



DNR Updates

Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
Stakeholder Meeting
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Staffing/Council on Recycling

- Recycling and Solid Waste Reporting Specialist Position Created- July, 2018 (Ariana Mankerian)
- New Communications/Non-Landfill (MRF) Position Created- Sept, 2019 (Amy Dubruiel)
- MRF Contacts
 - Statewide- Casey Lamensky, leads Non-Landfill Team
 - Regionally- WM Specialists on Non-Landfill Team conduct MRF inspections, based on region
 - Statewide- Jennifer Semrau, supports RU recycling program; recycling law/policy; education & outreach
- Council on Recycling
 - New members: David Pellitteri, Pellitteri Waste; Mark Walter, Brown County; Barb Worcester, Governor Tony Evers

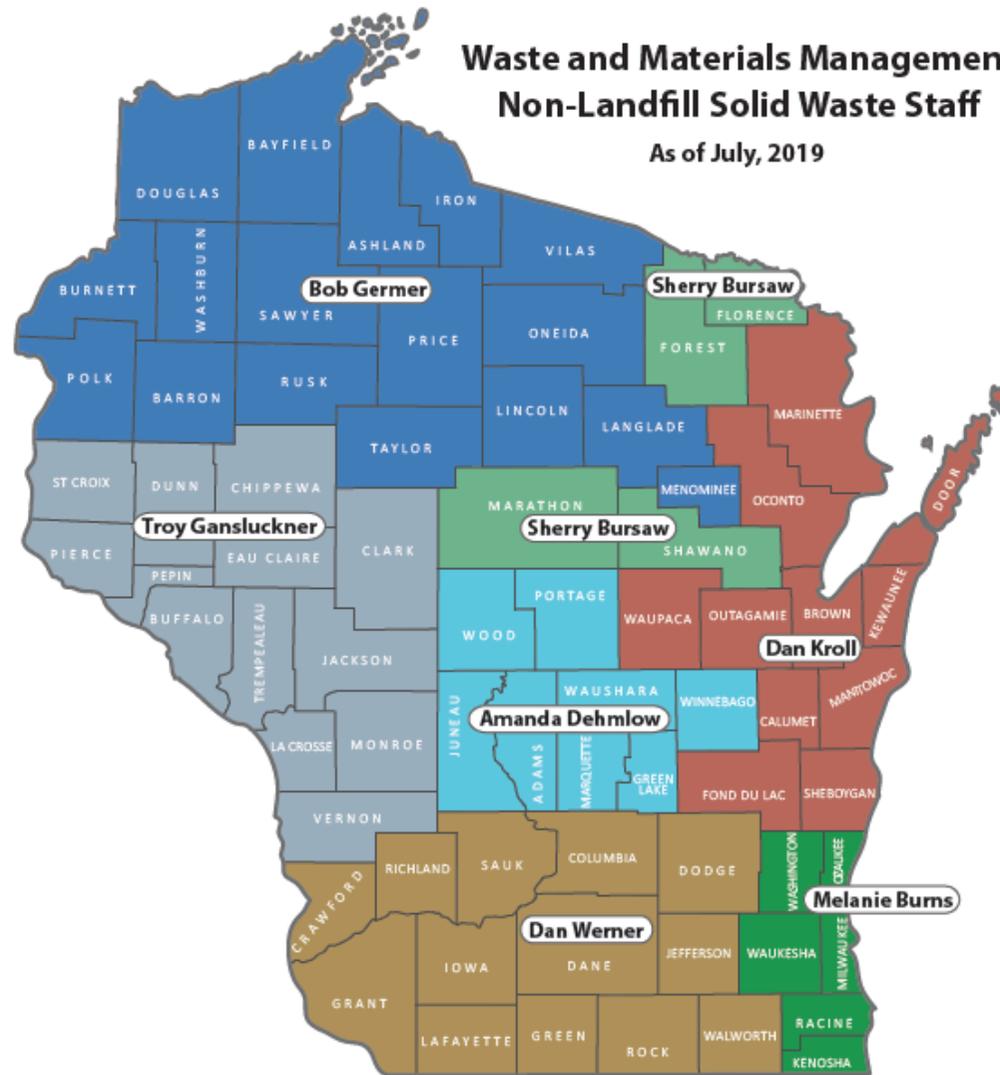




Staffing: Non- Landfill Team

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Statewide Audit of Recycling Program

- Co-Chairpersons of Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Senator Robert Cowles and Representative Samantha Kerkman requesting an audit
- Joint Audit Committee Executive Session and Public Hearing conducted on Sept. 24
- Non-partisan Legislative Audit Bureau will conduct the audit
- DNR WMM and CFA staff expected to provide data and assist in supporting audit
- 2001- Last audit of recycling program
- Expected completion- spring, 2020



Recycling Program Audit Background Paper

- Identifies that DNR administers municipal recycling program and electronics recycling program
- \$19M in recycling grants & \$1M in recycling consolidation grants
- Grants & DNR staff funded from Environmental Management Account of State Environmental Fund
- 96% of 1070+ RUs receive state grants
- Grants declined from \$32.7M in 2008 to \$20M in 2019
- DATCP provides \$750K in Clean Sweep grants
- Contamination limits are being introduced by recyclers & recyclables are worth less





Recycling Program Audit Scope

- Determine the State's costs to administer the programs and assess whether the State effectively administered these programs in recent years
- Evaluate how the State allocated funding to RUs in recent years and assess whether this allocation was fair and equitable
- Examine variations in amounts recycled and expenses incurred by counties, municipalities, and other RUs in recent years



Recycling Program Audit Scope

- Assess the current market for recyclable materials covered by the programs and assess how changes in the market affected recycling costs in recent years
- Review how other states administer their recycling programs and address market effects on their programs
- Identify best practices for local units of government to recycle materials
- Assess how the State could improve its administration of the recycling programs

Next steps to be determined in coming days...



Questions from Registration

- Does the Department have an update if there are any state mandated Extended Producer Responsibility initiatives underway in Wisconsin that could help with difficult markets for paper? Also, are there any mandatory recycled content initiatives underway?
- Market concerns/if the state will increase the recycling grant
- What can be done with glass; Any glass recycling market development at the local level that can be shared?



Questions?

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