

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND **Sustainability & Natural Resources** *NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING*  
**Committee**

**Monday, April 13, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**McFarland Municipal Center**  
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland  
*Community Room*

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
  - a. This is an opportunity for attendees to provide public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Attendees desiring to provide public comment on specific items on the agenda may do so at the time that agenda item is brought up. Zoom attendees wishing to speak should type their name, address, and the relevant agenda item in the Q&A feature within the online meeting platform. Zoom attendees may also register in support or opposition of an item through the Q&A feature. In person attendees should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your public comment. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting but may be sent to [sustainability@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:sustainability@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included with the agenda materials.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
  - a. Discussion and action on a recommendation to the Village Board for continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program.
  - b. Update regarding the 2026 Arbor Day celebration event
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
  - a. Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

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**Minutes**  
**Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
**December 8, 2025**

**Committee Members Present:** Miguel Pena, Alisa Leamy, Lori Whitman, Kaci Coconate, Michael Allen

**Committee Members Absent:** Christine Mania

**Staff Present:** Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Miguel Pena called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.**

Motion by Pena, second by Leamy, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS

**a. Presentation of forestry operations for 2025.**

Larson reviewed with the committee the village's forestry operations for 2025, which included: removal and grinding of 25 village trees and stumps; 350 village trees trimmed; and 97 trees planted. Village forestry efforts in 2026 will focus on: removal of several large cottonwood trees in McDaniel Park; continued tree planting in the Rosewood Fields subdivision; and tree replacement plantings along village streets and in selected village parks.

**b. Update regarding Grand View Conservancy tree removals.**

Larson reviewed with the committee plans to remove several trees in the Grand View Conservancy that border residential lots in the village, primarily on Pheasant Run and Creamery Court. Storms have damaged several box elder trees in the conservancy, and those trees and others in the conservancy are at risk of falling into

residential lots, necessitating removal. Because of the size of the trees and the scope of the project, this work will be done by a contractor, Larson said.

**c. Discussion of RecycleWise with Lori Whitman**

Committee member Whitman discussed with the committee her village-wide Styrofoam recycling program, in which village residents contact her to pick up unwanted Styrofoam packing materials for recycling at a Madison recycling center. Whitman said she's conducted 211 pickups in the village, and made 47 recycling drop-offs, totaling nearly 5,500 cubic feet of materials, since starting the program in the spring of 2025. Her efforts were nominated for recognition by Sustain Dane's Live Forward award.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

- a. Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Pena motioned to adjourn; Leamy seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 13, 2026

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

**CONTACT:** Lee Igl, Public Works Director, Kong Thao, Associate Planner

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action on a recommendation to the Village Board for continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

At the February 11, 2026 Joint Village Board and Sustainability & Natural Resources meeting, the body reviewed Staff's summary on the accomplishments the Village had achieved in 2025.

Among the accomplishments was a pilot Food Scraps Program that began in June 2025 in partnership with Dane County Waste & Renewables and several other communities. Village Staff shared that the program would end in May 2026 due to the grant funding ending. The Joint Body expressed interest in the continuation of the Food Scraps Program at the meeting.

Included in the packet is a scheduled quote for pickup expenses for 1-4 cars provided by Dane County Staff for interested communities looking to continue the program. The quote reflects weekly, four-week, and fifty-two-week total costs estimates. At a weekly cost, it states \$102.40.

Assuming the program continues until the end of 2026, beginning June 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026, there are 30 weeks left in the year. This comes to ~\$3,072.00.

**Dane County Food Scraps Summary**

The Dane County Food Scraps program was made possible through a federally funded grant (USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction, CFWR) awarded to Dane County Waste & Renewables in late 2023. The Village is one of seven participants in the compost drop-off program, including the City of Middleton, the City of Fitchburg, Madison Children's Museum, Warner Park, the Henry Vilas Zoo, and Badger Prairie Campus. Installation of a kiosk outside the Public Works Building was approved by the [Plan Commission at the April 15, 2025 meeting](#). Grant funding is expected to end in May 2026. The kiosks are expected to be removed by Dane County. Participation is free and registration is required through Dane County's project [website](#). Upon completion of a registration, participants will receive a code for the respective bins. The bins are locked to deter rodents and prevent damage from weather-related events. See the link to the [FAQs](#) for more information. The packet includes the 2025 Annual Report for Food Scrap provided from Dane County summarizing the Village's efforts.

