



Your Environment

A collaborative information resource for the Muskegon County Community

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An update was provided at the quarterly MCECC meeting to give a progress report on 3 collaborations: County Recycling; Deconstruction; and Recreation.

1. County recycling events have been very successful; and the county is conducting a feasibility study to have a county owned recycling center, such as Kent County. The joint effort with Sustainable Muskegon / Watch Muskegon, municipalities, and community members have plans which include beautification & landscaping; marketing & branding; and research & development. As a follow-up to a previous MCECC presentation, the Plastic Bag Ban is moving forward, and a proposed ordinance is being drafted. As a reminder, the County pays apx \$25,000 annually to clean plastic bag litter, and Commissioner Terry Sabo introduced a proposal to ban plastic bags at the retail level, such as other USA communities have successfully done. Reuse, reduce, recycle!
2. A Deconstruction Study is underway to reuse materials obtained in the effort of demolishing blight.
3. Jim Rudicil, executive director for the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, discussed his ambitious wish-list to upgrade the complex, and improve year-round activities, as well as outreach & environmental education to school groups and residents. Participation with municipalities and public steering committees are working toward a local resolution. Future recreation plans hope to include: climbing wall; canopy tour; zip-line; event space; & lodge extension to name a few! Fun!

Good Websites Good Information

EPA CARE Program
www.epa.gov/care

EPA Lead Safety
www.epa.gov/lead

E-Waste Recycling
www.reconnectpartnership.com

County-wide Health Concerns
www.muskegonhealth.net

Link from National Wildlife
Federation

GARDENER'S GUIDE TO
GLOBAL WARMING
Challenges and Solutions:
[www.nwf.org/gardenersguide/
Gardeners_Guide.pdf](http://www.nwf.org/gardenersguide/Gardeners_Guide.pdf)