

March 2025 MRF Report

With March we started to see the first signs of spring. More hours of daylight, what little snow we had is close to being completely melted, and the boats have started back up. Along with those signs of spring, we have started to see things picking up here at the MRF. Contractors have been bringing in loads of construction materials that were hidden in the snow and we have started to see some part time residents coming back. During the month, we have continued to organize and set up the building for summertime, haul materials out of the building to authorized recyclers, continue our education on handling the different kinds of waste, and made some safety improvements in the building.

With the boats back up and running in early March, we started to haul materials out of the MRF again. On the way to a training class that I was heading to, I detoured to Duluth to meet up with a truck from Recycle Technologies to drop off some materials. In this load we had ballast with PCB, a variety of batteries, smoke detectors and florescent light bulbs. On the 18th of March we hauled another load of materials to Ashland. This load consisted of lead acid batteries that were brought to Chicago Iron for recycling revenue, and electronic waste that went to Springfield Salvage. These were small loads that we hauled in the MRF and Public Works pickup trucks, but despite their small size, it is still important to haul these materials off the island and to a proper recycling facility

On the 20th of March, Michael hauled a load of demolition, and on the 21st he hauled a load of solid waste. Both loads went to the Republic transfer station in Ashland. On the 21st Michael had two issues with our hauling truck "Woodstock". The first issue was that the fan clutch failed, and the engine fan would not engage. The second issue was that one of the rollers used to load boxes on and off the truck would not pivot correctly. I was luckily in Ashland on personal business and was able to go to Republic to assist Michael. Using a sludge hammer we were able to get the roller to move in the correct spot so that the box would sit correctly on the truck frame so it could go down the road. With the engine fan, it was cold enough that day where Micheal was able to drive the truck back to the island without overheating issues. Matt Harriott Jr ordered a new engine fan clutch and installed it. Matt was also able to get the roller to move correctly with a lot of time, heat and lubricants. Woodstock is now 21 years old, and every year we have a couple of breakdowns. For the money we paid for the truck, it has been a good truck to the town, but its now time to look at retiring "The Beast" (the original hooklift truck), purchasing a newer truck, and making Woodstock the backup. There are members of the public that ask that we have contractors do our hauling, but Republic and Waste Management do not have the resources to take on the extra hauling that we need to keep things moving off the island, especially during the summer months. In the first three months of 2025 we hauled 81.42 tons of demolition, solid waste, and recycling off the island with Woodstock. It is very important that we have a way to transport our waste and keep the island clean. Come next budget season, I will be making a request to purchase a truck that is no older than 5 years old in 2026.

On March 12th I was able to attend a hazardous materials awareness and waste disposal training. A thanks to Michael for covering the MRF on that Wednesday so that I could attend. This free training was put on by Veolia at the UW of Eau Claire. Veolia is the company putting on our clean sweep in July. This training pertained more towards industries that create universal and hazardous waste, but it was still very informative. Some of the topics covered in this training were basic information on universal and hazardous waste, spill awareness, regulation on storage, and some new DNR regulation updates. The most important part of this training was making connections with Veolia to get questions I have on some materials that are at our facility. I am currently working with Veolia to have a training session for Michael and I, and hopefully the rest of the Public Works Department, that pertains more to the materials we take in at the MRF. In this class we will learn how to sort the different waste into the proper containers for shipment. It is important that we learn what products can and can't be stored together so that we do not accidentally mix something together that creates a chemical reaction. We want to make sure that we handle and package the materials properly and safely.

A good portion of the training concentrated on safety and spills of universal and hazardous waste. With this information we have made some safety upgrades at the MRF. First, we moved the first aid kit where it is more accessible and filled it with up-to-date supplies. Quick thanks to Ray for the good work on moving and hanging the first aid kit in the office area! Along with basic supplies, we added a bloodborne kit, and plenty of supplies to handle large cuts. A very important safety item we added was a mercury spill kit. At the MRF we take in materials that contain some mercury such as thermostats and fluorescent lights bulbs. If we had a mercury spill that wasn't handled properly or cleaned up right away, it would force the MRF to shut down and cost tens of thousands of dollars to clean up. We also ordered an oil spill kit, so that in the event of an oil spill, we can contain it right away. Lastly, we ordered drain covers. If a liquid material spills, we can cover the floor drains to prevent that material from going into the holding tank. All of these are small upgrades but could save to town thousands if we had a spill

