

**HAMILTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 6, 2006  
**TO:** District Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Holly Christmann, Solid Waste Manager  
Cory R. Chadwick, Director

**I. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held on July 13, 2006. This meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.**

*Policy Committee Information (Agendas, Manager's Memos, Minutes, etc.) now available on the District's Website at [www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org).*

**II. Clerk's Report/Additions to the Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the May 11, 2006 Policy Committee meeting are included as Attachment A.

**B. Additions to the Agenda**

Please contact Susan Schumacher at 513-946-7734 or at [susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org](mailto:susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org) if you have items to add to the agenda.

**III. District Revenue Updates/Analysis**

Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with prior years, as included as Attachment B.

**IV. Policy Items**

**A. Declaration of Solid Waste Management Plan Update Ratification**

The District's Plan Update has received the required approval percentages from District political subdivisions. The District has received approval from the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Cincinnati, and approximately 92% of the District population via their legislative bodies. Under ORC 3734.55, the District Policy Committee must pass a Resolution declaring the Plan Update Ratified for subsequent forwarding to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. This Resolution will be given to the Policy Committee members at the meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** *In accordance with ORC 3734.55, Staff recommends that the Policy Committee pass SWR 2006-2 declaring the Solid Waste Management Plan Update of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District to be ratified, and further request that Staff take action to forward the Plan Update to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for approval.*

**B. District School Recycling Grant**

Each year, the Solid Waste Management District awards grants to schools for the implementation of waste reduction, recycling and/or composting programs.

This year, the District received applications from five schools each of which are recommended for funding. Analysis of the grant proposals is included as Attachment C.

**Staff Recommendation:** *District Staff recommends awarding School Grants based on the Staff Analysis included as Attachment C.*

**C. 2007 Budget Process**

Staff is beginning the process of putting together the District's 2007 Budget and welcomes any thoughts Policy Committee members have for 2007 budget priorities.

In early August, the Policy Committee will receive a budget briefing packet outlining the 2007 budget. The budget will be placed on the agenda for discussion and approval at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.

**D. Waste Vegetable Oil Pilot Project**

Staff is continuing to conduct research on the waste vegetable oil pilot project. At the November 10<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting, Staff presented a report on waste vegetable oil. As a reference, the Staff report is included as Attachment D.

**Staff Recommendation:** *No recommendation at this time as it is thought the Committee would like to refresh their discussion on this issue prior to determining a course of action.*

**VI. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Update on Wood Waste Project**

Staff is continuing to work with Nancy Sunnenberg, Sam Sherrill, and Building Value in establishing an urban wood waste recycling program in Hamilton County. Building Value is interested in partnering with the District to develop this program. Specifically, Building Value would own and operate the portable sawmill. Lumber created through this program would be sold at Building Value's retail facility and/or sold to local lumber

companies.

Staff has conducted a survey of local wood waste generators and found that there is a sufficient quantity of wood waste available in the region. As an example, one tree company that staff met with typically takes down 1,000 – 2,000 trees/year. Currently, the majority of wood waste is used for firewood or mulch.

Over the next month, Staff will work on addressing the remaining needs of this project which include: locating two to three staging areas where useable wood waste can be dropped off; meeting with at least two more large generators of wood waste to enlist their support of the project; assisting Building Value in finding a building where the sawmill can be housed and the wood can be stored for drying; and developing a funding proposal for the Policy Committee to consider.

## **B. Public Recycling**

Over the past year, Staff has been concerned with the lack of recycling at public events and festivals. Although public event recycling typically will not generate large amounts of recyclables, it is a way to reinforce the recycling message when residents are away from home. In an effort to increase the amount of public recycling, the District purchased fifty public recycling containers in early January. Since that time, the District has developed a container loan program where community groups can borrow the containers for their festivals as long as they have a method for collecting the recyclables. To date, the containers have been used at the Flower Show and Green Township's concerts in the park.

Staff has also been researching permanent recycling containers for high traffic areas. Recently, Staff met with Creative Outdoor Advertising, the manufacturer of the "MetroBin" recycling collection container. The MetroBin is a waste and recycling collection container that is placed in high traffic, downtown areas. Creative Outdoor Advertising services the containers at no cost to the municipality – the program is funded through the sale of advertisements on the container. Information on the MetroBin is included as Attachment E.

## **C. Household Hazardous Waste**

Through mid-June, 3,869 households have participated in the household hazardous waste collection program. Through this program, 148 tons of HHW has been collected. The HHW program will be open through October 31, 2006.

## **D. Computer Recycling Event**

The District's Computer Recycling Event is taking place July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup> at Technology Recycling Group (TRG). TRG is offering a special pick up service for

businesses and schools with large loads of computer equipment. The majority of the special pick ups were completed during the last week of June. To date, 24 tons of computer equipment has been collected.

**VII. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

**VIII. Policy Committee Members' Comments**

**IX. Public Comments**

**X. Upcoming District Meetings**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2006 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road.

**XI. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:30 pm)**