

# In honor of all WV SWA - Environmental Sustainability Leading Ladies – Past and Present

Solid Waste Authorities (SWAs) were created by the West Virginia Legislature on January 1, 1989, as a public agency in accordance with WV Code §22C-4-3. The purpose of the Monongalia County SWA is to protect the public health, environment and welfare and exists to establish programs based on source reduction, recycling, reuse, material recovery and litter control. Over the years the list has grown to include compost, repair, refuse, and repurpose. SWAs also strive to offer services related to disposal and recycling as funding allows.

At least one Leading Lady was involved with creating SWAs in 1989. Now, there are numerous Leading Ladies strongly involved, and invested, with operating, directing, or volunteering (on the boards or within the organization) in WV SWAs and other state and local environmental sustainability agencies including the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB), the WV Department of Environmental Protection, to include their Youth Environmental Program (YEP), Project Water Education Today (WET) program, and the Pollution Prevention and Open Dump and Prevention Program (PPOD), to name just a few. When we think of environmental sustainability organizations, we also want to highlight the Leading Ladies at the WV Department of Agriculture (among others) and colleges and universities where you'll find a sustainability office like the one at WVU.

SWAs take a special and talented kind of Leading Lady to direct their organization. Depending on if they are establishing or operating a recycling center, or providing community opportunities, information and education, what you will find is that we all have a deep resolve of making a difference in our counties. SWA Leading Ladies work hard and have a passion for the work we do. It is really something to see and a great reflection of the field of Environmental Sustainability in WV. Young girls, and young ladies, would benefit from mentoring with these Leading Ladies to learn about the vast opportunities available in this field from operating a recycle center, helping residents, learning about commodity and sales of recyclable materials, to creating education materials, teaching, advertising, marketing, budgeting, hiring, training (and more), and planning for the future. In WV SWAs, there is a place, and need, in this environmental sustainability field for more Leading Ladies.

**To learn more about SWA Leading Ladies and to support SWAs, find your local SWA by visiting the SWMB website and click on the Solid Waste Authorities tab. To learn more about the work Lynn Castro, Director of the Monongalia County SWA, does visit our website [monongaliacountyswa.com](http://monongaliacountyswa.com)**



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