During the month of March, we worked on the request for bid (RFB) to replace the oldest trash compactor. During the inspection in 2024 the technician from FleetGenius (the contractor we bring in every year for inspections and repairs on our compactors and bailer) informed us with documentation and pictures, that the trash compactor located on the Northwest side of the building was near the end of its life cycle. When we made the budget for 2025, we asked the board for \$34,000 to replace this compactor with a new one. FleetGenius was the only company to bid on this project with a price of \$29,265. Max worked with FleetGenius to get a contract signed, and we are looking forward to having the project done sometime in early to mid-June.

The trend of good months at the MRF has continued through March and we are looking forward to seeing this trend and warmer weather come in April. See you next time.

Respectfully submitted

Evan R Erickson

Financial Information

March:

Gross Sales: \$7,970.24

MRF card discounts: \$923.50

MRF card sales: \$4803.75

Total Revenue: \$11,850.49

Fees: (\$51.28)

Net Total: \$11,809.21

Year to Date:

Gross Sales: \$21,614.48

MRF card discounts: (\$1,859.25)

MRF card sales: \$10,252.75

Total Revenue: \$30,007.98

Fees: (\$108.19)

Net Total: \$29,909.79

Outstanding invoices through Square: \$3,363.06

Outstanding MRF card balance: \$4,315.50

Recycling tracking:

See attached spreadsheets for hauling a recycling data

Cardboard bailed: March/YTD: 2162lbs/6582lbs

Aluminum bailed: March/YTD: 0lbs/1046lbs

Tin bailed: March/YTD: 0lbs/776lbs

Hauling:

4 loads hauled (19.88 tons) during the month of February. 1 solid waste, 1 demo, 2 recycling.

Total recycling revenue: **\$290.88**. Total Hauling costs: **\$6,352.63**

Trucking Tracking Spreadsheet

Date	Vehicle	Material	Employee	Destination	Number of Hours	Equipment Cost	Labor Cost	Number of Tons	Cost per Ton	Price per ton	Tipping Fees	Recycling Income	Ferry Fees	Fuel	Other Fees	Total Cost of Haul
1/21/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.5	272.16	124.11	5.18	\$ 88.20		\$ 466.88	\$ -	\$ 278.00			\$ (1,131.15)
1/15/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	7.21	\$ 88.20		\$ 635.92	\$ -	\$ 283.00			\$ (1,486.02)
1/17/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	4.5	349.92	159.57	9	\$ 88.20		\$ 793.80	\$ -	\$ 307.00	\$154.43		\$ (1,764.72)
1/20/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	4	311.04	141.84	6.03	\$ 88.20		\$ 531.85	\$ -	\$ 291.00			\$ (1,275.73)
1/22/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	7.36	\$ 88.20		\$ 649.15	\$ -	\$ 283.00			\$ (1,498.25)
1/23/2025	Woodstock	Scrap Metal	Michael Haben	Chicago Iron, Ashland	5.5	427.68	195.03	7.82		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 782.00	\$ 283.00	\$171.11		\$ (1,294.82)
1/28/2025	Woodstock	Cardboard	Michael Haben	Chicago Iron, Ashland	4	311.04	141.84	8.04		\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 643.20	\$ 295.00			\$ (1,046.8)
2/10/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5	388.80	177.30	4.48	\$ 88.20		\$ 395.14	\$ -	\$ 247.00			\$ (1,208.24)
2/11/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5.5	427.68	195.03	8.76	\$ 88.20		\$ 772.63	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$143.59		\$ (1,833.93)
2/12/2025	Woodstock	Paper/Plastic	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	6	466.56	212.76	2.77	\$ 77.09		\$ 213.54	\$ -	\$ 235.00			\$ (1,127.86)
3/11/2025	21	HHW	Evan Erickson	Recycle Technologies, Duluth	4	66.32	148.40				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.00	\$ 74.39	\$ 1,135.84	\$ (1,450.95)
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Copper	Evan Erickson	Chicago Iron, Ashland	1.625	26.94	60.29	0.016		\$ 7,300.00	\$ -	\$ 116.80	\$ 10.35			\$ 19.22
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Batteries	Evan Erickson	Chicago Iron, Ashland	1.625	26.94	60.29	0.544		\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ 174.08	\$ 10.35			\$ 76.50
3/18/2025	MRF pickup	Electronics	Evan Erickson	Springfed Salvage, Ashland	1.625	26.94	60.29	0.41995	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 419.95	\$ -	\$ 20.70			\$ (527.89)
3/20/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	6.5	505.44	230.49	6.45	\$ 88.20		\$ 568.89	\$ -		\$116.19	\$ 1,231.32	\$ (2,662.33)
3/21/2025	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	4.5	349.92	159.57	8.32	\$ 88.20		\$ 733.82	\$ -	\$ 293.00			\$ (1,526.31)
4/1/2025	Woodstock	Demo	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.5	272.16	124.11	8.06	\$ 88.20		\$ 710.89	\$ -	\$ 295.00			\$ (1,402.16)
17.00					71.38	\$ 5,007.15	\$2,545.51	90.46			\$6,892.46	\$ 1,716.08	\$ 3,442.40	\$659.71	\$ 2,367.16	\$ (19,188.31)

