



THE COUNTY COMMUNICATOR

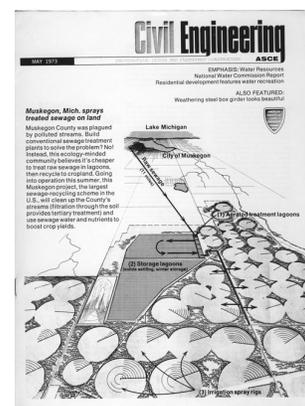
MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER (MCRRRC) 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A look back on where it all began:

Several of the Muskegon County communities were dealing separately with their own municipal and industrial wastewaters in small, overburdened treatment facilities. Some of the main industries and communities in Muskegon County were discharging their wastewater directly into the lakes with inadequate treatment.

The County's three main recreational lakes were being polluted in the late 1960's. Depending upon the specific lake, there was visible direct pollution, periods of foul odor, severe algal blooms, and/or loss of open water surface to weeds. Swimming and boating in the lakes was unpleasant and becoming unsafe. Along with their surface and wastewater problems, older industries were leaving or closing rather than rebuilding.

In reaction to this, community leaders and planners in Muskegon County decided to design and build a spray irrigation system that would reliably treat up to 42 million gallons per day of wastewater. This forward-looking solution has served the community since 1973 and now stands as a significant community asset in attracting economic development.



MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER (MCRRC) SERVICES & CELEBRATION INFORMATION

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

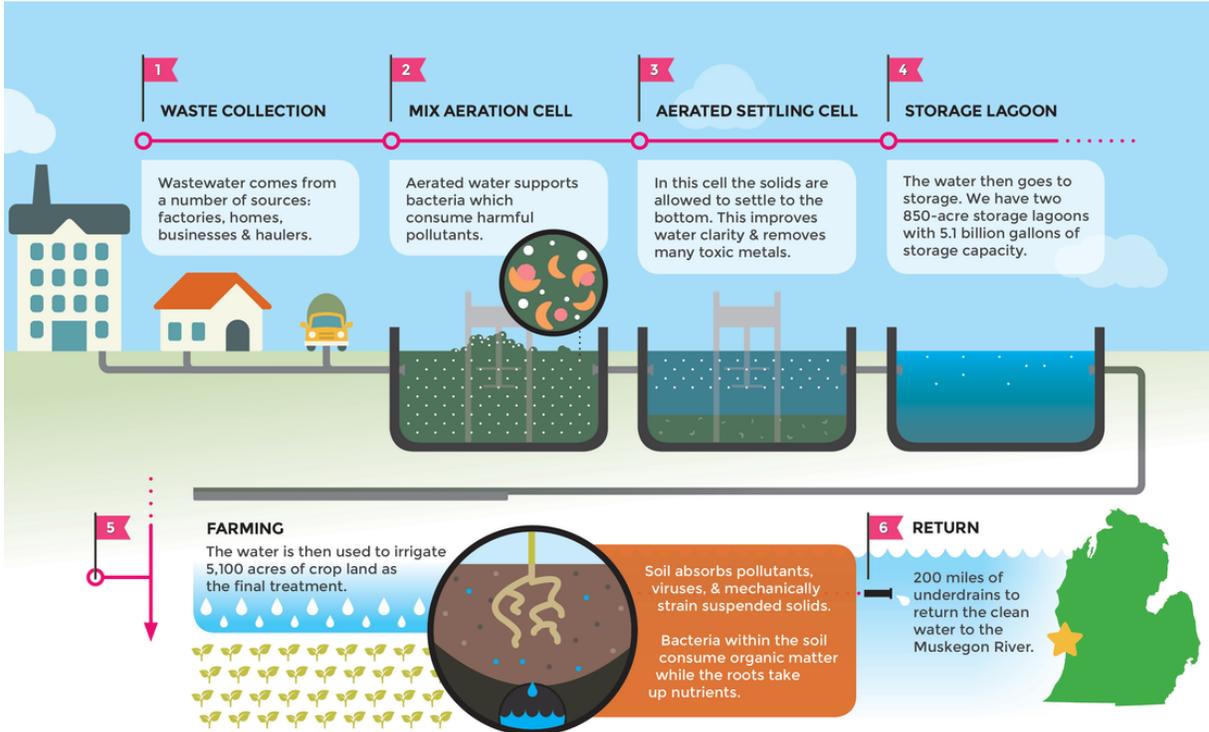
We've worked with many firms ranging from pulp and paper production, plastic moulding, food production, foundries, metal forming, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

