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CURRENT WORK/PROJECTS

Organics Recovery Program Development Tool for Colleges and Universities



With funding from the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program and Materials Management Branch, CEPM produced the *Organics Recovery Program Development Tool for Colleges and Universities*. The goal of the toolkit was to provide colleges and universities guidances in policy development, technical and economic feasibility, and implementation issues relevant to the development of sustainable management protocols for organics recovery programs. The toolkit provides consultation and technical guidances for colleges and universities in EPA Region 4. You can find the report [here](#) along with the *Organics Recovery Toolkit for Universities and Colleges* report produced in 2015.

Practice Guide #37

We are pleased to announced our new practice guide "Establishing Successful Recycling Prorams in Multi-family Developments" authored

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by Daniel Weinstein and Steven Sizemore. You can find the document [here](#) and all our practice guides [here](#).

Establishing successful recycling programs for multi-family dwellings has its challenges. These recycling programs manifest themselves quite differently than residential recycling programs for single-family properties. This practice guide and collection of tips is focused to inform those municipalities initiating new programs or seeking to improve existing efforts for multi-family dwelling recycling programs while also addressing some of the issues faced when implementing a recycling program in multi-family dwellings. In addition to the links and references to the various published resources, the guide provides a small sample of municipal case studies to offer insight into how different municipalities confront their challenges to implement recycling programs for multi-family dwelling sites.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, and TRAINING

South Carolina-Rates and Finance Workshop for Small Water Systems

Date: May 12, 2016
When: 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
Trainers: Shadi Eskaf and David Tucker
Location: Columbia, SC

Register

This workshop will help ensure the financial stability of your water system while providing safe, quality drinking water at fair rates. Topics include all aspects of financial management and planning of a water system fund including rates and rate setting, controlling costs, planning for capital expenses, accessing external funding, tracking and benchmarking financial performance, and other Enterprise Fund issues that small water systems face.

You will learn how to:

1. Assess and monitor financial performance
2. Design appropriate rate structures and set fair rates that cover costs
3. Plan to fund future capital costs
4. Locate external funding sources (loans and grants)

Urban Heat island Symposium-Partnership for a Green City

Date: May 13, 2016
When: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

Where: Jefferson Community and Technical College-Health Sciences Hall Auditorium 110 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY

Cost: \$20

Register:

Louisville's Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect is the focus of research by Dr. Brian Stone of Georgia Institute of Technology. The UHI Symposium, a day-long workshop, is designed for those interested in learning more about UHIs. Topics include UHI research both locally and nationally, identifying UHI from the ground and by satellite, calculating the urban tree canopy, UHI mitigation, public health effects and more. Symposium registration includes a buffet lunch.

APA KY 2016 Spring Conference

Date: May 18-20, 2016
Where: Bowling Green, KY

CEPM Staff are among the presenters of the **American Planning Association Kentucky Chapter** for their Spring APA-KY conference in Bowling Green, Kentucky! This year's theme is *Synergies between Cities and Colleges (or Town & Gown): Discovering the Physical, Social, and Financial Benefits*. You can register for the event [here](#).

Partnership for a Green City: Reuse Summit

Date: June 3, 2016
When: 8:30 AM
Where: Jefferson Community and Technical College-health Sciences Hall Auditorium 110 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY
Cost: \$25

Register

People have heard the three R's for years – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Many of us have figured out how to reduce waste – at work, at school and at home. Over the past 30 years, recycling has increased across the country with people recycling where they frequent. The Partnership and Metro Public Works are focusing on the middle R – REUSE – to familiarize Louisville with reuse opportunities, minimizing landfill disposal of items that are beneficial to others.

The Reuse Summit is on June 3 at Jefferson Community & Technical College on Broadway. Participants will learn about reuse opportunities in Louisville from stuff to organics and hear about biodigesters through a case study of how they work in other cities.

The registration fee covers lunch for participants. There will also be demonstration projects on the agenda for viewing. Scholarships

available on an as-requested basis. For additional information, please contact Brent Fryrear at bfryrear@louisville.edu or 852-8854

Kentucky Workforce Development Workshop for Small Water Systems

Date: June 14, 2016
When: 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
Trainer: Tonya Bronleewe, Program Manager, Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center
Cost: Free

Register

All water utilities, especially small systems, are struggling to recruit and retain experienced staff, in particular when a long-term operator or manager retires. This workshop will focus on succession planning and operator recruitment and retention strategies. We will discuss the links between workforce development, long-term system sustainability, and long-term planning that also includes communicating with decision-makers.

Florida- Leadership Through Decision-making and Communication for Small Water Systems

Date: September 21-22, 2016
When: 8:30am -5:00 pm
Location: Newberry, FL

Register

Strong communication and decision making skills make a successful leader, and leadership happens at every level. Public works directors, water utility managers, operators, and finance staff need to effectively communicate with rate payers, boards, funding and regulatory agencies, and staff. Good communication and decision-making skills improve effectiveness, from internal decision-making processes to communicating with regulatory bodies, ratepayers, and funding agencies.

In this workshop, you will learn how to:

1. Gain support from the community, board, regulatory bodies, and funding agencies for decisions involving rates, budgets, and improvements.
2. Reduce conflict and increase participation in decision-making.
3. Create compelling communications to change awareness, attitudes, and behaviors.
4. Create a motivated, adaptive, and safe work environment; and
5. Improve staff collaboration and participation in decision-making

processes.

This workshop is designed for local government drinking water system managers, clerks, treasurers, elected officials, and others who budget and/or set rates.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEPM Personnel Changes

Andrea Pompei-Lacy

CEPM is pleased to announce that Andrea Pompei-Lacy has taken the position of Planning Director for Bourbon County, Kentucky. Andrea, a research facilitator the **Center for Hazards Research and Policy Development**, has worked closely with CEPM as key author of the **Compendium of Organics Recovery Programs at Colleges and Universities, Organics Recovery Program Development Tool for Colleges and Universities**, and by contributing to the **HUD Sustainable Grant**.

Kent Pugh

CEPM Graduate Research Assistant **Kent Pugh** is transitioning as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the **Sociology Department** at the University of Louisville. For the past two years, Kent's work with CEPM included research and contributions on *The State of Metropolitan Housing Reports (2014 and 2015)*, the **Searching for Safe, Fair, and Affordable Housing: Learning From Experiences- An Analysis of Housing Challenges in Louisville Metro** report, the **Germantown/Shelby Park Rail Corridor Area-Wide Plan**, and the **Brownfield Community Benefits Assessment Project**. He is currently working on a practice guide discussing how communities can use EPA environmental data.

Brandon McReynolds

CEPM welcomes **Brandon McReynolds** as our new Graduate Research Assistant. Brandon is a third year PhD student in UofL's Department of Sociology.

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