

LENAWEE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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ATTN: Lenawee County Municipalities, Businesses, Schools

Re: Cardboard Recycling

Dear Sir or Madame:

Since the closure of the Raisin Charter and Adrian Charter Township drop-off-sites, we have been overwhelmed with full containers at the Lenawee County Recycling Center (herein referred to as DOS). While we appreciate our community's recycling effort and saving our landfill space, we are experiencing a large volume of fibrous materials, much of it cardboard. Lenawee County is diligently working to clean up its recycling stream at the DOS and reduce our overall expenses. Our goal is to keep the facility open; however, if we cannot clean-up the recycling stream and reduce expenses, there is a possibility the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners may have to close the DOS.

Lenawee County has recently met with Nathan Salazar, Director of Operations of Goodwill Industries, and toured Goodwill's recycling facility. Mr. Salazar expressed that Goodwill has the ability to handle cardboard recycling from our local municipalities, schools, and businesses, as well as shred any office paper you may have. (Please contact Goodwill regarding its paper shredding services.) By taking your clean cardboard to Goodwill for recycling, you will provide Goodwill an opportunity to put more people to work, as well as increase funding to promote jobs and community programs.

Goodwill actually makes money on the sale of their baled cardboard whereas Lenawee County has to pay to have it trucked and then pay to have it processed. If we can take cardboard out of our recycling stream and direct it to Goodwill, the County will save money and Goodwill will have additional income. It is a true win/win for county residents and employees of Goodwill.

Lenawee County is asking for your assistance. From this point forward, please take all of your clean cardboard to Goodwill Industries (location next to Lowes) for recycling. By doing so you will assist Lenawee County with our efforts, as well as help Goodwill Industries promote additional jobs and programs for our community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana L. Schroeder".

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cc: Martin Marshall
Nathan Salazar