



Why Focus on Waste Paint?

- Large volume:
 - 2.3 gallons of paint sold/person/year
 - ~80% is latex
 - ~10% is leftover
 - ~ 210,000 gallons leftover/year in Erie County
- Costly to manage
 - latex does overwhelm HHW collections
 - disposal is not free ~\$29,000 cost in 2013
 - Approximately 24,000 gallons

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- Creates issues for transfer stations and HHW collections
 - liquids leak from equipment at transfer stations or over the road
 - Single largest item at HHW events, creating longer wait times and higher costs
- Disposal is a waste of valuable resources!

Current Management Options



- Oil-based: HHW collection events or facilities
- Latex: dry out or mix to make solid & dispose in the trash

Proper management is not convenient

- leads to accumulation
- improper disposal

USDA Waste Paint Project

- Priority waste for Northeast states
- Asked NEWMOA to apply for funding
- Focus on rural areas:
 - communities in Maine, New York, and Vermont volunteered
- Promote strategies to:
 - prevent paint waste
 - increase reuse & recycling



Erie County Workgroup

Project Partners:

- Erie County Department of Environment & Planning
- New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Additional stakeholders:

- Municipalities – Towns of Newstead & Brant, and Village of Akron
- HHW Contractor - Hazman

Project Activities

- To Date:
 - several conference calls to discuss issues & potential options
 - developed brochure on leftover latex paint best management practices – handout
 - organized this workshop



Now the Fun Stuff

- Coming Up:
 - handout for consumers with local info
 - develop recommendations & next steps
- Our Speakers
 - Jennifer Griffith from NEWMOA
 - Gary Feinland from NYSDEC
 - Sarah Battaglia from Hazman
 - Ida Arabshahi from PaintCare