

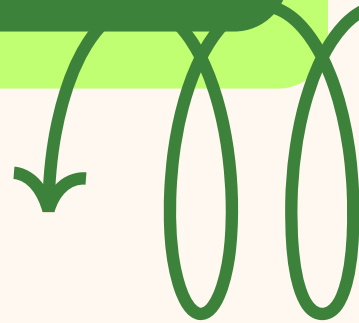


THE LEISY'S LEGACY

# RECYCLING WASTE: SOLUTIONS FOR A CLEANER FUTURE



Wayne County Recycling Team





# WHAT WE DO:

## TEAM GOALS:

Provide Recycling Bins and Compost Barrels at our local fair and festivals.

Educate the public and vendors on the importance of waste recycling

Organize FFA's and volunteers to gather recyclables. Sort materials so there is no trash contamination.

## WHY IS RECYCLING IMPORTANT?

Reduces the amount of waste in landfills

Builds a sense of community awareness and team pride towards a better planet.

Decreases the use of new raw materials & helps reduce costs.

# WHAT WE DO:



## TYPES OF RECYCALBES:

Plastic

Bottles and jugs. NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Paper

CARDBOARD ... also papers. Must be clean.

Metal /Aluminum

Beverage cans and tins. Clean, dry & empty.

Compost

Food vendors only. Will take waxed /soiled cardboard.

## THE PROCESS:

Recycling Before, During and after the Fair

Set out over 85+ recycling containers, cardboard totes and food waste barrels. Then pick up materials during fair. Retrieval, cleaning & storage of all!

Recycling Station

At the Recycling roll-off's in the infield: set up Collection & Sorting of Materials. Necessary to prevent load contamination & possible rejection.

# OUR HISTORY:

## KEY MOMENTS:

- 2008: Ray & Allyson Leisy began on their own. In 2009 the WCF formed a “Team” approach to recycling.
- 2011: voluntary vendor sponsors helped fund supplies.
- 2013: Bart Morr with Paradise Composting joined our efforts- collect food waste from vendors.
- 2015: Added 37 new style Clear- Stream recycling containers with fundings & local support.



# OUR HISTORY:

## KEY MOMENTS:

- 2019: China's SWORD policy causes changes in our program! No Bags. No contamination. We sort.
- 2021-2024 STW Grants help fund improvements: Vests, lights, supplies & more containers.
- 2022 Added collection point totes for Cardboard.
- 2025: Now have 75 Recycling receptacles (replacing the barrels) and 12 Cardboard Totes= Total of 87+ outlets during the fair!





# WAYNE COUNTY RECYCLING TEAM

## WHO WE ARE:

A blend of caring individuals that share a common interest for the environment, and a passion for doing the right thing. We work together, each doing their own part to a make a whole team.





# WAYNE COUNTY RECYCLING TEAM:

## WHO WE ARE:

Special recognition to founders Ray & Allyson Leisy. Tom, Jake & Zane Dilyard, Tom Noletti, Tim Becker, Jeff Harmon, Bart Morr, Kelly Riley, Heather Tegtmeier and the FFA Advisors & students. Special thanks to the Wayne County Fair Board, Wayne SWCD, Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling, Kiwanis Club, Paradise Composting, Habitat For Humanity, and Kimble

Companies.



# CHALLENGES IN RECYCLING

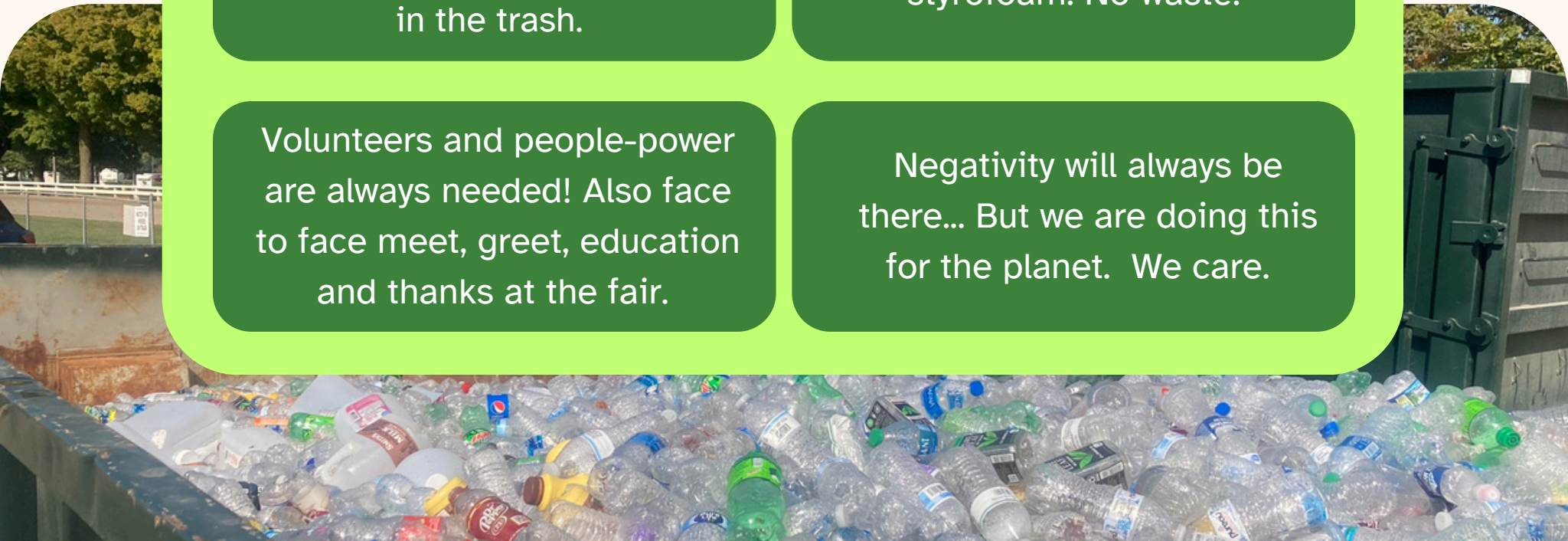
WHAT WE'VE LEARNED:

