

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
HAMILTON COUNTY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
July 21, 2016**

**DATE:** July 21, 2016

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services  
250 William Howard Taft Road - First Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

**PRESENT:** **Policy Committee Members**  
Elizabeth Bruggeman, General Interest Member  
Jeff Luehrmann, Generator Representative  
Sue Magness, Largest Municipality Representative  
Todd Portune, County Commissioner, Chair  
Larry Riddle, Ex-Officio Member  
Lilly Witte, Student Representative

**Staff**

Michelle Balz, Assistant Solid Waste Manager  
Holly Christmann, Director  
Ali Khodadad, Operations Manager  
Joy Landry, Public Relations Specialist  
Jenny Lohmann, Program Specialist  
Cher Mohring, Program Specialist  
Susan Schumacher, Assistant Solid Waste Specialist, Clerk  
Catherine Walsh, Business Outreach Coordinator

**Others in Attendance**

Nee Fong Chin, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office  
Chuck DeJonckheere, Hamilton County Public Health  
Katie Evans, Best Way Disposal  
David Ohntrup, Mayor Cranley's Office  
Pete Witte, Price Hill

**ABSENT:** **Policy Committee Members**  
Tim Ingram, Hamilton County Public Health Representative  
Tom Turchiano, Public Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Portune called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Portune acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Witte, the new student representative. Mr. Portune asked Ms. Witte if she would like to say anything. Ms. Witte stated she was going to be a junior at Seton High School and was looking forward to learning about environmental issues, especially relating to recycling and solid waste, and seeing how local government relates to that.

**2. CLERK'S REPORT**

**A. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting**

Mr. Portune asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes as drafted and circulated. Hearing none, entertained a motion to approve the May, 25, 2016 minutes as drafted. Ms. Bruggeman moved approval; Ms. Magness seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**B. Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Christmann if there were any additions to the agenda. Ms. Christmann asked Mr. Portune if he wanted to announce the new Trustee. Mr. Portune stated that the Policy Committee is statutorily comprised of having certain representatives; one of which, is a representative on behalf of the Township Trustees Association. Commissioner Dennis Deters appointment to the Board of County Commissioners created a vacancy on the Policy Committee.

Mr. Portune stated that Mr. Deters is from Colerain Township, and the new representative, Jeff Ritter, who is also a Township Trustee from Colerain Township and will be joining the Committee at the September meeting.

Mr. Portune stated that he has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ritter on the County Emergency Management Agency Executive Committee and thinks that everyone will find him to be a very thoughtful and deliberative member. If his service on the EMA board is any indication, the Committee will be very well served by Trustee Ritter.

Mr. Portune stated that in the Enquirer on Monday was a great article about local townships coming together boosting recycling on which District staff assisted in writing the bid specs to collaboratively bid for recycling and waste for the residents of Colerain, Springfield, and Ross Townships. Residents are now saving money for recycling and trash pick-up. Mr. Portune stated that Ms. Balz was highlighted in the article and complimented staff for their great work.

**3. DISTRICT REVENUE UPDATES/ANALYSIS**

Ms. Christmann stated that Attachment B showed revenue through May 2016 compared to May 2015 and it has increased slightly by about \$200,000. As discussed in previous meetings, staff is anticipating additional revenue this year due to some out-of-district waste coming back to Rumpke. Revenue is being projected at about \$2.5 or \$2.6 million for 2016.

The Committee discussed MSD sewer sludge that is going to Rumpke.

Mr. Portune entertained a motion to approve the revenue report. Ms. Magness moved; Ms. Bruggeman seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**4. POLICY ITEMS**

**A. Solid Waste Management Plan – Approval of Draft Plan**

Ms. Christmann stated that the Draft Plan was sent to Committee members a few weeks ago.

Ms. Christmann stated that over the past year and a half, staff has been working on The Plan. This was the first time that District staff was not using a consultant. Also, the District is the first solid waste district in the state to use Ohio EPA's new format for writing a solid waste plan.

Ms. Christmann stated that the Committee knows what a great team the staff is. They accomplished a huge body of work that no other district of Hamilton County's size has done in-house.

Ms. Christmann stated that at the last meeting, she gave a presentation overview of what is included in the Plan Update based on what has been discussed the past year and a half.

