00, which represents half of the total project cost of \$1,660,000. One remaining payment of \$83,000 is anticipated.

The DSW handled the grant reimbursement in two separate requests, as the project was ongoing while state officials reviewed the application. Bouchard said the reimbursement requests were done in phases because of the extensive nature of the grant application itself and the wide ranging timeline of the gas project.

■ **JEFFERSON COUNTY**— In mid-April, the Development Authority of the North Country, in partnership with Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, launched a new website, www.northcountryrecycles.org. This website is designed to provide information and education about reducing, reusing and recycling to north country residents. According to Jan Oatman, regional recycling coordinator, “we have undertaken a regional approach within the three county area so the information that gets disseminated to the public is consistent and useful. The website has links to pertinent sites that provide additional information about the 3R’s and sustainability and a section dedicated to local news items and success stories. Upcoming events such as Household Hazardous Waste days are publicized as well.

■ **WASHINGTON COUNTY**— The Board of Supervisors passed a local law last fall which established licensing and reporting requirements for haulers. This was done to establish a mechanism to obtain waste and recycling statistics. The goal is to help the county assess and address high solid waste disposal costs and to improve recycling.

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Madison County celebrated 20 years of recycling in conjunction with the Madison Cortland ARC in May.

CENTRAL—Region 4

■ **ONEIDA COUNTY**— As one of many Earth Day events, the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority held its second annual Waste Pharmaceutical Collection event at its Utica Recycling Center on April 17. The event was co-sponsored by NYSDEC Region 6.

Construction is well underway on the Authority’s fourth landfill cell at the Oneida-Herkimer Regional Landfill in Ava. Construction of the 9.3 acre double composite lined cell is being completed by Zoladz Construction Co. Inc. of Alden, NY. Under a second contract with Orchard Earth and Pipe of Syracuse, the Authority is completing installation of the first phase of an active landfill gas collection system which includes the initial gas header and 1250 scfm candlestick flare. The active gas collection system is scheduled to be operational in July. The Authority is continuing the planning for a Landfill Gas to Energy Plant at its landfill in 2011 to be built and operated by WM Renewable Energy L.L.C. of Houston, TX.

■ **BROOME COUNTY**— The Broome County Division of Solid Waste is offering residents the opportunity of recycling end-of-life electronics at six offsite collections held May through October throughout the county. Collections are open to Broome County residents at no cost. County staff unloads vehicles at the sites which are in addition to the County’s permanent program that offers up to three collections per month in conjunction with its Household Hazardous Waste program at the Broome County Landfill. The two collections held to date have netted 18.95 tons of material and approximately 306 participants.

Broome County is in the final stages of completing its Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) update. The County contracted with Stearns & Wheeler/GHD to provide assistance with the update to the plan which will cover a twenty year planning period. The County has submitted the plan to DEC for review and comment and anticipates a response back in early July with final adoption of the plan

before the end of the year. The current LSWMP is set to expire at the end of 2010.

The County is also anticipating future construction projects involving road improvements to ease access to Section IV (the landfill expansion), capping of Section II and III of the landfill and construction of Cell 2 of Section IV.

■ **MADISON COUNTY**— Celebrated 20 years of recycling in conjunction with the Madison Cortland ARC in May. Residents and elected officials noted the anniversary at the recycling center on Buyea Road in the Town of Lincoln. Annually, over 6,000 tons of recyclables are processed through the center and a total of 19,466 tons has passed through the facility.

In other news, Madison County is about a half year into a new mercury device collection program.

Because mercury is prohibited from disposal in the landfill under its permit, the county set up a pilot program at its Buyea Road Landfill transfer station in the Town of Lincoln. Residents can dispose of mercury based products on the first Saturday of each month. This includes fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs.

WEST—Region 5

■ **MONROE COUNTY** was one of several recipients of the 6th annual Environmental Excellence Awards which were announced in December. In 2008, the county’s Department of Environmental Services took the lead in facilitating the collection and disposal of pharmaceutical waste from households by holding the 1st pharmaceutical collection in the state, create tools to assist other New York municipalities organize and hold successful pharmaceutical waste collection events.

Since then, Monroe County has held additional pharmaceutical waste collection events to collect 128 pounds of hazardous substances, 3,727 pounds of non-hazardous substances and 314 pounds of controlled substances.

Scholarship News

Four students were awarded a total of \$12,000 in Christiansen-Roller-White Founders' Scholarship funds by the NYSASWM board.

The following students were approved funding at the May meeting:

Sarah Burch who studies Environmental Engineering at RPI
\$3,000 as a second time recipient

Ryan O'Hearn who studies Environmental Management and Technology at RIT
\$3,000 as a second time recipient

Dejan Divic who studies Safety Engineering at RIT
\$3,000

Krista Greene who studies Tech Systems Management at SUNY Stony Brook
\$3,000

Since the inception of the scholarship in 2000, a total of \$67,000 has been awarded. The scholarship application deadline is February of any given year and can be seen at www.nysaswm.org. Awards are made each spring.

Individual awards can be made up to \$5,000 with the maximum amount available at \$20,000. The Scholarship was started to further the education of the next generation of solid waste managers who are studying in the fields of environmental science, planning, engineering or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management at a New York State Public or Private College or University.



A portion of Fulton County's contribution for the Landfill Gas to Electric plant, located at the Department of Solid Waste, has been reimbursed through a grant, according to Department officials. Complete story on Page 6.

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On May 5, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) released the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan "Beyond Waste" which, when adopted in its final form, will provide the guidelines on how solid waste is to be managed in New York State for the next 10 years.

The Plan is available on line at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/41831.html> and all comments must be received by the Department by August 16, 2010.

The Association will be submitting a formal set of comments on the Draft Plan to the NYSDEC based on the input we have received from our members that will include recommended changes and modifications that should be considered by that agency in the development of the Final Solid Waste Management Plan.

I would urge all of you to take the time to review the plan and submit your own set of comments to NYSDEC based on how the proposed plan would impact your individual solid waste programs.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you in October 2010 at the Association's Fall Conference in Lake Placid, NY.

Upcoming Events —

October 3-5, 2010

**NYSASWM
Fall Conference**
Crowne Resort Hotel
Lake Placid

November 17-18, 2010

**NYSAR³
21st Annual Recycling
Conference**
Otesaga Resort
Cooperstown, NY

Solid Waste Achievement Award

Members are reminded that the winner of the Solid Waste Achievement Award will be presented at the fall conference, October 3 to 5 at the Lake Placid Crowne Plaza Resort.

The form is available on the website at www.nysaswm.org and submissions are due by July 28. This award is designed to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of solid waste, or an outstanding program. This is a way to bring exceptional programs to the attention of members throughout the state.

The individual awarded (or one representative from the awarded agency) will receive a plaque and a free registration to either the March training course, or fall conference, their choice.

Nominees will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the NYSASWM board.

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