



Recycling Event Highlights

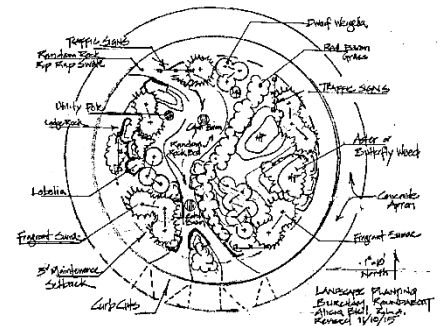
The Spring Meridian Recycling Event attracted more than 400 loads of recyclables including...

- 2400 cans of latex paint to be turned in to 800 gallons of high quality paint by E-Paint Recycling
- 11,000 pounds of metal recycled by Friedland Industries (+ CFCs reclaimed from 31 appliances)
- 26 tires to be processed by First Class Tire Shredders
- 71 mattresses and box springs to be recycled by Bay Area Recycling for Charities
- 2 trucks of household items to be resold to support employment and rehabilitation efforts.
- 58 bikes + bike parts to be refurbished by Share-A-Bike and MSU Recycling
- Many bags of packing peanuts re-used by Bestway Pack-N-Send *and more!*

Huge thanks to 80 volunteers who showed up, two dozen local businesses and our major sponsors including Delta Dental, East Lansing Food Coop, Foods for Living, Granger, Ingham County Health Department, Kohl's, Okemos Schools, and the MI Department of Environmental Quality.

Hidden River Rain Garden & Roundabout

Volunteers are needed at the Park Lake/Burcham Roundabout on May 14th and 28th to help create a stream bed, mulch, and plant shrubs, perennials, and ground cover species. See <http://bit.ly/eco-round>



What Do You Love About Meridian?

There are several opportunities to weigh in on Meridian's "branding" initiative. An [on-line survey](#) ends Apr 29. A community forum is scheduled for May 5. Read more at <http://bit.ly/brandmeridian>

Environmental Stewardship Award Winners

Each year, the Meridian Environmental Commission recognizes people and organizations that have made/are making a positive impact on the environment. 2016 Award Winners include:

- Non-Profit Group: East Lansing Food Co-op
- Local Service Club: Haslett Beautification Association
- Public Service: Meridian Township Police Assistant Chief Ken Plaga
- Local Business: Ody and Rachel Norkin, Skybird Okemos Travel and Michigan Flyer, LLC.
- Private Individuals: Michael Thomas and Dave Reicosky