Ms. Christmann summarized a few highlights to refresh the Committee:

- The District shows that it will continue to exceed the state mandated recycling goals with this new Plan.
- The District shows that there is adequate disposal capacity for the County's garbage under the time the District will operate under this plan which is the next 6 years.
- All of the programs meet and exceed the goals of the state when it comes to solid waste districts.

Mr. Christmann stated that during the last meeting, a discussion ensued on whether or not to include language about anaerobic digestion in the Plan. As directed by the Policy Committee, she met with interim county administrator, Jeff Aluotto and Commissioner Portune to talk through some potential language that can be inserted in the Plan in the event that an anaerobic digester is constructed in Hamilton County between 2018 – 2023. This language was sent to Committee members on July 8 and was included with the Plan Update.

Ms. Christmann stated that what was inserted in the Plan acknowledges the lack of infrastructure for diverting food waste from landfills. It also states that the District has been informed that an anaerobic digester will most likely be constructed during the period in which the District will operate under this solid waste plan.

The District recognizes in the Plan that Hamilton County does not have adequate infrastructure for diverting organics from landfill, so we do not have regional composting infrastructure to manage food scraps, we do not have anaerobic digestion, which could manage some food scraps.

With this knowledge, the District will continue to work with any companies or organizations that are interested in siting a facility by helping them with the number of organics that could be available in Hamilton County and connecting them with local zoning or other regulatory resources.

Language was also added stating that the District will also work with any company or organization to ensure that any types of these facilities will have an odor management plan, be appropriately sized, and accept source separated organics to the best of the District's ability to do that.

Ms. Christmann stated that the above was inserted in a few places in the Plan. Mr. Portune asked where this was referenced in the Plan. Ms. Christmann stated that it was in Chapter 4, page 19 – 20. Mr. Luehrmann stated it was also in Appendix E, page 6, and Appendix G, page 3.

Mr. Portune asked if, it would be appropriate or not to consider adding language to effect of “and to consider the recyclability of any end product or ability to generate other ancillary benefits such as energy capture and distribution.”

Ms. Christmann stated that she did not see why not. It really wouldn't be the District's mission to do that given what the mission statement is but she does not see why this would be a red flag for Ohio EPA. Mr. Portune stated that the wording he suggested just now was not to have that be mandatory language but to in the context of to consider as appropriate with the ability to include those other elements as a part of it.

Mr. Riddle stated that a developer is going to consider those on the back side from a profitability standpoint if it is a privately operated facility you would want to use the fuel of the back side and capture any recycling profit you can get off the back.

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Chin if the Committee needed to, for purposes of its action today, the anaerobic digester language is in the Plan, move to amend the language contained in the Draft Plan to include those references? Ms. Chin stated yes if the Committee was going to refer to them.

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Christmann what she had noted. Ms. Christmann stated that, after the section of the draft Plan that states, “The District will work with any company or organization to help ensure that any such facility will have an odor management plan, be appropriately sized, and accept source-separated organics,” the Policy Committee recommends adding the following statement: “as well as consider, as appropriate, energy production and recyclability of any end-products resulting from the facility.”

Mr. Portune stated that he thought that the additional language covered it and asked if there was any further discussion or objections/concerns. Mr. Portune moved to amend the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update to include that additional language in Chapter 4, pages 19 – 20, Appendix E-6, and G-3.

Mr. Portune asked if anyone was willing to make that motion. Mr. Luehrmann moved; Ms. Magness seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mr. Portune stated that he thought this would help lay a path to best practices on this issue and provide for the right flexibility and exercise the discretion by the department as these things come up.

Mr. Portune stated that he was very grateful to everyone willing to consider that as a part of the overall context of the solid waste management plan and how that one element of waste being sewer sludge might be managed in a way that is consistent with the work that is being done here on a County-wide plan for solid waste management.

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Christmann if there was anything else she wanted to include in the discussion of the Plan. Ms. Christmann stated that the disposal fee remains as is, \$1-\$2-\$1, and stated that some programs highlights were:

- Residential Recycling Incentive Program will be reduced to \$800,000/year and the District will allow communities to credit separate yard trimmings that are composted towards their diversion rate.
- The District will focus more on underperforming communities and commercial recycling.
- A renewed emphasis on advertising.
- Hire a deputy to provide enforcement against illegal dumping, primarily focused initially on tire dumping.