HAULED WASTE

An automatic scale system and sloped discharge area large enough for five trucks allow the haulers to complete deliveries quickly.

LANDFILL SOLUTIONS

The Muskegon County Solid Waste Facility offers landfill disposal solutions for industrial, contaminated, and demolition solid waste.



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2023

Join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. This family friendly event will have various clubs hosting events onsite, food trucks, ambassador animals, tours, and so much more!

If you are interested in attending please contact MCRRC via email at mcrrc.accounting@muskegoncounty.net or via phone at 231-724-3442

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.



SAFE TALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

This in-person training is for people who work or live in Muskegon County, Michigan

Join us to learn and practice powerful, life-saving skills in just 3.5 hours using a simple yet effective model, SafeTALK. SafeTALK empowers everyone to make a difference. With over 120,000 people attending SafeTALK each year, it is the world's fastest growing suicide prevention training. SafeTALK is evidence based and is recommended for anyone in the community. This training is a deeper dive than QPR. QPR has laid the foundation of suicide prevention and SafeTALK brings us a little farther into the practice of saving lives.

 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

 HEALTHWEST
376 EAST APPLE AVENUE
MUSKEGON, MI 49442

The Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC) of Muskegon County seeks to raise awareness and reduce stigma in order to create a suicide safer community by promoting hope, connectedness, and healing.

If you are in crisis, call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or the Muskegon Crisis Line at 231-722-HELP (4357).

For more information about the Suicide Prevention Coalition, available resources, or to inquire about a training or schedule a training, contact us online at:

www.facebook.com/suicidepreventioncoalition, or by email at scott.teichmer@healthwest.net



The 988 Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. We're committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness.

For More Information Please Visit: <https://988lifeline.org/>





**MUSKEGON COUNTY MARQUETTE CAMPUS
1903 MARQUETTE AVENUE, MUSKEGON, MI 49442**

It has been a year since the first department officially moved to the Muskegon County Marquette Campus! As of August 2023, we now have 8 Muskegon County Departments calling the Marquette Campus home. We appreciate the patience during the transition of all non court related departments moving to the new campus during the next couple of years. We believe this transition will strengthen the way we serve our citizens in terms of efficiency, accessibility, and delivery of County services. The Marquette Avenue facility will allow Muskegon County to consolidate many of its services under one roof. It will also allow the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice to serve exclusively as a courthouse for its judiciary and courts, as well as other court related departments.

**WHAT DEPARTMENTS ARE CURRENTLY AT THE
MUSKEGON COUNTY MARQUETTE CAMPUS?**

- Administration
- Baker College of Muskegon
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
- Muskegon MSU Extension
- Public Health
- Veterans Affairs
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)



MUSKEGON COUNTY MICHAEL E. KOBZA HALL OF JUSTICE 990 TERRACE STREET MUSKEGON, MI 49442

Curtain Wall Update:

