

# Your Community Connection

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## News from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF)

### Recent Site Activities

Throughout the winter and early spring, residents and neighbors observed Waste Management excavating on the west side of old Cell 1 to remove the existing sump that pumps leachate from the landfill to the Detroit Water and



Excavation to remove sump pump from area west of old Cell 1



New sewer pumping station on east side of Giddings Rd. north of Silverbell Rd.

Sewer Department through a sewer connection. Leachate is precipitation (rain and/or snow) that mixes with the waste. A new sump has been located and installed at Giddings Rd. near Silverbell. Waste Management pumps approximately 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of leachate a day to be recycled. That's about the volume of an average swimming pool.

In addition to new Cell 12a completed last summer, throughout the month of June, Waste Management completed the installation of Cell 12b. Cell 12b is to the north of Cell 12a and was not as visible from Silver Bell as Cell 12a installation was in 2015. Waste Management will begin disposing of waste in Cell 12b this September.



This view is facing east into Cell 12b.

### Orion Goes Green

Some would say Orion is already "green" with all of its parks and natural areas, others would say it is blue because of its lakes and watershed features, but this spring, Orion High School student Madeline Braley had a big idea. Madeline is a member of the Orion Township Environmental Resources Committee and brought to the township the idea of hosting a community-wide "Green Up" event. Supervisor Barnett, township staff and Waste Management quickly came together to help her realize her dream. The event was hosted on May 14. Watch and listen for notice of similar efforts each year. The township further supported the effort by making a

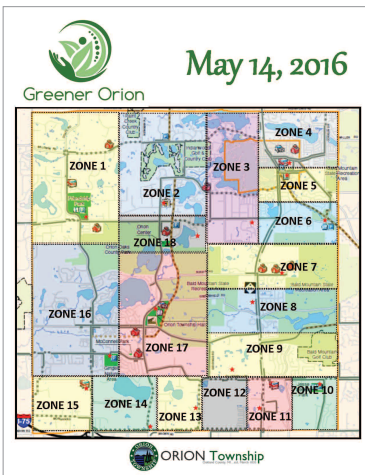
big chicken wire "Green" sign filled with waste and recyclables on the front lawn of the township.

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**Greener Orion**

Logo created by Madeline Braley



Green Up event volunteers

### Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility

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**Telephone**  
248-391-0990  
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248-391-1219

**Please call for current hours of operation as hours may change seasonally.**  
Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Recycling Hours**  
Recycling drop-off available during normal landfill hours.  
**For tours call (248) 391-0990.**

**LANDFILL CONCERNS HOTLINE**  
1-877-360-8582

**WM CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
1-866-797-9018

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## Wildlife Habitat Council – Waterways for Wildlife

Several members of the Southeast Michigan Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) – Waterways for Wildlife chapter were hosted recently at Orion Township’s beautiful Camp Agawam for a planning and information session around the local WHC annual celebration. Present were individuals from MSU, DTE Energy, GM, ITC, Orion Township (Lisa Sokol) and WM. While at the site visitors heard the sounds of a great horned owl hooting in the distance and were visited by a rose-breasted grosbeak. Waste Management has expanded its Wildlife Habitat Council efforts to the Orion Center and Camp Agawam.



*Photo courtesy of the Audubon Society*



*WHC Meeting Members from MSU, ITC, DTE Energy, GM, Orion Twp., WM, GM, WHC and DTE Energy*



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## Educating about Recycling



Scott Dille, residential route supervisor for WM in Orion, assisted his niece Heather Donnelly in arranging a tour for the Jr. Lego League team from Gretchko Elementary in West Bloomfield. The Builder Boys team visited the landfill and got to see a WM truck up close and personal. Lego Leagues learned all about waste and the importance of recycling to save resources as part of their Lego League competition this year.

## Orion Goes Green, *cont'd from front*

Waste Management supports several community efforts to “be green” by encouraging recycling at area events. You can help by paying attention to items allowed in recycle bins. Contamination of waste mixed with recyclables diminishes the value of the recyclables and adds unnecessary increased cost to recycling.

