

What We Do



Committee members visit
ReCommunity Beacon single-
stream recycling facility

Dutchess County Solid Waste Plan:

When Dutchess developed its new solid waste plan, we provided review and comment based on our decades of experience.

Ulster County Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission:

At the county's invitation, we provide our expertise as part of this commission established to review Ulster's solid waste management opportunities.

Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability

Plan: We participated in the creation of this wide-reaching agenda, creating a strong framework now being implemented by the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Paint Stewardship: The Materials Management Committee is working closely with the NYS League to foster enactment of state legislation requiring mandatory recycling of paint.

How to Get Involved

To get involved with the Materials Management Committee, give a call or send an email to the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region (LWVMHR), LWVMRH President Jolanda Jansen, or Committee Chair Kathy OConnor.

You can also simply attend one of our meetings. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. (Check the Calendar at lwvmidhudson.org to confirm meeting and location.)

We hope to hear from you soon!



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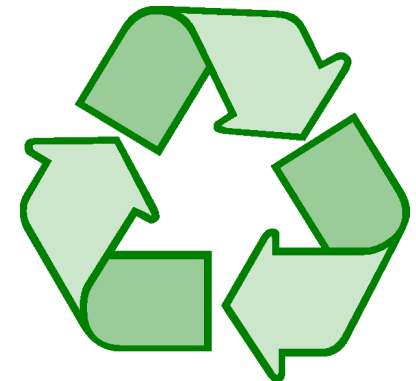
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League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region



Materials Management Committee

**Working for Reduction,
Reuse, and Recycling in
Dutchess and Ulster Counties**



Advancing Materials Management on All Fronts

History

The League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region has been involved in solid waste management for decades.



Shirley Kobran today

One of our members, Shirley Kobran, was among the region's earliest environmental advocates. Founding the Ulster County Environmental Task Force in 1970 and going on to serve on multiple county agencies, she was instrumental in the development of recycling in Ulster.

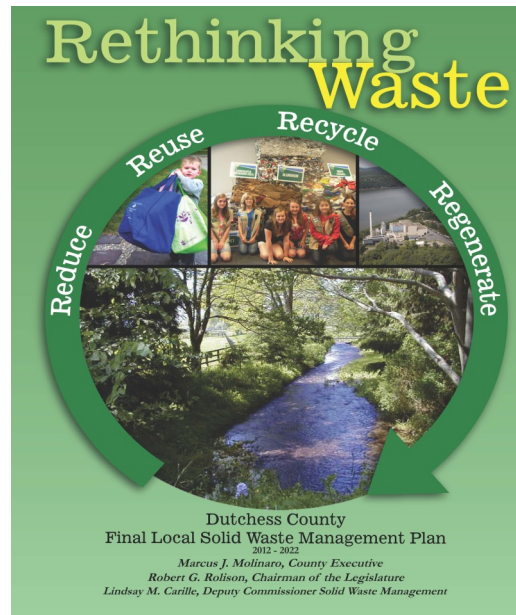
Today, the League continues to be a leader in this area.



Shirley Kobran pioneers collecting glass bottles for recycle in Kingston, 1971

Mission

The Materials Management Committee works to minimize the amount of materials that we process as trash. We know that, for future generations, we cannot be careless about how much we ask the planet to absorb. Thus, we believe that managing materials responsibly is crucial to our sustainability.



We promote sustainable living through:

- Reducing** the amount of materials we use;
- Reusing** materials as originally designed (or repurposing those materials for another use); and
- Recycling** that which cannot be reused.

Sarah Womer of Zero to Go



Member Projects

Zero to Go: Sarah Womer runs this Beacon-based company, providing zero-waste services at events and composting services to the city.

Organic Recycling Feasibility: Jolanda Jansen is a steering-committee member for this study of organic waste and options for diverting it from local waste streams.

The Growth of Composting

Because of its water content, organic waste is inefficient to burn and heavy to ship. Composting turns this material into a valuable resource, and we are working to expand such programs in the region.



Shabazz Jackson of Greenway Environmental Services