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Recycling Compliance Report

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- While visiting Sojourner Truth Park I noticed that they have no recycling anywhere in the park. I was able to contact Executive Director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission who acknowledged that they were interested in following the County's recycling laws. He directed me to the assistant manager of the park who I will assist in making sure a proper and efficient recycling plan is implemented. I have a meeting scheduled for 9/16/26 to visit the park and discuss the implementation of a recycling plan.
- While conducting transfer station inspections in our New Paltz facility I noticed that a trash compactor was being brought in on Tuesdays that was filled with 80% cardboard. I was able to determine that the compactor was coming from Ollie's in Kingston. The drive is unable to see what is in the compactors, so it is the

store's responsibility to make sure that their MSW and recycling is being properly disposed of. I was able to contact corporations and discuss contamination issues. I will be working with local management to ensure employees are being properly trained, and cardboard is being properly recycled. These inspections are important for this very reason. I have been documenting other businesses and will be contacting them if the trend of recycling contamination continues.

- Unlimited Properties located at 160 Route 299 in Highland implemented a recycling plan after I was able to finally contact the property manager. They removed recycling due to tenants constantly putting mattresses and couches in the dumpsters. I suggested to her to put Recycling Can's out instead of a dumpster to eliminate that contamination. I also offered to drop off educational materials to be distributed to the tenants.
- I made a visit to the Rosendale MRDC and found that they have two brand new employees. I was able to spend some time getting to know them, explaining the resources and support the agency can offer to them, and provided them with educational resources for

themselves and the residents. I do periodically stop at the MRDC'S to check in a couple times a year for this very reason.

- The following properties implemented recycling, and I verified the plan was sufficient. I also sent letters to 12 more multi-family dwellings that I am waiting to hear back from or send a second notice shortly.**
 - Pine Garden Apartment**
 - 814 South St**
- I conducted a lot of inspections at both the Ulster and New Paltz transfer stations. I have been collecting data and analyzing trends of the trucks that are coming in with contamination. I will be spending a lot of time this month conducting these inspections and plan on having enough evidence to proceed with fines if needed.**