



# Recycling Update

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## **First Five County Recycling Workshop is a Huge Success**

The first-ever five County Recycling Consortium for Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic Counties was held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Springs Golf Club in West Orange and was a



huge success with over 85 attendees. Officials from all five counties came together to hear presentations from Recycle Coach, Morris County, IWS, Machinex, and others.

Recycle Coach's Kim Stuart discussed the various features and capabilities of Recycle Coach. Recycle Coach is a state funded program since 2017 and is available in 564 municipalities as a mobile site and a web app.

Anthony Marrone, Morris County's Recycling Coordinator discussed municipal websites and how to improve recycling communication.

Next up was Wayne DeFeo of DeFeo Associates and Essex County. He was on hand to discuss a possible bottle bill and the downside of it for recycling in New Jersey. He addressed the different groups that are supporting and opposing a bottle bill.



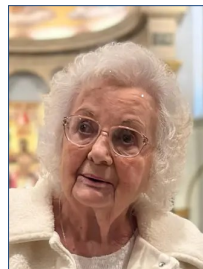
A photo of the IWS single stream facility located in North Arlington which is expected to open September 2024

James Anderson, Interstate Waste Services (IWS) spoke about the new recycling facility that IWS plans on opening in North Arlington in September 2024.

Lastly was Rusty Angel of Machinex. His company has designed, and is installing the sorting equipment at the IWS, North Arlington facility.

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## **Mourning the loss of Long-Time Carlstadt Municipal Recycling Coordinator Margo Brislin**



Margaret Mary Brislin "Margo," 82, of Carlstadt, passed away at home on March 14, 2024. Prior to recently retiring in December of 2023, she was the D.P.W. Administrative Assistant and Municipal Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Carlstadt for over 30 years.

The BCUA staff offers our condolences to Margo's husband Pat and her sons, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchild.

We have always enjoyed our interactions with Margo and we'll miss her dearly.

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## **Earth Day 2024**

Earth Day is not an event, it's a movement. [Click here for earth day 24 information.](#)

Are you hosting an Earth Day celebration on or around Earth Day, April 22nd? Share your program with us. We would love to hear and see all about your events. Always remember our website is visited by residents throughout the County of Bergen. We would be happy to promote your Earth Day Celebrations and success stories. Send them to Angela Bonanno-Lynch of the BCUA staff at [abonanno-lynch@bcua.org](mailto:abonanno-lynch@bcua.org).

## MSW Recycling and Disposal Facts

- For 2021, New Jersey generated 10,059,297 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW).
- Municipalities (and in limited instances, counties) reported recycling 3,770,132 tons of MSW and disposing 6,289,165 tons of MSW.
- New Jersey experienced a MSW recycling rate of 37 percent in 2021, a decrease from the 2020 rate of 39 percent.

Compared with data from 2020, the total tonnage of MSW recycled slightly decreased in 2021. In addition, the amount of MSW disposed of increased, leading to a small decrease in the MSW recycling rate.

The MSW disposal and recycling data translates to New Jersey residents disposing of 3.7 pounds of solid waste and 2.2 pounds of recycling per person per day in 2021.



Compared with data from 2020, there was an increase in the total solid waste disposal amounts per person, while the recycling amount stayed consistent.

To learn more about recycling in New Jersey, visit [nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/](https://nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/)

## WasteWise Business Network Webinar

The NJDEP will be holding a free **New Jersey WasteWise Business Network webinar** on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Cost:** There is no fee charged to attend this webinar or any of our WasteWise events! Click [HERE](#) for additional program information.

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## U.S. Senate Passes Bills to Improve Recycling and Increase Composting

In an effort to improve and expand recycling service and increase composting programs, the U.S. Senate passed two bipartisan bills that seek to boost recycling and composting infrastructure in communities across the country. By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate approved the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act (S. 1189) and the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (S. 1194) in March. These bills will help build recycling and composting infrastructure projects, improve rural recycling, boost data collection, and explore opportunities for implementing a national composting strategy.

For additional information regarding these bills please click [HERE](#) for the entire March 15<sup>th</sup> "Waste Advantage" article.

## Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

- ♻️ **ANJR Annual Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024—Rutgers Eco Complex, Bordentown, click [HERE](#) for additional program information.
- ♻️ **SWANA NJ Spring Conference**  
May 2 & May 3, 2024—Golden Nugget Hotel, Atlantic City, click [HERE](#) for additional program information.
- ♻️ **ANJR Swap & Share Sessions (10am-12pm)**  
**Southern Session - May 1, 2024**  
Long Beach Township Field Station  
127 W Osborn Ave, Holgate, NJ 08008  
(address may show as Beach Haven on GPS)  
**Northern Session - May 9, 2024**  
Morris County Library  
30 East Hanover Ave. Whippany, NJ 07981  
*The goal of the Swap & Share is to have an informal exchange to share and learn from each other.*  
*To attend either Swap & Share session please RSVP to: email [anjr@anjr.com](mailto:anjr@anjr.com) or call 908- 722-7575*

*Each of these meetings/conferences have been approved for CEUs for CRPs.*