Recycling Tracking									
Date	Material	Category	Weight (LBS)	Count	Location sent	Way of delivery	Tracking/Code	Cost	Revenue
1/27/2025	4ft Florescent light bulbs	Universal Waste	52.70		Veolia, Port Washington	FedEx	691191707229149.00	\$ 133.00	
1/28/2025	Cardboard	Recycling	16,080.00		Chicago Iron	Self-Haul			
2/24/2025	4ft Florescent light bulbs	Universal Waste	49.80		Veolia, Port Washington	FedEx	691191707229064.00	\$ 133.00	
2/24/2025	8ft Florescent light bulbs	Universal Waste	52.70		Veolia, Port Washington	FedEx	691191707229149.00	\$ 110.00	
3/11/2025	4ft Florescent light bulbs	Hazardous Waste		2.00	Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 0.68	
3/11/2025	Compact bulbs	Hazardous Waste		54.00	Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 20.52	
3/11/2025	Non PCB Ballast	Universal Waste	6.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 2.34	
3/11/2025	PCB Ballast	Hazardous Waste	35.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 113.75	
3/11/2025	NiCad Batteries	Universal Waste	128.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 190.72	
3/11/2025	NiMH Batteries	Universal Waste	26.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 38.74	
3/11/2025	Lithium Batteries	Hazardous Waste	13.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 103.35	
3/11/2025	Lithium Ion Batteries	Hazardous Waste	124.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 184.76	
3/11/2025	Alkaline Batteries	Universal Waste	2.00		Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 2.98	
3/11/2025	Smoke Detectors	Hazardous Waste		64.00	Recycle Technologies	Self-Haul		\$ 320.00	
3/18/2025	Lead Acid Batteries	Universal Waste	1,088.00		Chicago Iron	Self-Haul			\$ 174.08
3/18/2025	Copper	Scrap	32.00		Chicago Iron	Self-Haul			\$ 116.80
3/18/2025	CRT	E-Waste	91.80		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 45.90	
3/18/2025	Printers	E-Waste	147.30		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 73.65	
3/18/2025	VCRs	E-Waste	79.20		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 39.60	
3/18/2025	Speakers	E-Waste	94.60		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 47.30	
3/18/2025	Desk Accessories	E-Waste	17.20		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 8.60	
3/18/2025	Large Speakers	E-Waste	82.40		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 41.20	
3/18/2025	Flat Screen TVs	E-Waste	159.60		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 79.80	
3/18/2025	Mic	E-Waste	87.00		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 43.50	
3/18/2025	AKG Machine	E-Waste	25.40		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 12.70	
3/18/2025	Desktop Computer	E-Waste	8.20		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 4.10	
3/18/2025	Cords	E-Waste	21.00		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 10.50	
3/18/2025	Fax Machine	E-Waste	25.20		Springfed Salvage	Self-Haul		\$ 12.60	
Total			9.26					\$ 1,773.29	\$ 290.88