



## **Morris County Municipal Authority**

### **Recycling Coordinators Meeting**

**June 24, 2026**

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) hosted an in-person Municipal Recycling Meeting on June 24, 2026, at the Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey. The meeting was held from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM with a total of 39 recorded attendees. The NJDEP requires all MRCs to attend one County-held meeting per year and 17 were Morris County Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) with 25 fulfilling their MRC meeting credits requirement. The meeting was approved for 2 CRP Meeting Credits, 2 Government CPWM, and 2 NJ Public Health CEU's. This event included breakfast and refreshments for attendees. The focus of the meeting was to expand knowledge of available recycling programs and resources to MRCs to support local program implementation.

#### **Breakfast and Refreshments**

Before the meeting started, attendees were able to have breakfast and refreshments.

#### **Welcome & Introduction**

Attendance was taken at the beginning of the meeting with an attendance sign-in sheet.

Anthony Marrone, Morris County's Recycling Coordinator, started the meeting by going over the approved CRP, CPWM, and NJ Public Health Continuing Education Credits. Marrone went over the agenda for the meeting. He then thanked the MRC's for submitting their revised tonnage report and the MTG Report Submission email they should have received with the revised suggestions for their report. Marrone then discussed the 2026 MCMUA Recycling Mini-Grant Program for Environmental Commissions. MRC's were directed to email Michelle Chavanne, Morris County's Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Program Specialist, with any questions regarding this grant.

Marrone mentioned the MCMUA Summer Newsletter for MRC's to learn more about the MCMUA. Marrone informed attendees about the Sporting Good Recycling Company – GearGive for towns interested in turning sporting gear into a source of funding. Marrone then reviewed MRC inspections and an example template that can be used as a guide when creating inspection paperwork.

#### **TerraCycle Overview & Updates**

Eric Ascalon, TerraCycle's Global Director of Community Affairs & Strategic Partnerships, began his presentation with the video called "Aurora Recycling Plan Repurposed Waste Items



Once Thought To Be Unrecyclable” to review TerraCycle’s mission. He went over TerraCycle’s recycling programs with a focus on expanding access to hard-to-recycle materials that are typically not accepted in traditional curbside recycling. Ascalon’s presentation highlighted specialized initiatives such as the new program for municipalities, the vape recycling and battery recycling program. He explained how these programs are designed to capture materials that require separate collection, handling, and processing due to safety concerns. As part of the battery and vape recycling program, TerraCycle also explained how municipalities and coordinators can order battery and vape “buckets” at a rate of \$150-400 including shipping with a 10% discount their program portal, select appropriate container sizes based on community need, and have them shipped. Ascalon explained once the buckets are filled, the containers are taped for covering battery terminals and a return shipping label is included. Questions included: “Are the vape and battery buckets fireproof?”

### **GreenChip Virtual Tour**

Chris Kaasmann, GreenChip’s VP of Compliance, took the audience through a virtual tour of GreenChip’s New York facility while offering MRC’s an inside look at the process used to responsibly manage electronic waste. Throughout the tour, Kaasmann showed the unloading doc, sorting stations, the drums used to sort electronic materials, their office space, and where electronics are tested before repurposing them. This tour also demonstrated how materials are received, inspected, sorted, consolidated, and prepared for shipment to downstream processors for recycling. Kaasmann explained the importance of proper handling procedures to maximize material recovery while ensuring compliance with regulations and standards. Kaasmann gave MRC’s better understanding of what happens to electronics after collection and highlighted the role that recycling facilities play in diverting electronic waste from landfills and supporting more material management systems. Questions included: “Where do the material get sent to?” & “How are material wiped from electronics before sending them out?”

### **Open Forum Session**

Anthony Marrone provided MRC’s with a comprehensive review of their roles and responsibilities in supporting local recycling programs and ensuring compliance with state recycling requirements. Marrone discussed the important of coordinating municipal recycling initiatives, educating residents, maintain accurate reporting, and working collaboratively to improve recycling participation and diversion rates.

Marrone then focused on discussing food waste management, including current County Planning Food Waste Reduction Law, available resources, and the long-term vision for expanding food waste reduction efforts throughout Morris County. Coordinators were introduced to the NJDEP



Food Waste Reduction Plan Map, which identifies potential donors and recipients of excess food and food waste to help connect food with people and keep it out of landfills.

The session also reviewed countywide municipal recycling performance by comparing 2023 recycling and grant payout statistics with 2022 data. These comparisons highlighted trends in recycling rates, funding distributions, and opportunities for municipalities to increase recycling tonnage and maximize grant funding. The discussion concluded with goals for municipalities, emphasizing continued education and outreach, increased participation in recycling and food waste programs, improved reporting practices, and collaboration to support Morris County's long term waste diversion objectives.

### **Municipal Recycling Awards**

Ashleigh Clenord, Morris County's Recycling Outreach Coordinator & Program Assistant, presented the Municipal Recycling Awards with four categories (1) Awards for achieving the 50% Municipal Recycling Goal, (2) Awards for Most Improved Municipal Recycling Rate, (3) Completion of CRP Certification, and (4) Morris County's Star Recyclers. These awards recognize municipalities and coordinators for their outstanding commitment to recycling, and waste reduction.

### **Recycling Jeopardy**

Michelle Chavanne moderated the interactive Municipal Recycling Jeopardy game. MRC's broke up into four groups and participated in an interactive recycling Jeopardy-style education game, providing an opportunity to collaborate, test their recycling knowledge, and share best practices.

### **Meeting Wrap-Up**

Anthony Marrone concluded with save the date announcements for upcoming events, recycling notification and tour reminders, and MCMUA's contact information.