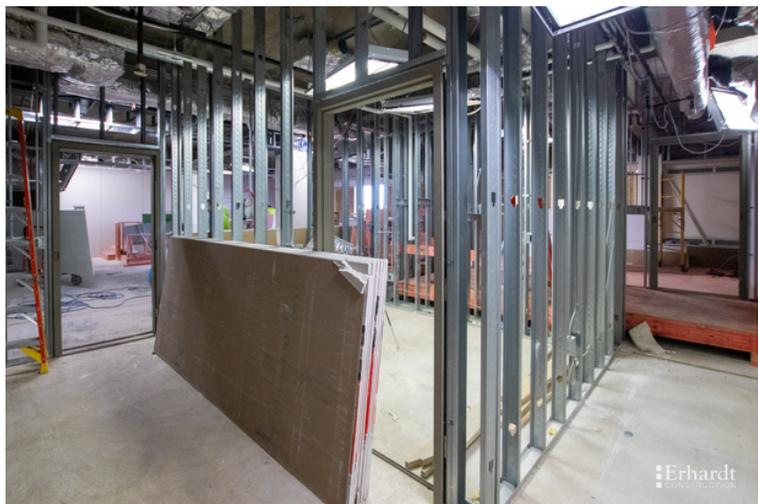
- Installation of glass curtain wall framework completed in the bay at southwest corner.
- Vision glass panel areas were installed first followed by silver back pans in non-vision areas.
- Thick mineral wool insulation board was installed over the back pans.
- Spandrel glass panels were installed over non-vision areas to complete panel installation in the first bay.
- Dark-colored horizontal panel edge covers and silver-colored aluminum vertical panel edge covers will go on next to complete the first bay.
- Demolition of old curtain wall system continues to make way for the new wall system.



Contractor: Erhardt Construction
Architect: DLZ



4th Floor – Buildout of offices in southeast and northeast corners continues with drywall work in progress. HVAC components are installed. Courtroom elevated bench area construction continues.



MUSKEGON COUNTY JOINS NATIONS LARGEST CONVENING OF COUNTY OFFICIALS IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator, and Charles Nash, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Board Chair, joined County officials from across the nation last month to work on key policy issues at the 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference. The NACo Annual Conference & Expo is the largest meeting of county elected and appointed officials from across the country. Participants from counties of all sizes come together to shape NACo's federal policy agenda, share proven practices and strengthen knowledge networks to help improve residents' lives and the efficiency of county government.

"NACo is and has always been one of the best resources for County Commissioners," said Charles Nash, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Board Chair. "The NACo Annual Conference provides the opportunity for a variety of counties to network, gather information, share innovative ideas, and provide insights on keys topics across the nation that County Commissioners can share with their own county Board for possible implementation."

The gathering was held July 21-24, 2023, at the Austin Convention Center in Travis County, Texas. Mark Eisenbarth and Chair Charles Nash were part of a contingent of approximately 50 county leaders from across Michigan attending this year's Annual Conference. In total, more than 3,000 individuals were in attendance.

The conference featured five key themes: County Economics, Health & Wellbeing, Leadership, Resiliency & Safety and Governance & Operations. Each theme offered workshops where attendees could learn more about each subject matter.

"The Annual NACo Legislative Conference allows thousands elected and appointed county officials to gather together to discuss policies and issues impacting counties and our residents," said Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator. "Participation in NACo events is one of the best opportunities to engage with other county leaders from across the nation, attend sessions on key topics, provide input on policies, and stay current on public policy issues, all of which are vital for Muskegon County."

For more information on NACo, visit www.naco.org.



The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public's understanding of county government.

MUSKEGON COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES



MUSKEGON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

During the month of July, over 350 Veterans and / or their family members received services from our Department to include assistance in the forms of: Soldiers/Sailors Relief, Burial, Service Officers, Food Bank, Housing, and other forms of assistance.



MUSKEGON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

During the month of July, Human Resources' staff screened 649 employment applications, onboarded 28 new hires and separated 12 employees. Additionally, 18 Oral Exams were conducted for City of Muskegon positions.