Ms. Christmann stated that in order to provide for the above program changes, the litter collection program, household hazardous waste program, and the priority grant will be eliminated,.

Ms. Christmann stated that there were, however, some budget contingencies included. The District is planning on \$2.5 million/year in revenue:

- If revenue comes in at \$2.6 million/year, \$100,000 will be added to the Residential Recycling Incentive Program.
- If revenue is \$2.7 million/year, the District will also conduct a household hazardous waste event.

Ms. Christmann stated that, however, if revenue decreases:

- If revenue is \$2.4 million/year, \$100,000 will be eliminated from the Residential Recycling Incentive Program.
- If revenue is \$2.3 million, the District will eliminate the deputy.
- If revenue is \$2.2 million, the District will discuss implementing a designation fee to bring revenue back to \$2.5 million.

Ms. Christmann stated that having built-in contingencies will make decision making easier.

Mr. Portune stated just so he understands correctly, in no event, if the Draft Plan is adopted as is, is the inmate litter patrol program included as a recommendation going forward. Ms. Christmann stated yes. Mr. Portune asked what the cost of the program was. Ms. Christmann stated \$27,000/year.

Mr. Portune asked if that was penny wise per pound foolish in terms of the public relations of what the District does. Ms. Christmann stated that the program is being replaced with having a full time deputy going after the problem; so the District is focusing on prevention.

Mr. Portune stated that a tightrope has always been walked with this program that it is not consistent with the District's mission notwithstanding the fact that it is has been incredibly popular. Ms. Magness agreed with Mr. Portune and added that she thought it really helped with the transition of Over-the-Rhine. Ms. Magness stated that they are out there now and they have got their own ambassadors and does not think it will discontinue the clean-ups that they are doing.

Mr. Portune asked when the program will end. Ms. Christmann stated that it will end December 31, 2017. Mr. Portune stated that this was plenty of time to transition to something else and for the jurisdictions in the County to figure out something in conjunction with the Sheriff on inmate litter prevention.

Ms. Christmann stated that the District is now allowing communities to use Residential Recycling Incentive funds to pay for litter collection and gave an example.

A very brief discussion/question/answer session ensued regarding the litter program.

Mr. Portune stated that with the budget, \$27,000/year is difficult to be absorbed, all things being considered for a program really not consistent within the mission and as one the authors of the program is to say that there is a year and a half to transition into something else that is equally effective and popular. He is confident that something will be developed around this.

Mr. Portune stated that if the Draft Plan is approved without the litter collection program that the Committee authorize Ms. Christmann and himself to develop a draft of a communication to the cities, villages, and townships in Hamilton County about this and about the fact that Mr. Portune will be working on in conjunction with the Sheriff and all of them to figure out how to continue a program of this kind or a better iteration of it between now and when the program ends.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Portune stated that what he would like to see the messaging be that while the District cannot, for reasons of budget, but more of reasons of policy (it is just not within the District's mission to pick up litter) that we nonetheless recognize the benefits this program provides across the board and between now and when the program ends, the Sheriff and local jurisdictions will be worked with to try and find an alternative source of funds or a better way to do what was popular with the communities in partnership with the Sheriff and the Department of Corrections within the County.

Mr. Portune asked if everyone was comfortable with this. The Committee concurred.

Mr. Portune stated that a motion was not needed on this discussion and having it in advance is going to be appropriate to reflect the intent of where the Committee is heading.

Ms. Bruggeman asked who focused on litter prevention. Ms. Christmann stated that it is the mission of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB). Ms. Bruggeman stated that she feels like there is a lot more litter and gave an example. Ms. Bruggeman also stated that she feels like the message has gone away.

Mr. Portune stated that KCB is a Cincinnati focus and that there was also Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and was not sure if it was the focus of KAB or the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) inside of Hamilton County outside of the City.

Mr. Portune stated that he is struck that this would be a very fertile ground in terms of education at an early age for a broader school led or school involved initiative with respect to litter prevention. It might be something that

the District could assist with because the District is transitioning away from litter prevention with the elimination of the litter collection program.

Mr. Portune stated that his thought is that as the transition happens, the District could be, if everyone agrees, helpful in the transition to something else. This would be appropriate for the District to a little bit more of a task in the context of divorcing ourselves from the task as it is handed off.

