



**Ionia Conservation District**  
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## **Ionia Conservation District Recycling Proposal**

Project: Recycling drop-off facilities across Ionia County

Scope: The 2022 changes in Solid Waste Legislative Part 115 define that by 2029, Michigan counties will have a 30% waste diversion rate, followed by 40% by 2035. In addition to this, by 2029 all municipalities in Michigan with populations over 5,000 people will be required to have curbside recycling services. Additionally, all counties with populations over 10,000 will be required to have one recycling drop-off site per 10,000 residents. At this point, the two municipalities in Ionia County with populations over 5,000 (Ionia and Belding, 11,704 and 6,129 respectively) have curbside services and are in compliance. With our current population (67,000), we will need four recycling drop-off facilities strategically placed so that rural residents have access within 10 miles.

Objectives:

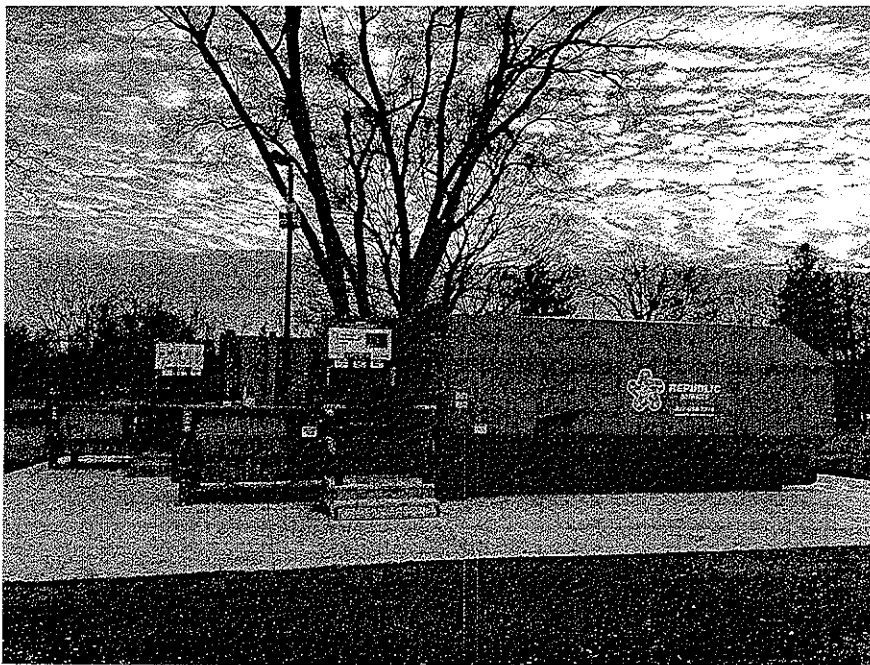
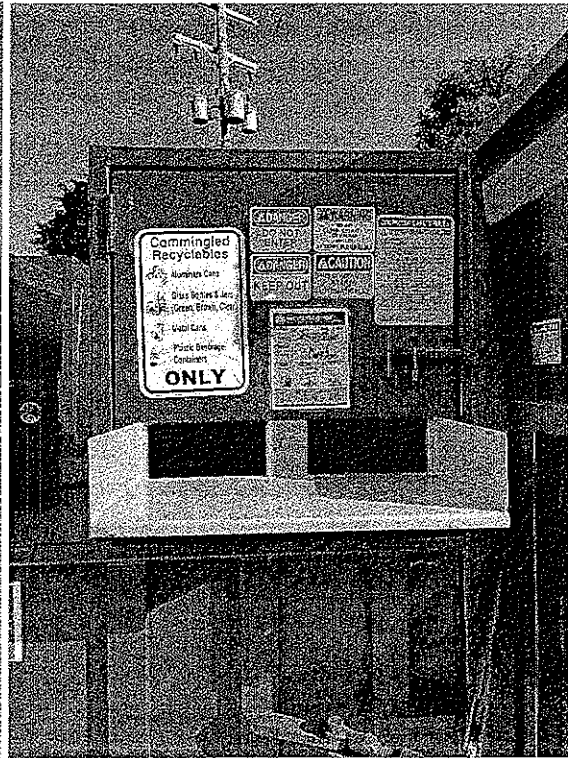
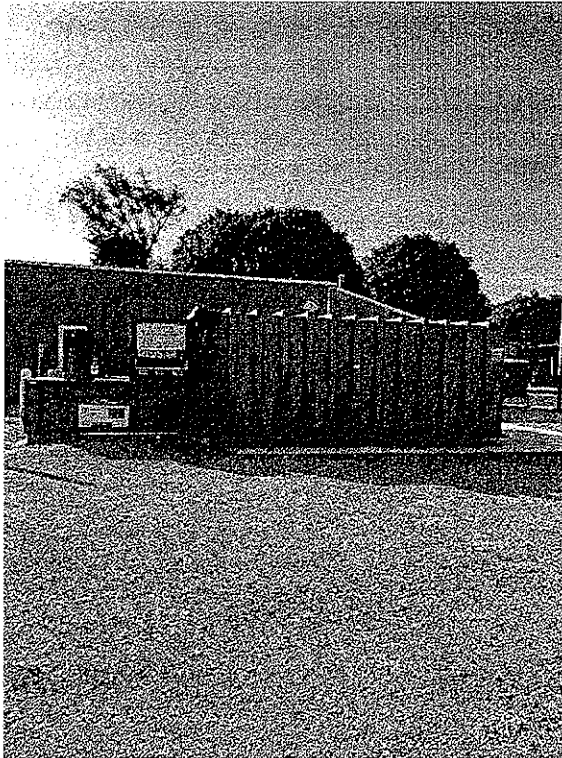
- *The installation of four recycling compactor drop-off sites*
  - Similar to those placed throughout Montcalm County.
  - Placement in: Muir, Saranac, Belding, and Portland.
  - Includes: cardboard compactor, single stream (aluminum, glass, plastics) compactor, poured concrete, steel barrier, security cameras.
    - Compactors shown to have minimal contamination, dumping.
  - Funding provided by EGLE Infrastructure grant and host community agreement with Pitsch Sanitary Landfill.
  - Ideal placement near municipality DPW.