SOUTH IRRIGATION STATION REPLACEMENT

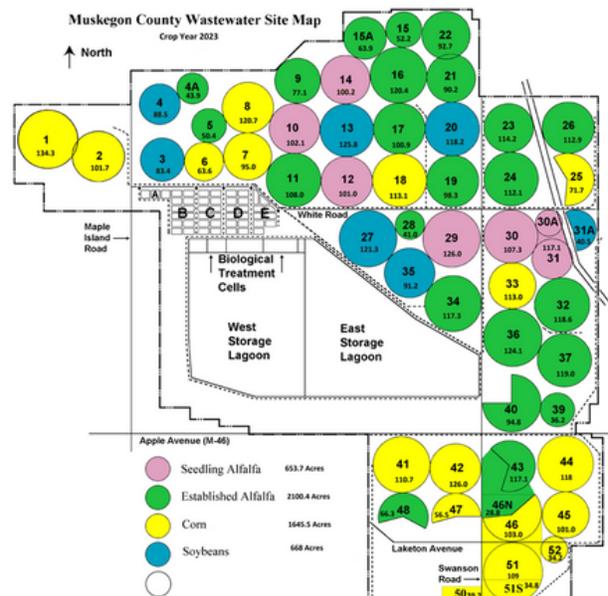
As of July 20th, the new South Irrigation Station is in operation and pumping water to the fields! With the coordinated efforts of Kamminga & Roodvoets, Prein&Newhof, our Irrigation Operators, and our Operations Maintenance crew, we were able to work through the initial challenges to get the station performing to expectations. Only a few punch list items remain to be addressed.



FARM REPORT - 2023 GROWING SEASON

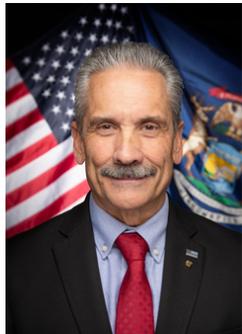
The 2023 Crop Plan Map has been released for the Muskegon County Wastewater Site.

This year we have more corn than usual planted south of Apple in order to accommodate the local demand for corn silage. All those corn fields will be chopped rather than harvested as grain. If the demand is there, we may let some of the corn crop north of Apple go as silage as well.