Ms. Christmann stated that she and Ms. Balz have a meeting with KCB in the next couple weeks and together can start that conversation. Ms. Christmann stated that staff could also reach out to Keep Ohio Beautiful.

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Christmann to include Ms. Witte, the new student representative, in those conversations.

Further discussion ensued regarding litter.

Ms. Christmann stated that in terms of the plan, the next steps are for the Policy Committee to approve the Draft Plan with the amendment that was made and staff will be asking for an official resolution. The Draft Plan will then be sent to Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA has 45 days to provide comments.

Ms. Christmann stated that comments should be received about mid to late September. The comments will be reviewed to see if there are any substantial changes to be made.

Ms. Christmann stated that we may have a special Policy Committee Meeting once the comments are received if changes need to be made in order to stay on schedule.

Ms. Christmann stated that if there are no substantial changes that need to be made, there will then be a public comment period starting in mid-October, a public hearing in mid-November and if there are no changes based on the public hearing, staff will ask the Policy Committee to adopt the Plan at the January 19, 2017 meeting.

Ms. Christmann stated that from there, it will go out to vote to all the municipalities, townships, and villages as well as the Board of County Commissioners. Once the notification is received by the political jurisdictions, they have to vote on the Plan and have 90-days to either approve or disapprove or do not act on the Plan.

Ms. Christmann stated that the District is required to have approvals from jurisdictions representing 60% of the population, the Board of County Commissioners approval, and the City of Cincinnati's approval. Mr. Portune asked if the City and County's aye or nay votes have the effect of being vetoes? Ms. Christmann stated yes.

There was a brief discussion on the Plan approval process.

Ms. Christmann stated that once approval is received from everyone, which will be around the first quarter of 2017, the Plan will be sent to Ohio EPA for their final approval. All of the programs in the Plan would then start in January of 2018.

Mr. Portune asked if the implementation schedule could be circulated to members. Ms. Christmann stated yes.

Ms. Magness asked if every council member received a copy of the Plan. Ms. Christmann stated that it was sent to every clerk on a jump drive. Hard copies will not be sent unless requested.

Ms. Christmann stated that at the same time, a letter will be sent to all of the elected officials and the District's community contacts letting them know the clerk has the Plan. A summary booklet will also be included. An offer to do a presentation will be included to any council, trustees, etc. as well.

Mr. Portune stated that the Committee has amended the Draft Plan with the additional language pertaining to anaerobic digestion and had a full opportunity for all questions to be asked and answered. Mr. Portune stated that it was an incredibly thorough job of vetting in-house process that did not in any way impair or diminish the required due diligence of our work. In fact, he thinks the Committee received, based on his tenure, every bit as much, if not more of an in-depth analysis of all the elements than the Committee has ever had with consultants involved. The District saved money in the process so to everyone that worked on the Plan, Mr. Portune said ‘thank you all for a truly incredible job.’

Mr. Luehrmann moved to approve the amended Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update. Ms. Bruggeman seconded. Mr. Portune stated that a resolution accompanied this motion and read it for the record in terms what we are moving is to authorize the adoption of Resolution SWR 2016-01, Certification Statement for the Draft Plan, July 21, 2016. The resolution reads as follows:

We, as representatives of the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee (SWMPC) of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District), do hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements, demonstrations and all accompanying materials that comprise the draft Hamilton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, and the availability of and access to sufficient solid waste management facility capacity to meet the solid waste management needs of the District for the fifteen year period (2018 – 2032) covered by the Plan Update are accurate and are in compliance with the requirements in the *District Solid Waste Management Plan Format*, revision 4.0.

Mr. Portune stated that a motion has been made to authorize the adoption of and execution of this resolution and asked for any further discussion on the Draft Plan as amended. Ms. Magness stated that the amendment with the anaerobic digester had not been run by anyone but if Mr. Portune already had discussions with Mayor Cranley then she is OK but this would be the only thing; she ran the budget by but not that amendment.

Mr. Portune asked all in favor for the motion made to authorize adoption of and execution of resolution of SWR 2016-01 please indicate by saying ‘aye.’ All in favor and the motion was approved. The resolution was then passed to each member for signature.

