

WM To Build \$42 Million Recycling Facility to Serve Slate Belt, Region



By Adrienne Fors

Plainfield Twp., Pa. – WM plans to invest \$42 million in a new recycling facility (MRF) to capture more paper, plastics, metals and glass, from homes and businesses in the Slate Belt, Lehigh Valley, and other parts of eastern Pennsylvania.

The state-of-the-art, 92,000-square-foot Grand Central Recycling Center will be built on a 22.78-acre parcel to be subdivided from a larger tract adjacent to WM's Grand Central Landfill and Hauling office in Plainfield Twp. The parcel is owned by WM and zoned for a recycling processing facility. Residents are encouraged to attend a meet and greet on Jan. 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lookout Fire Company's social hall (123 South Main Street, Pen Argyl Pa.) where WM's recycling experts will be available to explain the project and answer questions.

WM's Greater Mid-Atlantic Area Director of Recycling Jim VanWoert said the Grand Central materials recovery facility, or "MRF," will be designed to facilitate tours and will include a 4,000 square-foot Sustainability Education Center that will be available to the public for meetings.

"This new technology will allow our facility to process greater volumes of material and generate higher-quality commodities for our customers who turn what we recycle into new products," said Mr. VanWoert.

These technological advancements are expected to allow the new facility to:

- Recycle more types of plastics
- Use optical sorters and artificial intelligence to achieve a tenfold increase in efficiency

- Utilize intelligent sorting where conveyors and optical sorters communicate with each other and with technicians to improve material quality
- Include a final optical sort line which sends missed recyclable material back for a second chance to be recycled

WM operates the former Greenstar recycling facility in Northampton, Pa., which will cease operating when the new Grand Central facility opens. Team members at the Northampton location will be able to relocate to the Grand Central MRF. The new center expects to accommodate team members who relocate and create 30 new career opportunities.

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Bangor Womens Club Gfwc Presents \$500 Check To Bangor Public Library

By Marylin Mehas

BANGOR - Bonnie Due who is a member of both Bangor Womens Club and the Friends of the Bangor Library presented a \$500 check to Kathleen Lynch the Director. The check represented the proceeds from the sale of wreaths and luminarias the 2 days following Thanksgiving. Lynn Beck who is on the Library's Board and the board members also should be thanked as several of them joined Heidi Bates in the selling project.

New to the library: Now patrons can access E-book, E-magazines, and audiobooks through the Libby app with their Bangor Library card. See the library's web page and under online resources, you will find the link.

The Bangor Public Library was founded in 1921 by the Bangor Women's Club. After many years of fundraising the library was finally opened to serve Bangor and the surrounding economic community. Serving the communities of Bangor Borough, East Bangor Borough, Portland, Roseto, Upper Mount Bethel, Washington Township and portion of Lower Mount Bethel Township in the Bangor Area School District.



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