Timeline (subject to change):

- December 2023: Site determination.
- May 2024: Receive approval from county commissioners, sign Notice of Intent.
- May 2024: Receive approval for site placement from municipalities.
- May 15, 2024: Submit EGLE Infrastructure Grant.
- June 2024: Initiate Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC).
- January 2025: Hire Materials Management Support Staff.
- January 2025: Host Community Agreement takes effect.
- April 2025: Site I placement.
- October 2025: Site II placement.
- April 2026: Site III placement.
- October 2026: Site IV placement.

Benefits:

- Ionia County will be in full compliance with EGLE policy changes to Part 115 by 2029.
- By 2027, Ionia recycling program budget will become fully sustainable.
  - Implementation funded by EGLE grant (if approved), collections funded by landfill surcharge.
- Ionia Conservation District will continue to organize and operate all materials management needs in Ionia County.
- Local investiture will yield local advocacy.



**CONSENT RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS  
OF PITSCH RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC.**

The undersigned, being a majority of the Directors of Pitsch Recycling & Disposal, Inc. a Michigan corporation (the "Company"), hereby adopt the following resolution in accordance with the authority granted under Section 523 of the Michigan Business Corporations Act (the "Act"), as amended, in lieu of a special meeting of the Directors as required under the Act:

1. **Acceptance of the Ionia County Solid Waste Planning Committee Proposal for Certain Surcharge/Hoist Fee Terms to include in a Proposed Host Agreement between the Company, Ionia County, Orleans Township and Otisco Township.**

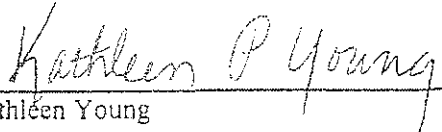
**RESOLVED**, the Directors of the Company hereby agree to accept the proposal adopted by the Ionia County Solid Waste Planning Committee (the "Committee") at its February 13, 2024 meeting regarding the following terms to be included in a new Host Agreement being negotiated between the Company, Ionia County, Orleans Township and Otisco Township:

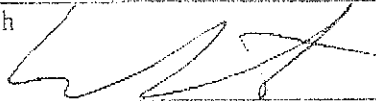
- a. The Ionia Solid Waste Plan shall be amended increasing the annual cap on waste that can be accepted by the landfill to 300,000 tons of waste per year;
- b. In exchange for an increase in the annual disposal cap to 300,000 tons per year, the Company agrees to pay the following surcharge/host fees to the listed municipalities as set for below for each ton of waste accepted at Pitsch Sanitary Landfill;
  - i. \$2.00 per ton shall be paid to Ionia County;
  - ii. \$1.00 per ton shall be paid to Orleans Township; and
  - iii. \$0.25 cents per ton shall be paid to Otisco Township;
- c. The remaining terms in the proposed Host Agreement shall be further negotiated and agreed upon between the Company and the Committee. Once a final draft of a proposed Host Agreement has been prepared, it shall be reviewed and approved by a majority of the Directors of the Company before the President of the Company is authorized to execute the new Hoist Agreement.
- d. Acceptance of the foregoing terms is contingent on the Committee and all other municipalities approving the annual waste disposal cap increase as required under the Ionia Solid Waste Plan.

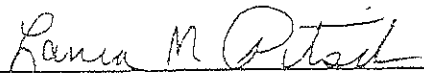
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Effective: March 27, 2024

PITSCH RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC.

  
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Being all of the Directors  
of the Company.