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MCRAC Sets Criteria

The term "Buyer Beware" holds true in the recycling arena - all recycling collection companies are not alike. When this issue was brought before the Morris County Recycling Advisory Committee (MCRAC), it became clear that a set of criteria needed to be established that would support the County's recycling goals.

Morris County has rapidly increased its recycling commitment, and companies throughout the State have answered the call by assisting municipalities, businesses and institutions alike to collect, transport and market recyclable materials. As in so many other situations, however, services not only come at varying costs but also in varying quality.

Companies are not always aware of County and State requirements or commonly-accepted recycling practices.

It was decided by the MCRAC that a list of recycling collection companies who have complied with the County's District Recycling Plan and have fulfilled municipal quarterly report requirements would be compiled for distribution. The criteria for meeting these objectives requires that listed companies comply with the County's District Recycling Plan. The listing should be completed early in 1989.



Guests at the first Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner.

Morris County Celebrates Recycling

The weather outside on the evening of November 2 was cold and blustery, but warmth prevailed inside at Neil's New Yorker in Mountain Lakes, at the first Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner which was attended by 125 people.

Guest speaker Freeholder Carol Murphy thanked those in attendance for all they had done during the past several years to make recycling "come of age". Municipal Utilities Authority Executive Director Alex Slavin recognized the many dignitaries who were on hand for the occasion. Solid Waste Coordinator Glenn Schweizer, who along with Recycling Coordinator Lori Scozzafava presented 11 awards, stressed the importance of recycling.

Compost Program Wins National Award

From the Seventh National Recycling Congress held this year in St. Paul, Minnesota (September 28-30), Clarence "Pete" Peterson brought home honors for Morris County.

Peterson's research and development has centered on the regionalization of compost facilities, making them economically self-sustaining and technologically progressive. He was recognized nationally with the Outstanding Composting Program of 1988 Award, presented by the National Recycling Coalition.

Current municipal needs, expected program growth, available and future sitings, technological and fiscal boundaries were assessed for a comprehensive regional plan.

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Leaf Relief

When the leaves acquired brightly-colored hues and began to fall, one group of municipalities in Morris County breathed a sigh of relief. This leaf season they did not have to pay \$113 per ton to dispose of their leaves at the County's transfer stations. Instead, they began to participate in the Morris County Regional Compost Program.

Composting of organic materials is an excellent means of converting what was once considered a waste product into a valuable resource.

As of October 1988, the Town of Boonton, Hanover, Jefferson, Mount Arlington, Roxbury, Passaic and Washington Townships have transported leaves collected from their respective locales to designated compost sites.

The County's award-winning composting project is operated by the Morris

County Shade Tree Commission and administered by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. Over one third of the County's population is being serviced under the program.

Municipalities transport unbagged contaminant-free leaves to designated sites and are charged \$4.10 per cubic yard to cover equipment and labor expenses. In return, however, the community has the rich organic product which makes an excellent soil conditioner for community parks and gardens.

By participating in the program, municipalities can both reduce their solid waste streams and comply with the District Recycling Plan. Future plans include the acceptance of grass clippings and brush, and the investigation of additional sites.

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Alex Slavin, Carol Murphy, and Clarence Peterson compare last year's crop of compost with this year's makings.

County Takes The Lead In Waste-to-Energy Project

In order to gain more control over the destiny of solid waste management in Morris County, an Amended Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the county's planned waste-to-energy facility was issued on September 28, 1988. Revisions to the RFQ included changes in the administrative, financial and technical criteria for vendors. It also incorporated provisions for County review and approval of site selection for the approximately 1300 ton-per-day incinerator.

Eight firms submitted qualification statements. The six vendors judged as meeting the full set of criteria were Combustion Engineering, Foster Wheeler, Ogden Martin, Wheelabrator, Blount and American REF-FUEL. These firms have been asked to submit proposals for the construction and operation of the mass-burn solid waste facility.

Following the review of the proposals, the Morris County Utilities Authority is expected to enter into a service contract with the selected vendor by late spring of 1989.

Municipal Update

Boonton Twp. - The Township has designated Hans Spinneit as its new recycling coordinator. Retirement has taken on a new meaning for Hans.

Butler - Butler's new municipal ordinance mandates an extensive list of materials, as markets are found, with drop-off at the Township depot open to residential, commercial and institutional sectors. This aggressive program is paying off with a doubling of tonnage from 1986 to 1987.

Madison - Brenda Cochario has been hired as assistant to the administrator and municipal recycling coordinator. Brenda previously worked in private industry and is currently evaluating Madison's program in order to set goals for the coming year.

Morris Plains - This summer was a busy one for many Borough residents as they "took up the recycling cause" in a door-to-door information campaign. The network of group and block leaders reached **every** household to deliver recycling packets and answer residents' questions.

Mt. Olive Twp. - Debra Rademacher has recently taken over as full-time recycling coordinator for Mt. Olive Township. Her previous recycling experience in Randolph should be a great asset to the program. Debra plans to concentrate on outreach to the commercial sector.

Randolph Twp. - With the full financial backing of the Plastics Industry Council, voluntary collection for recycling of plastic containers has begun in Randolph. The Council is supplying bags, six bagging stands, a trailer, transportation and loading dock expansion for plastic soda bottles and milk jugs that are being deposited at the municipal depot. Weight slips will be provided so that the Township can apply for State tonnage grant rebates.

Roxbury Twp. - Late this summer a recycling booth was a very popular addition to "Roxbury Day". At the booth where local recycling activities were highlighted, recycling buckets were also distributed to residents. Other popular items were the pens, magnets and t-shirts featuring the recycling message; these were donated by industry.