From the start in June 2025 through to March 2026, an estimated 12,989.75 lbs of food waste had been diverted from the County's landfill. This is achieved through 279 registered participants in McFarland, an average of ~46.56 lbs per person.

Staff have been in contact with the Food Scrap program Director, Roxanne Wienkes, on



different options to continue the program.

1. She is willing to defer the cost for the 7 months of 2026, to 2027.

2. She is working on a price to they would charge if the Village would haul the food scraps to the Purple Cow directly. It would be tipping fee and program administrative costs.

Or we continue with the current program as is and pay the full annual cost of \$3,072.00 for 2026 and \$6,144.00 for 2027.

These options would require the expenditures to be requested with the 2027 Budget submittal and approved by the Village Board.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

Weekly cost provided by Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables come to \$102.40 for 1-4 cart pick-ups/week. From June 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026, there are approximately 30 weeks. This gives an estimated total of \$3,072.00 in cost. If the decision for another full year, that total annual cost estimate is \$5,300.00. An invoice for lump sum annual payment at the start of services and annually in April thereafter.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommended motion:

*Motion, and second, to recommend to the Village Board continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program until the end of 2026 in the amount of \$3,072.00.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Quote\_DC Scrap Stop 1-4
2. 2025 Annual Report\_Food Scrap Stop- McFarland\_02.03.2026
3. Food Scraps Data Reporting\_VOM\_04.08.2026

Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables  
 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way,  
 Madison, WI 53713  
 Phone: 608.206.6952  
 Email: Gobster.Delaney@DaneCounty.Gov

**Quote #:**  
**Date:**  
**Service Initiation Date:**   
**Regularly scheduled services:**   
**Service Location:**

**To (Program Contact):**

Attn	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

**To (Billing Contact):**

Attn	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Weekly Cost</u>
Food scraps handling	1-4 carts/wk (65-gallon)	\$17.40
Labor + outreach	Weekly service + program administration (single location)	\$80.00
Consumable supplies	Weekly supplies + fuel surcharge (single location)	\$5.00
<b>Totals</b>	Weekly Total	<b>\$102.40</b>
	Four Week Total	<b>\$409.60</b>
	Fifty Two Week Total	<b>\$5,324.80</b>
	<b>Final Annual Estimate</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>

The following quote reflects the annual cost of once per week pickup service of one to four 65-gal carts for food scrap collection. The billing contact listed will be sent an invoice for lump sum annual payment at the start of services and annually in April thereafter. Should the quoted organization decide to change the service capacity of the associated site, a new quote shall be issued to reflect updated pricing. Please refer to the Food Scrap Collection Agreement for additional service terms.

To accept the above cost and initiate service, please sign below:

Signature:

Date:



## 2025 Annual Report



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### Food Scrap Stop- McFarland

