

MRF REPORT

August 2024

Well what can I say...we are drowning in the refuse of tourism.

1. We should consider going to single stream recycling during the peak months because the tourist just don't give a crap. We import irresponsibility and are left to pay for it. I will be chatting with Ben and doing research on this proposal.
2. WE have outgrown our MRF. When the MRF was constructed in 1995, there were 150 year-round residents, and maybe 5000 tourists that visited during the summer. WE have blown past that capacity and if we don't make some serious MRF infrastructure investments we will not be able to process the waste and recycling we have coming in. Our drive through is in gross violation of OSHA standards as well as after our most recent compactor inspection, so is the interface between solid waste dumping and the public. If we are not going to make these investments due to budget restraints or if we cant secure grant funding, we should consider selling the MRF to a private business and let them make the \$1,000,000 investment.
3. We will need a new compactor within one-two years' time. Our most recent inspection has noted that one of our compactors is on its last legs. We could nickel and dime its but the smart money is to buy a new one. Further the safety mechanism for the public dumping trash into it does not meet safety requirements. There are a couple gory stories of worked falling into compactors downstate. I can share if you want.
4. I will be making a budget recommendation for a full retrofit of the main building in order to stream line processing next year. This will entail making full bins and moving away from plastic bags as a means of storing plastic and cans. It will also save strain and injury on our labor force. Repetitive lifting of 65 lbs barrels of waste and 80 lb bins of paper is taxing. This may also require a bucket attachment for our skid steer to dump.
5. Budget season is coming. Will be doing research on wage analysis as well as grant research.
6. We got .65/lb for aluminum recycling and got a check for \$4300 for a load of aluminum cans. It seems our local alcohol consumption of paying off. Drink up.

Thank you,
100 Days of August Curry

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