

PROP Organics Committee Meeting
Columbia Borough, Lancaster County
July 8, 2008
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



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Attending:

Bob Bylone, PA Recycling Markets Center	Ron Miller, Columbia Borough, Lancaster County
Dan Snowden, PennDOT	Terry Keene, Barton & Loguidice
Bob Graves, PSU	Sean Sweeney, Barton & Loguidice
Mike Beury, Columbia Council	Sandy Duncan, Columbia Council
Walt Larkin, Barnside Compost	Nancy Larkin, Barnside Compost
Tim Bollinger, Lehigh County	Harvey Joseph, Lehigh County
Mike Giuranna, EPA	Tom Adams, Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority
Carl Hursh, PA-DEP	Michelle Longenecker, Lancaster County SWA
Laura Henry, PA-DEP	Dan Lapato, PA-DEP
Dave Minnear, L. R. Kimball	John Frederick, PROP
	Jan Arnold, PROP

Welcome and Introduction

Bob Bylone called the meeting to order.

PennDOT Product Review - Dan Snowden, PennDOT

(Please see attachments:

1. A Case Study in Using Manufactured Soils on a PennDOT Project Roadside: State Route 30, Chester County
2. PennDOT's Strategic Recycling Program Fact Sheet (Spent Mushroom Substrate Compost Embankment Project)
3. Section 866 – Compost Filtersock)

Discussion ensued regarding:

How do you sell material to PennDOT -

- 1) Get material certified.
- 2) Get material approved.
- 3) Have company listed on Bulletin 15 (a published providers list)
- 4) Work with the contractors.

It was also mentioned that providers would appreciate a more readily available list of sites needing compost.

Dan remarked that a group of composters can combine their material, have it tested then approved which would divide the cost for this process. Dan also mentioned that the Construction and Materials Department should be contacted for information regarding Bulletin 15. He also stated that the 408 Publication is PennDOT's "bible" of usable materials. It is set-up by application. Section 800 deals with roadside compost use. When asked what the compost market is statewide for PennDOT use, Dan replied that they are required to develop projects using materials for research and demonstration purposes. He added that a company can provide to a vendor, too. Terry recommended the Mid Atlantic Bidders Exchange as a way to provide materials to vendors. Mike added that EPA has a "Buy Recycled" list on its website.

Landfill/Disposal Bans - John Frederick, PROP

John gave a brief history of the idea behind this method to achieve diversion and capture materials that would ordinarily be sent to the landfill. The bans would occur in three stages and in regards to composters, food residuals and yard waste would be the intended materials. John said that beyond the current manifest being discussed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is a total ban of leaf waste material. John explained that SWAC meetings are open to the public and will be held August 6 and September 11.

Additional information can be found on DEP's website at

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us//dep/subject/advcoun/solidwst/2008/MeetingSchedule2008.htm>.

John also stated that much concern has been raised regarding the Governor's budget "borrowing" \$15M from the Recycling Fund. Dan mentioned that those who are interested in getting details on this should contact their County and Regional Recycling Coordinators.

Stormwater Management - Terry Keene and Sean Sweeney, Barton & Loguidice

Please see the attached handout (Yard Waste Composting & Stormwater Permitting).

Sean began their presentation by explaining the "Erosion & Sedimentation Control & Stormwater Control Permitting Flow Chart." Some of the topics he covered were: low impact developments and how they relate to stormwater and compost use, levels of authority, timelines, County Conservation District reviews, cut-off for NPDES for general construction, point source discharges, and processing required for exceptional quality watersheds. Terry then showed various BMP practices for flow and control. Much discussion followed regarding various situations, methods and devices depicted in his PowerPoint presentation (i.e. silt fences, sediment traps, gully erosion, detention ponds, and filter socks).

Strategic Plan Summary - Bob Bylone, PA Recycling Markets Center John Frederick, PROP

Please see the attached handout (Organics Committee Strategic Planning Meeting).

John began by explaining the need for an Organics Committee Strategic Plan. He explained that the PROP Organics Committee resulted from the dissolution of PACA (the Pennsylvania Composting Association) and that he hopes that this committee will become fully-engaged in the PROP organization. Further topics discussed from the minutes of the Strategic Plan meeting were: how to broaden membership, continuing onsite visits during meetings, and organic educational opportunities. The Organics Committee bookmark was also distributed to show a marketing tool for this group. It has been distributed at various organics and recycling programs. Other points mentioned included the perpetuation of committee and its expansion, continuation of programming at organics meetings, value-based advertising, the search for a committee chair, and neutral advocacy. Bob then invited those in attendance to join in the next Strategic Planning meeting that is going to be held on Friday, July 18, at 10:30 am via conference call. Minutes from that meeting will be distributed electronically.

Tour of Columbia Borough's Composting Facility - Ron Miller, Columbia Borough

After our delicious lunch (that was provided by the Borough) Ron gave us directions to and provided a tour of their composting facility.

In closing, all committee members are invited to write articles for the PROP newsletter and/or magazine, and to send information, links, and pertinent reminders to the PROP office (prop@proprecycles.org or call 814-742-7777 or email John, jfrederick@proprecycles.org or Jan, jarnold@proprecycles.org).

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 7 (at a site in Western Pennsylvania that has yet to be determined).

Future meeting dates that were set at the Strategic Planning meeting are:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Locations were not decided.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Arnold
Acting Secretary