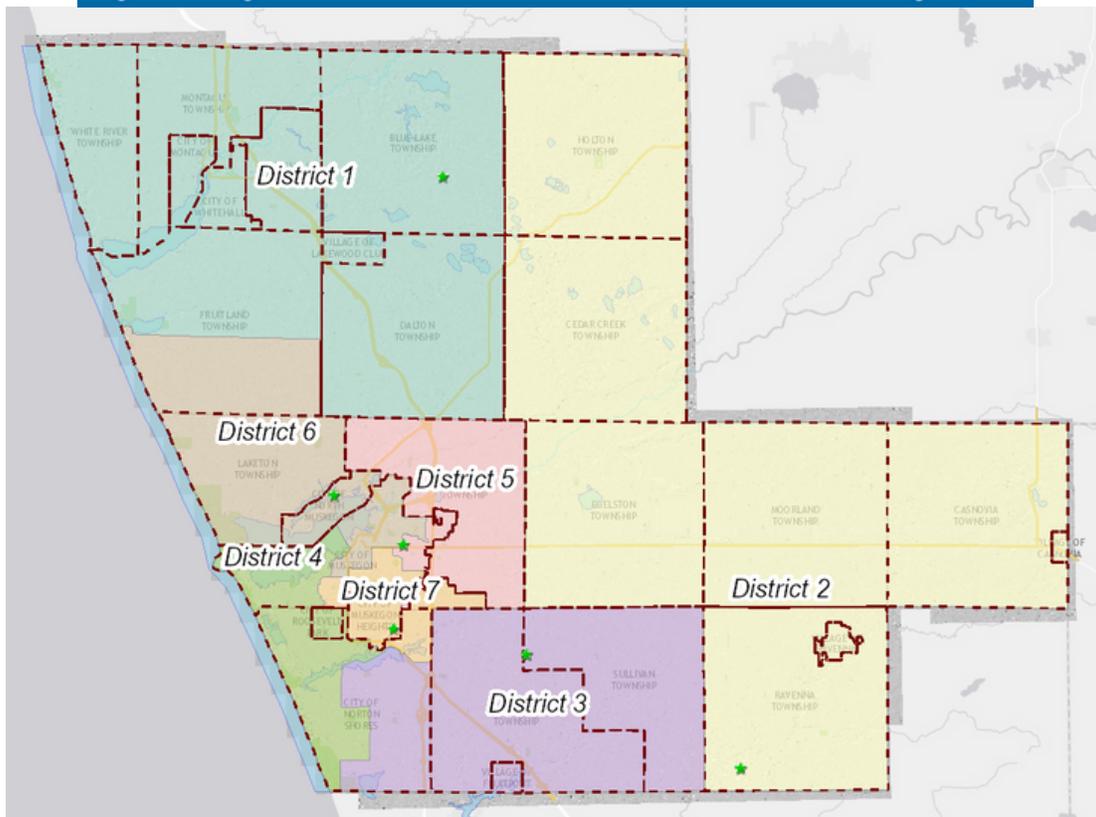


Muskegon County Board of Commissioners:

- Chair Charles Nash (D) - District 5
- Vice Chair Marcia Hovey-Wright (D) - District 4
- Kim Cyr (R) - District 1
- Zach Lahring (R) - District 2
- Michelle Hazekamp (R) - District 3
- Jessica Cook (D) - District 6
- Darrell Paige (D) - District 7



My County Commissioner District - Effective January 2023



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August 2023 & September 2023 Committee Meetings, Board Meetings & Work Sessions

2023 AUGUST						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2023 SEPTEMBER						
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August 2023 Committee & Board Meetings

September 2023 Committee & Board Meetings

Thursday, August 3, 2023
Public Works

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Human Services
Ways & Means

Thursday, August 10, 2023
Transportation
Courts & Public Safety

Community Development & Strategic Planning

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Full Board

August 2023 Work Sessions

Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Muskegon County Airport (MKG) Update

Thursday, August 17, 2023
FY2023 Budget

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Proposed FY2024 Budget

Tuesday, August 29, 2023
Prosecutor's Office Overview

Thursday, August 31, 2023
ARPA Funding

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Human Services
Ways & Means

Thursday, September 7, 2023
Public Works

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Full Board

Thursday, September 14, 2023
Transportation
Courts & Public Safety
Community Development & Strategic Planning

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Ways & Means

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Full Board

September 2023 Work Sessions

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Opioid Funding

All Committee Meetings, Board Meetings & Work Sessions will begin at 4:00 pm and will be held at the Muskegon County Marquette Campus - 1903 Marquette Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442

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COMMUNICATION FROM ADMINISTRATION

We are in a busy season for Muskegon County. Between the monthly Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Committee & Board Meetings various Work Sessions on topics such as Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Budget and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget are occurring as well. Muskegon County's annual fiscal year end date is September 30th so a large portion of discussion and meetings surround budget around this time of year.

This year we are also meeting in regards to the Nine (9) Employee Contract Negotiations that are currently open. Meetings are still in progress all month.

Last but not least, renovations are in full swing at the Muskegon County Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice. The exterior curtain wall is the most visible renovation underway. The new curtain wall installation provides not only a stunning aesthetic upgrade, a few of the most common benefits include Energy Efficiency, Sound Insulation, Weather Resistant, Temperature Regulation, Cost Efficiency, Provides Natural Light, Tightly Sealed from Water & Pollutants, Impact Resistance, and Durability. Within the Hall of Justice the 4th floor continues to undergo construction.

The busy season doesn't stop in the office. Be sure to make time to enjoy the last weeks of Michigan summer in beautiful Muskegon County before the fall schedule kicks in.

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Muskegon County



@muskegoncountymi

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have information you would like to share with others in Muskegon County, Newsletter Feedback, Ideas?

If so, please email Sara Cooper, Community Relations Coordinator/Executive Assistant Administration, at coopera@co.muskegon.mi.us

with the subject line **MCFI News Article**

The information provided will be reviewed. If your submission is chosen you will be contacted via email.

Submission Deadline is the 1st of each month.

*If submission guidelines are not followed your article will not be reviewed.

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