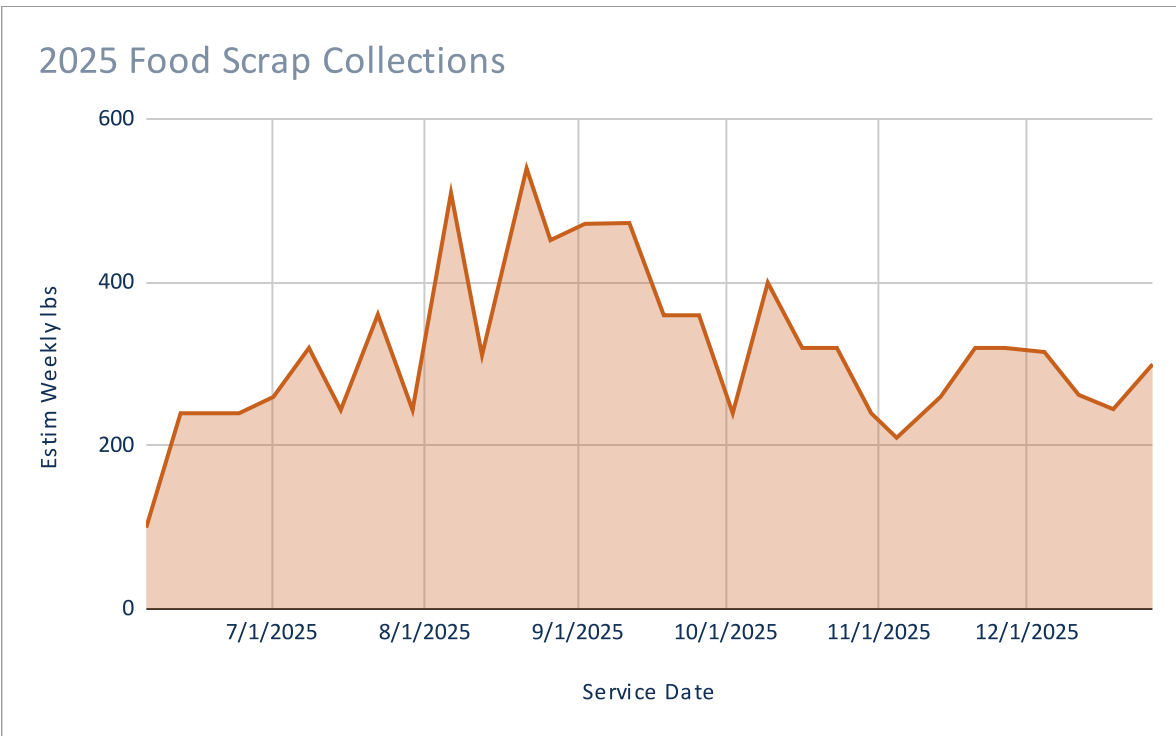
Service Date	Cart 1 Vol (gal)	Cart 2 Vol (gal)	Cart 3 Vol (gal)	Weekly Vol (gal)	Estim Weekly lbs
6/5/2025	10	15	0	25	100
6/12/2025	15	20	25	60	240
6/24/2025	15	20	25	60	240
7/1/2025	10	25	30	65	260
7/8/2025	35	20	25	80	320
7/15/2025	30	20	15	65	244
7/22/2025	30	25	30	85	361
7/29/2025	35	15	15	65	244
8/6/2025	50	35	35	120	510
8/12/2025	30	45	0	75	311
8/21/2025	45	42	30	120	540
8/26/2025	38	35	40	113	452
9/2/2025	30	35	40	105	472
9/11/2025	45	35	25	105	473
9/18/2025	25	35	20	80	360
9/25/2025	30	35	15	80	360
10/2/2025	15	20	25	60	240
10/9/2025	30	50	20	100	400
10/16/2025	35	30	15	80	320
10/23/2025	20	30	30	80	320
10/30/2025	15	35	10	60	240
11/4/2025	20	35	15	70	210
11/13/2025	45	20		65	260
11/20/2025	40	40		80	320
11/26/2025	45	35		80	320
12/4/2025	45	45		90	315
12/11/2025	40	35		75	263
12/18/2025	30	40		70	245
12/26/2025	30	45		75	300
<b>2025 Food Scrap Collection Totals</b>				<b>2,288</b>	<b>9,240</b>

**Location Notes**

Minor resident contamination present. Included non-compliant BPI compostable bags, produce stickers, twist ties. Outreach in progress to registered residents to prevent future instances.