Must provide easy options: trash and recycling. Even then, people will still put recyclables in the trash.

CLEAN, DRY & EMPTY is the standard. No Bags, No styrofoam. No waste.

Volunteers and people-power are always needed! Also face to face meet, greet, education and thanks at the fair.

Negativity will always be there... But we are doing this for the planet. We care.



# WHAT WORKS:

## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:

- Let each group do their own part, don't try to do it all! Get a TEAM mentality.
- Have meetings. Communicate.
- Signage. Banners. Stickers.
- NO- Barrels for Recycling but..... YES- ClearStream - people can see recycling!
- Vests & T-Shirts with our Logo. YELLOW - creates Team Look & gets us noticed.
- Lights at night for safety.
- Sponsor Recognition & Handout to Vendors. Available to all.
- Face to Face interaction during fair with vendors & communication.
- Support from County Commissioners, Elected Officials & Agencies all help!



# SUCCESS STORY



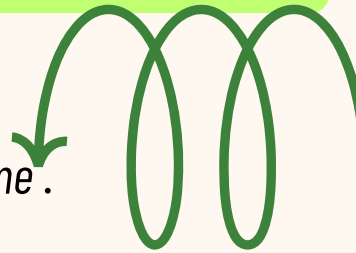
- Positive Role Model for families!  
Let's Recycle!
- Educate the public through signage, displays and outreach.
- Youth - FFA students share with their parents & volunteers.
- Vendors spread the word as they travel around the state.

## SAD TRUTH:

of 100% of Recyclable Materials:

- 21% is being recycled
- 3% is lost at MRF's (Material Recovery Facility)
- **76% lost to trash in homes!**

*DO better! It is time .*





# BEHIND THE SCENES:


China's National SWORD policy: Started in 2018, drastically changed USA's recycling! China would no longer buy waste imports, thus it created a huge surplus of paper & plastics & highlighted severe contamination in US streams.

## WHAT IS "CONTAMINATION"?

Food waste and non-recyclables.

In 2019, our efforts increased. We had no choice. IF everything we collected had a contamination rate of over 20% the load would get rejected at Kimble's Recycling MRF and go to the Landfill. Thus, we started our station sorting!

## TEAM SORT STATION:



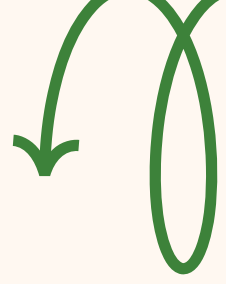
During the Fair, the Team sets up a tent at the Recycling Roll-off Dumpsters, and all collected materials are sorted out before they go into Kimble's Recycling roll-off. No plastic bags, styrofoam, food, straws, lemons, napkins, etc.



# BEHIND THE SCENES:

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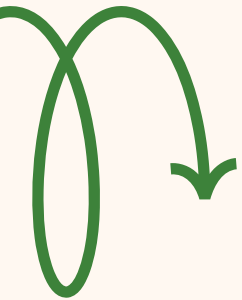


# CONCLUSION

When concrete actions are taken by individuals and community members, their role in recycling can have a tremendous impact.

There are many individuals that have been superstars in our efforts through the years, and we are thankful to have a wonderful team and great community support.

The importance of recycling for the environment and future will always be our priority. We hope it inspires others as well!



# Wayne County Recycling Team

"Team work makes the Dream work"

# Q&A

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