

New Paltz ReUse and Recycling Center

March 2015

March General Report

REPORTS:

The EPA Waste Wise ReTrak report was filed and accepted. All annual reports required by the County, State and EPA have been filed well in advance of the March deadline. There are several grant opportunities. **EPA Environmental Education Local Grants Program - \$2.7 million** - *Applications Due: March 6, 2015* and submitted to develop a Master Organics Management Certification course. The NYSDEC education grant was due is due the end of March and **USDA Conservation Innovation Grant Program - \$20 million; Pre-proposals Due: April 1, 2015**

Events –

- March 14th – Clothing Swap. Forty people in attendance with escalated sales at ReUse Center. Another one hundred forty pounds of clothing was taken for Family of New Paltz and the Washbourne House. A total of three hundred and eighty five pounds of clothing was collected.
- March 10th – Represented New Paltz ReUse at *A Solar Home Companion with Josh Fox, Zephyr Teachout & musical guests, Tuesday, March 10, 6 p.m., free, Lecture Center 100, SUNY-New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz*
- March 5th – New York State Compost Summit at Marist. Networking opportunities were amazing.
- March 6th – Volunteer Fair at Jordan’s Pizza. Outreach to create a pool of volunteers to help out in the community including the ReUse and Recycling Center.
- March 2nd – Meeting with regional EPA and NYSDEC representatives. EPA forwarded grant opportunities including an education grant for food recovery based on EPA hierarchy.

Upcoming Events -

- March 21st – Repair Café at United Methodist Church 10am – 3pm
- April 18th – Compost 101 workshop at the ReUse Center from 10am – 11am
- April 25th – Annual Clean Sweep and Textile Collection Day at St. Joseph Church on South Chestnut beginning 8:30am. Volunteers for the Textile Collection will meet 9am at Village Hall through 12 noon
- May 9th – Swap for Success Clothing Swap at the ReUSE Center from 11am to 3pm
- May 22nd and 23rd – Annual Great Community Giveaway at the United Methodist Church on Grove Street. Submitted by Laura Petit