**Registrations As Of:**

151 June  
 180 July  
 198 August  
 218 September  
 225 October  
 228 November  
 250 December



**Estimated Landfill Emissions Diverted\*:**

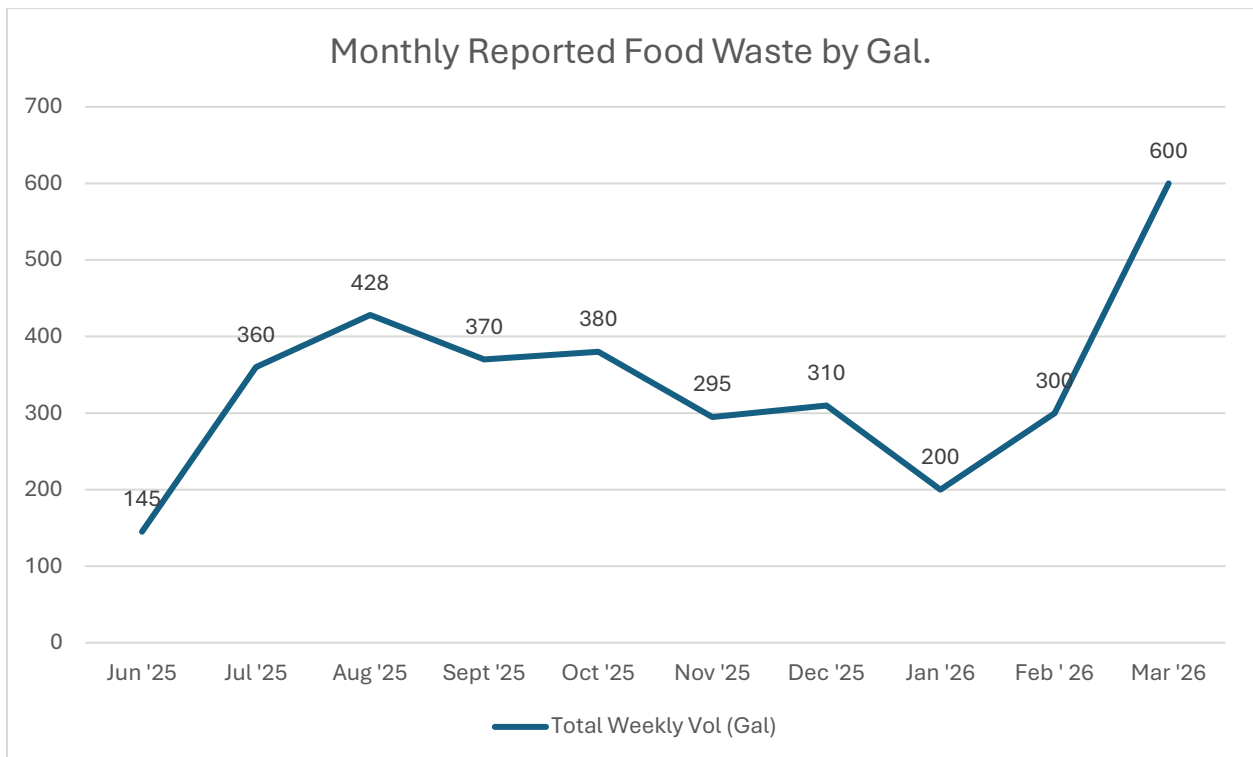
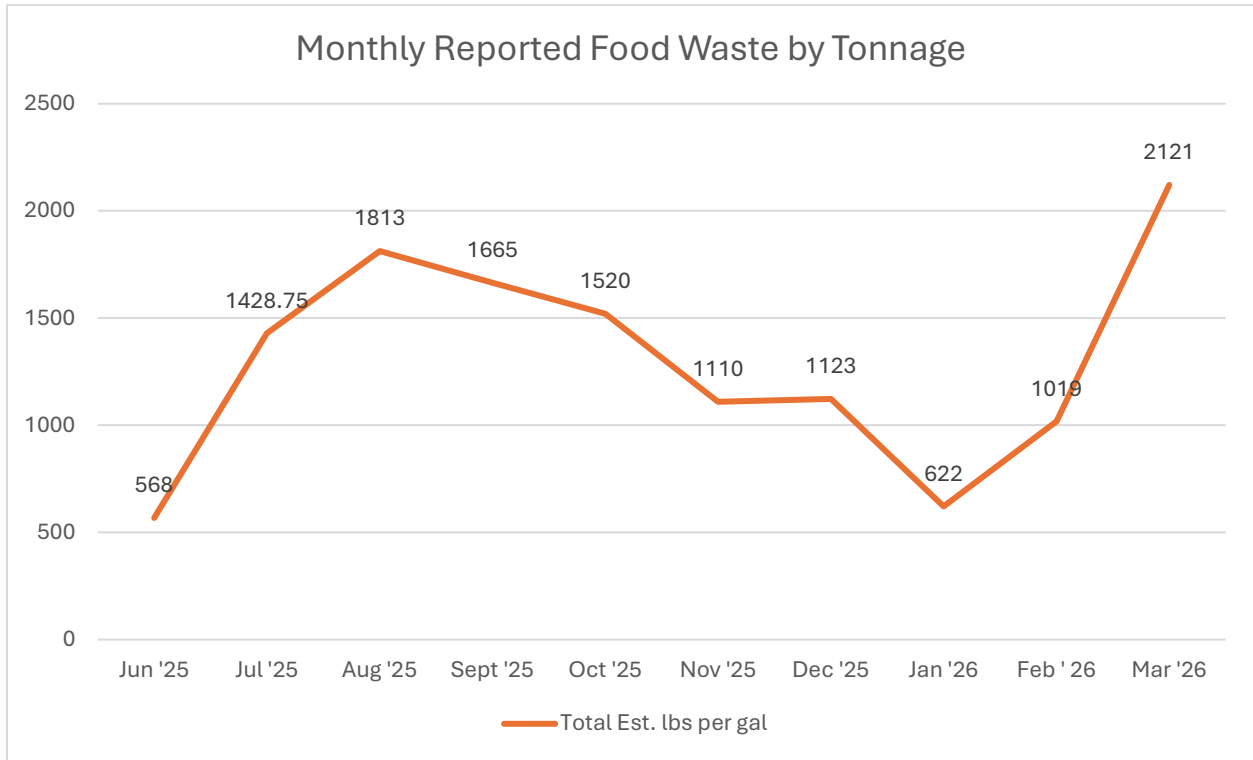
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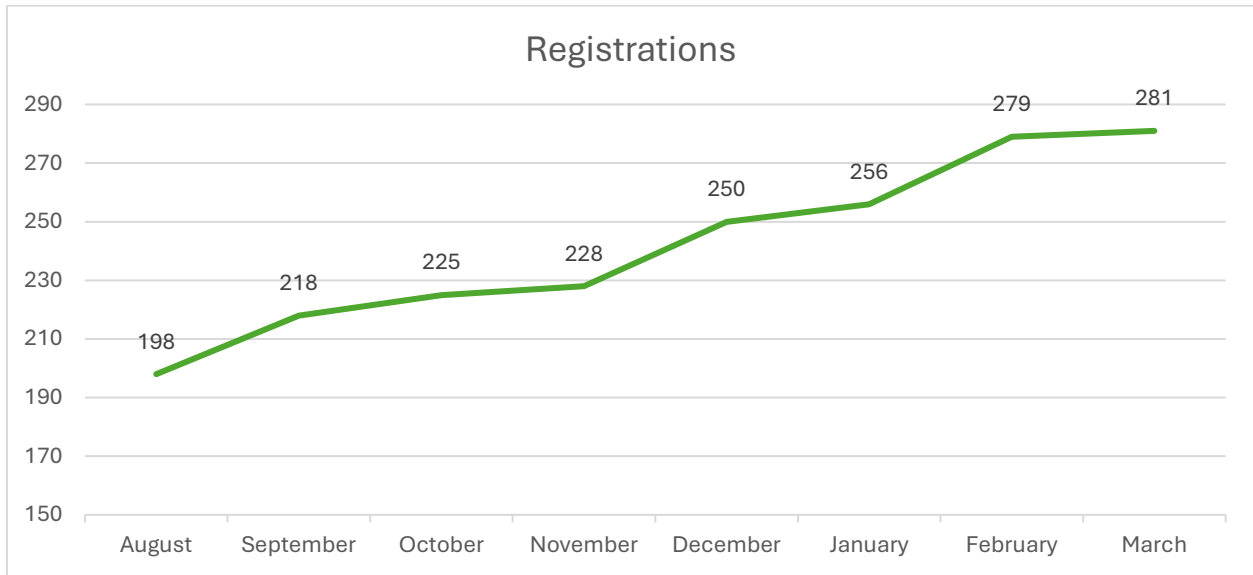


DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
**WASTE +  
 RENEWABLES**

\*Calculations based on EPA guidance linked below, includes Dane County landfill adjustment factors.  
<https://www.epa.gov/land-research/quantifying-methane-emissions-landfilled-food-waste>

There are two carts at the McFarland Public Works location and there are weekly scheduled pickups, averaging 4-5 pickups per month. *January included only 2 pickups.*





*\*Tracking of registrations did not start until August 2025, therefore missing June and July.*

  
**VILLAGE OF**  
**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 13, 2026

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Lee Igl, Public Works Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** Update regarding the 2026 Arbor Day celebration event

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

Arbor Day is on Friday, April 24, 2026 and the Village will be hosting an Arbor Day event at 5:30 pm at Lewis Park. The event will involve a demonstration on planting a tree, educational brochures and a tree give-away of a tree to those in attendance. Light refreshments will be available also.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

No Action

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None