Morris County Celebrates...



Assemblyman Arthur Albohn, Freeholder Carol Murphy and Solid Waste Coordinator Glenn Schweizer.



Freeholder Carol Murphy and Glenn Schweizer congratulate William Huber, President of the Occupational Training Center Board of Trustees.



Cecilia Laureys, Netcong Recycling Coordinator with son Steve (L.) and Mayor Nickolas Pompilio (R.).

The following awards for outstanding achievement were presented at the November 2 Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner:

Municipal Recycling Program Award - the Township of Mt. Olive was the first municipality in New Jersey to institute mandatory curbside collection of plastic beverage containers for recycling purposes.

Regional Recycling Program Award - the Township of Randolph extended a helping hand to Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough and provided Mendham Borough with once-a-month curbside collection.

Progressive Recycling Project Award - the Township of Montville's Recycling Coordinator Linda Torres organized a tire collection program. More than ten tons of tires were collected by Montville, Lincoln Park and Hanover Twp.

Municipal Recycling Coordinator Award - Joseph Manning, the Township of Hanover, has overseen a successful curbside and drop-off program and has made several outstanding contributions to the County as a member of the Morris County Recycling Advisory Committee.

Recycling Volunteer Award - Cecilia Laureys, the Borough of Netcong, who has spent untold numbers of hours since May 1987 creating and supervising a multifaceted program through which eight different recyclable materials are collected.

Publicity and Education Award - the Borough of Morris Plains for its ongoing effort to reach residents with the recycling message and the use of cartoon characters, providing unity to the program.

Media Support for Recycling Award - Recorder Publishing Company publishes five weekly newspapers covering Morris County municipalities. Recycling has been the subject of photographs, cartoons, editorials, news and feature articles in all five newspapers.

1987 Tonnage-Source Reduction Award - the Township of Morris recycled 14,551 tons of material, according to information in the 1987 tonnage grant

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application. This is the highest tonnage recycled by a Morris County municipality in 1987.

1987 Tonnage-Per Capita Reduction Award - the Borough of Morris Plains recycled 1,161 pounds per capita, according to information in the 1987 tonnage grant application. This is the highest per capita figure for Morris County.

Award for Special Contribution to Morris County Through the Curbside Recycling Program - The Occupational Training Center collects paper at curbside once a month in nine municipalities,

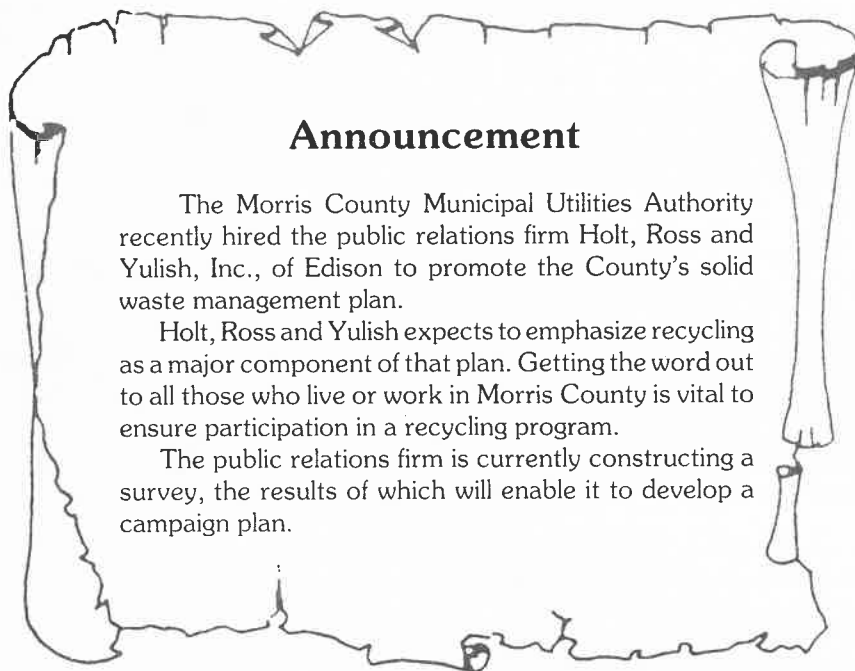
thereby providing jobs for its clients and supplying convenience for many residents with the result that significant amounts of material are recycled.

Award for Significant Contribution to the Morris County Recycling Program - The Honorable Arthur Albohn, member, New Jersey Assembly (R-District 25) was the Assembly sponsor of the New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; the act was signed into law and has had a direct impact on all 39 Morris County municipalities.

recyclable materials and that they either provide full quarterly tonnage documentation to their customers or submit quarterly reports (which includes a customer list) to municipal coordinators in a timely fashion.

Once such a list has been created, County and municipal coordinators will have more confidence in recommending firms to their constituents.

It is anticipated that the list will be compiled early in 1989, to be updated on an on-going basis. It will be available to interested individuals seeking recycling services thereafter.



Announcement

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority recently hired the public relations firm Holt, Ross and Yulish, Inc., of Edison to promote the County's solid waste management plan.

Holt, Ross and Yulish expects to emphasize recycling as a major component of that plan. Getting the word out to all those who live or work in Morris County is vital to ensure participation in a recycling program.

The public relations firm is currently constructing a survey, the results of which will enable it to develop a campaign plan.

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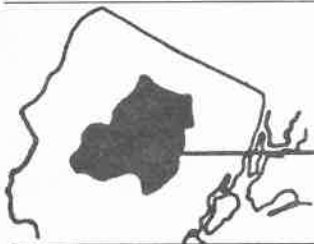
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