



**RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

May 18, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m. / Location: 100 Elwood Davis Rd., N. Syracuse NY

*Members: A. Bianchetti – Chair, S. Pasquale – V. Chair, L. Klosowski,
E. Gilligan, R. Zaccaria, L. Colon Torres*

PRESENT DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Review of Rewritten Draft Strategic Plan
2. Overview of Recent Shredding Event held by Assemblyman Magnarelli
3. Earth Day Media and Ad Campaign Summary
4. Engineering Update: Amboy Permit Renewal, Ley's Creek's Transformation Decommissioning and Rock Cut Road Optimization Project Phase 2
5. NYS Laws implemented in 2022: Food Donation / Food Scraps Diversion & Expanded Polystyrene ("Styrofoam") Container and Loose Fill Ban

Upcoming Items

Old Business

COMMITTEE BRIEF

Engineering Update: Amboy Permit Renewal, Ley Creek's Transformers Decommissioning and Rock Cut Road Optimization Project Phase 2

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Amboy Permit Renewal

The Amboy Compost Site was permitted as a Solid Waste Management Facility in January 2013. The permit was valid for 10 years and expires on January 27, 2023. OCRRA plans to renew this permit and the renewal application is due to DEC no later than July 31, 2022. This will largely be an administrative process. OCRRA will develop a Facility Manual as required by the NYS Regulations that includes a Waste Control Plan; Operations and Maintenance Plan; Training Plan; Emergency Response Plan; and Closure Plan.

Ley Creek's Transformers Decommissioning

The 2022 budget includes \$250,000 for capital projects related to Ley Creek Facility Refurbishment. As the Board considers the future use of the Ley Creek Site, some work has been planned for this year. The Ley Creek Facility has two transformers that are inoperable and cannot be salvaged. These transformers are only serving as a risk for further deterioration and potential environmental impacts. The equipment continues to be monitored per the requirements of 40 CRF Part 112 – Oil Pollution Prevention as part of OCRRA's Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan for the Facility. OCRRA, along with Barton & Loguidice's assistance, is preparing bid documents to demolish and remove this equipment. Due to the condition of the equipment, it was not possible to determine if the transformers contain PCBs. This characterization will have to occur during demolition, and as such the costs for demolition may vary. The cost for demolition may range from \$75,000-\$140,000. A Request for Bids (RFB) will be distributed in July and bids will be received in time for the Committee's consideration in August. Following the completion of this work, it will be determined if any remaining environmental impacts (such as contaminated soil) remain.

Rock Cut Road Optimization Project Phase 2

In July 2021, the Board adopted Cornerstone's Optimization Study as a planning tool for use of the remaining 2019 Bond funds, annual capital plans and on-going maintenance/asset preservation planning. Following completion of the work performed under Phase 1 of this effort by Patricia Electric, there's approximately \$700,000 of the 2019 Bonds funds that are earmarked for improvements related to the loadout in Building 2 that will improve handling/densification capabilities. These techniques were identified as the optimization technique options with the most overall value in the Optimization Study. Phase 2 of this effort will include relocating/protecting other utilities, removing the concrete wall, and relocating a steel apron in Building 2 to fully optimize this loadout. OCRRA, along with Cornerstone's assistance, is preparing bid documents to complete this work. A RFB will be distributed in August and bids will be received in time for the Committee's consideration in September.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

New Laws in Effect for 2022

Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law

Effective January 1, 2022

- Requires entities that generate **two tons of wasted food per week** annually to:
 - donate excess edible food
 - recycle all remaining food scraps if within 25 miles of an organics recycler
- Does not include schools, nursing homes, hospitals or farms
- June 2021, DEC publishes list of designated food scrap generators and opened up a wavier submission period
- March 2023, annual report from designated food scrap generators is due to DEC

Companies Required to Recycle

<i>Donate</i>	<i>Recycle</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
x	x	Onondaga Community College	4585 West Seneca	Syracuse	NY	13215
x	x*	Syracuse University	900 S Crouse Ave	Syracuse	NY	13244
x	x*	Green Hills Farm Stores, Inc.	5933 S Salina St	Syracuse	NY	13205
x	x	Nichols Super Markets, Inc.	327 1st St	Liverpool	NY	13088
x	x	Price Chopper Operating Co., Inc	4713 Onondaga Blvd	Syracuse	NY	13219
x	x*	Tops Pt, Llc.	119 W Seneca St	Manlius	NY	13104
x	x	Tops Pt, Llc.	2265 Downer Street Rd	Baldwinsville	NY	13027
x	x	Tops Pt, Llc.	5335 W Genesee St	Camillus	NY	13031
x	x	Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.	3325 W Genesee St	Syracuse	NY	13219
x	x	Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.	4722 Onondaga Blvd	Syracuse	NY	13219
x	x	Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.	7519 Oswego Rd	Liverpool	NY	13090
x	x*	Hotel Syracuse Radisson Plaza	500 S Warren St	Syracuse	NY	13202
x	x	Walmart	5399 W Genesee St	Camillus	NY	13031

How does OCRRA fit in?



- OCRRA operates Amboy Compost Site
- Permitted to accept 9,600 tons of food waste per year.
 - ✓ 2020: 1,619 tons
 - ✓ 2021: 2,502 tons
- OCRRA is listed on NYSDEC provided list of Food Scrap Recyclers

Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging Ban

Effective January 1, 2022

- Requires food service providers and stores to no longer sell, offer for sale or distribute disposable expanded polystyrene foam food service containers
- No manufacturer or store will be allowed to sell, offer for sale, or distribute polystyrene loose fill packaging (a.k.a. packing peanuts)
- DEC allows a 12- month financial hardship wavier

How does OCRRA fit in?



- Outreach and education for Onondaga County residents and businesses (email blasts, phone support, etc.)
- Providing alternate food container option suggestions