

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Madison County BOS Chambers

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order (Earth Day!)

Approval of Minutes

1. February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes (no meeting in March)

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. 1st Q 2025 Tonnage and Activity Updates
 - a. Flow Control Updates and Enforcement Activities
2. Project Updates
 - a. Landfill Netting and Fencing Repairs
 - b. Landfill Gas Collection and Dewatering Project
 - c. Compost and Mulch Project
3. MRF and Recycling Updates
 - a. Contract Extension Recommendation

Resolutions

1. Authorizing Extension of the Operation Agreement and Ground Lease with Madison Cortland Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. for Operation of Madison County's Recycling Facility
2. Authorizing the Chairman to Accept a Grant Award from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Madison County Department of Solid Waste

Other Committee Business

1. Event Updates (Shred-Event, Earth Week, ICAW, Take Your Child to Work)
2. Town Cleanup Days and Current Schedule
3. Solid Waste and Recycling "Open House" (proposed dates)
4. Solid Waste Technical Review Committee Updates

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting May 27, 2025 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Roberts, E.A. Shwartz and T.J. Stokes, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, Public Information Officer S. Field, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Financy Assistant Director K. Lummis and Confidential Secretary to the Board J. Keville.

Approval of Minutes

1. January 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz, the motion was made to approve the 1.21.25 meeting minutes. The motion was passed

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. 2024 Transfer Station Usage, 3 Year Snap-Shot / Overview

In a transfer station utilization and service analysis, the transfer stations have seen a gradual decline in MSW tons received and total roll-off loads picked over the past three years, indicating a reduction in site utilization, lower waste generation and more efficient handling. K. Welch also reported that changes in hauler automation and efficiencies have removed 12 truck/vehicle visits per day at the scalehouse but virtually yield the same tonnage of garbage being brought into the landfill.

2. Discussions on Implementing a Solar Panel Recycling Law Similar to Niagara County

T. Wayland-Smith has their intern looking into Rensselaer and Niagara County's solar panel laws to use as a foundation for creating one in Madison County. M. During recommended doing two separate laws, one for solar panel recycling and the other focused on wind turbine blade recycling. The committee agreed to move forward with researching and developing a local law and the County Attorney's office will look into putting a draft together for the committee to review.

3. Biosolids Agreements Updates

K. Welch reported that the Town of Cazenovia and Village of Canastota have updated their biosolids agreements. The department is working with the Village of Hamilton and Village of Chittenango to update theirs as well. Once all are complete, they will have a fixed rate until the end of 2027, providing some stability for local towns and villages that require biosolids disposal and go through our agreement process.

4. NYSDEC Organic/Food Waste Recycling Grant Submitted

K. Welch reported that the department submitted the NYSDEC grant for municipal food scraps recycling programs, requesting \$200,000 reimbursement to support expanded composting efforts at the Buyea Road Residential Station. The department hopes to hear back about the award status in the upcoming months to move forward with the project.

5. Solid Waste Technical Review Committee Updates (Eve Ann)

E. Shwartz reported on the Technical Review Committee's efforts. They continued the discussion of identifying potential communities that need landfill space. The committee will continue to explore the options available for financial stability of the landfill and the permitted annual tonnage while weighing leachate management and PFAS concerns.

6. Solid Waste & Recycling Legislative Updates

M. During reported that there will be a Solid Waste Management discussion at the upcoming NYSAC conference in Albany and will be taking notes to bring back to the committee. It should be noted that Packaging EPR is not in the 2025 budget bill but there are hopes it will be addressed in the Legislative Session. M. Roberts addressed concern for the addition of paper to the packaging EPR and how it will be enforced with out of country manufacturers.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Approximately 103 Acres of County Owned Land in the Town of Lincoln

Motion by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by Supervisor Roberts. The motion was passed.

Other Committee Business

M. During requested that the committee consider reviewing the Town of Lincoln's host benefits to see if there were ways to enhance the County's partnership with the residents around the landfill. If the committee is in support of considering this, she can bring more information/ideas to a later meeting. She also mentioned a community Open House in the summer to invite residents to the landfill. M. During will bring back more information to a later meeting.

Preferred Agenda

It is the consensus of the committee to allow any eligible resolution to be added to the preferred agenda.

Next Meeting March 25, 2025 (Global Recycling Day) at 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Roberts to adjourn at 9:56 AM. Second by Supervisor Stokes. The motion was passed.

ESOLUTION NO. 25-_____

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE OPERATION AGREEMENT AND GROUND LEASE
WITH MADISON CORTLAND CHAPTER, NYSARC, INC. FOR OPERATION OF MADISON
COUNTY'S RECYCLING FACILITY**

WHEREAS, Madison-Cortland Counties Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. (A.R.C.), a New York Not-For-Profit Corporation, having its office and principal place of business at 701 Lenox Avenue, Oneida, NY 13421, has, for over thirty years, operated Madison County's Materials Recycling Facility at the Madison County Landfill site in order to process source separated recyclable materials that are generated in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, both are currently contracted to allow such operations and ground lease through June 14, 2025;

WHEREAS, both parties desire to continue operation of the Material Recycling Facility and extend the Operation Agreement and Ground Lease for an additional two-year period (with a possible one-year extension), through June 14, 2028; and

WHEREAS, both parties have the ability to terminate these agreements upon one hundred (180) days' written notice;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Modification and Extension Agreement with the Madison Cortland Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: May 13, 2025

Melissa During, Chairwoman
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM NYS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO MADISON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE**

WHEREAS, Madison County applied for a state grant through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the support of municipal waste reduction and recycling equipment needs; and

WHEREAS, said grant is an on-going state-funded grant provided through the Environmental Protection Fund; and

WHEREAS, DEC has awarded Madison County a grant of up to \$94,971.58 for their capital investment in recycling equipment. Said monies was used for costs of machinery and containers required to separate, process, modify, and prepare recyclables; and

WHEREAS, this request to have said monies accepted by the County has been reviewed and approved by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to accept up to \$94,971.58 from NYS DEC and execute an agreement with the State of New York permitting the County's continued participation in this grant award and is authorized to submit this rolling grant application for eligible capital equipment program support moving forward.

Dated: May 13, 2025

Melissa A. During, Chairwoman
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee