



**Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore
Committee Meeting**

**May 13, 2026
11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes	Sue Mastyl
	Terri Hendricks	Jalan Anderson
	Virginia Schneider	

Agenda

Topic	Responsible Party	Time Allotted to Topic												
Treasurer Report	Marilyn Ailes	10 min												
Old Business	Marilyn Ailes	40 min												
New Business	Marilyn Ailes	10 min												
Discussion	Action Plan	Responsible Party												
Treasures Report:														
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<p>Public Works funded Pick-ups The litter pick-up contract has been signed.</p> <p>4H Club to conduct a road pick-up April 11- done 4H Club considering another pick-up in June Pick-up for Parson's road May 16 canceled – VDOT could not issue the permit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue advertising for pick-ups Heather to conduct a pick-up with students in Chincoteague – date TBD – no update. 	Terri Mark Heather												
<p>Events to Promote WW</p> <p>Plan for Spring and Summer events: Art and Music on the Farm – May 23 Blueberry Festival – July 23 Saxis Oyster Festival - October.</p> <p>The Nature Walk at Brownsville schedule for May 6 was cancelled.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if a table can be set up at events to promote Waste Watchers. 	Virginia												

<p>Fee for Plastic Bags If VA Beach and Norfolk initiate a campaign, consider championing that program on the Eastern Shore. Opportunities for local support should be monitored.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a presentation for the Board of Supervisors after the litter survey. 	Marilyn
<p>Remember your Bag Consider a “Remember your Bag” campaign Location to display signs-consent from retail stores Type of sign Cost of sign Requested funds to support bags for distribution from the Green Grant Award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine a plan if we decide to promote a “remember your bag” campaign 	
<p>Recycling Efforts Heather Jorgenson would like to meet with Doctor Miller – Accomack School District, to discuss recycling. No update Need to determine how recycled items get to the convenience center. Does the school have a central bin? There is a gray bin at Pungoteague for recycled materials but not sure who picks up the bin. Shore Christian Academy is interested in starting a recycling program. No update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue to call Davis Disposal to determine if they dispose of any school recycling material. 	Marilyn Sue
<p>Recycling Center Tour Accomack Solid Waste Committee will tour the recycling center. Up to 3 WW members can attend. There will be a carpool to the location at 8:30 from the Accomack PW building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date for tour-June 10. Cancel WW meeting for June – post on website Sue and Terri will attend. 	Sue
<p>Green Grants Keep America Beautiful Green Grant awards application was sent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action 	Terri
<p>Litter Surveys Survey results submitted and published in the ES Post on May 1.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action 	Marilyn
<p>Children’s Contest-Recycled Art Consider a contest for kids that would encourage creating new items from recycled materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a brochure with info and instructions Research locations to host the event Determine awards Post info/ad in ES Post to promote the event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine date – possibly January 2027 Jalan to research possible awards Consider a grant to fund the event Research ideas for art submissions 	Jalan Betty
New Business:		
April minutes approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Marilyn
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Accomplishments

- Thank you letters sent for recent contributions
- Litter pick-up on Mappsville Road completed on April 11
- Recycling presentation to Accomack Women's Club done on April 16
- Keep America Beautiful Grant – submitted April 30
- Marilyn was the Guest columnist in the ES Post – “Anti-Litter Group: Eastern Shore is less trashy”
- Litter Survey results were published in the ES Post on May 1.

Next Steps

- Brainstorm plan for Children's Recycled Art Contest.
- Continue to determine recycling efforts in the County Schools
- June 6 – next date for litter pick-up
- June 10 – Tour of Eagle Recycling Center in Salisbury

Future Initiatives

- Open House – date and content TBD – Could be the Children's Art contest.
- Support proposals for plastic bag fees or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage – consider a “Bring your Bag Campaign” – consider as part of the Green Grant application

Next Meeting: Next meeting – June meeting canceled due to trip to Eagle Recycling