## **B. 2017 Recommended Budget**

Ms. Christmann stated that the 2017 budget is almost identical to the 2016 budget which is right around \$2.5 million.

Mr. Portune stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the 2017 budget. Ms. Magness moved; Ms. Luehrmann seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

## **5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. 2015 Annual District Report**

Ms. Christmann stated that every year, the District submits an annual report to Ohio EPA on how things are going based on the Plan that the District is operating under now. Attachment D is a piece of that report that details all of the programs and the program results.

Ms. Christmann stated that staff had an amazing year at a time when we were also updating the Plan so a lot of accolades go to all of our team members that really took on a lot of additional work but did not let any of their normal day-to-day responsibilities fall.

Mr. Portune stated that the results are great and are results everyone should be proud of and thanked Ms. Christmann for pointing this out. Both with the respect to the Plan Update and all the work and goals are always met and exceeded and do an incredible professional job and applauds everyone. Mr. Portune stated that he

applauded Ms. Christmann for putting together a great team. Ms. Christmann stated that staff was an awesome team.

**B. HR 4184 – Food Recovery Act**

Ms. Christmann stated that congress has a House Resolution before them and the Senate also introduced a piece of companion legislation based upon the food recovery act which is a really great step. This raises awareness of all the food that is wasted in this country and people who are hungry.

Ms. Christmann stated that this was introduced at the end of 2015 and recently a companion piece in the Senate. Mr. Portune asked what the Senate Bill number was. Ms. Christmann stated she did not know but would forward that information to him.

Ms. Christmann stated that the Act basically wants to do the following:

- Reduce food waste at the consumer level by requiring uniform food labeling language and sponsoring a national campaign to raise awareness on the impact of food waste and how to decrease it in the home.
- Reduce food waste on farms and retail establishments by extending and expanding tax deductions for those businesses that donate high-quality food to organizations and strengthen the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, among other things.
- Reduce food waste in schools by encouraging cafeterias to purchase lower-price “ugly” fruits and vegetables and expand grant programs to educate students about food waste and recovery.
- Reduce food waste throughout the federal government by creating an Office of Food Recovery to implement initiatives and requiring companies that have food service contracts with the federal government to donate surplus food.
- Reduce food waste going to landfills by encouraging composting and supporting food waste-to-energy projects (yet ensuring that edible food feeds the hungry) and creating an infrastructure fund to support construction of large-scale composting and food waste-to-energy facilities in states that restrict food waste going to landfill.

Ms. Christmann stated that when she read the status of the bill it said that it did not have much of a chance of passing.

Ms. Christmann stated that Ms. Mohring and Ms. Lohmann have worked closely with Amity Elementary over the past year to do some food recovery efforts at that school. One of the initiatives is a food sharing table in which if a student did not want an unopened yogurt, for example, another student could eat it as opposed to throwing it away.

Ms. Christmann stated that any left over, unopened food was donated to a local food pantry. All of the local health departments were worked with, especially Hamilton County Public Health and they were a tremendous partner in this.

The Committee discussed hurdles to expanding the program to more schools.

**C. Scrap Tire Dumping – Statewide Initiative**

Ms. Christmann stated that scrap tires are not just in our area but throughout the state. There is a statewide initiative that solid waste districts are leading to develop some changes to fix this problem statewide as opposed to just picking up tires on a consistent basis. Ohio EPA is also working on this as well.

Ms. Christmann stated that the District is leading one of the statewide initiatives which is on enforcement and education focused on educating prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement on the existing laws with dealing with scrap tire dumping and also educating the tire stores about regulations they have to follow.

Ms. Christmann stated that there was a group of about 10 working on this issue and we had a great response from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association who is allowing the Cleveland Police Department Sergeant and a Cleveland Assistant Prosecutor to speak at their training this September.

Ms. Christmann stated that another committee is looking at changing some of the laws around scrap tires.

Ms. Christmann stated that she will keep the Committee informed as this moves forward.

**6. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Magness stated that she wanted to lay the groundwork for the next waste audit like the one in 2012 that the District did. Ms. Christmann asked if Ms. Magness was referring to the Waste Composition Study. Ms. Magness stated yes.

Ms. Christmann stated that there has been talk from Ohio EPA that they are going to do a statewide one but she did not know exactly when. The last statewide waste composition study Ohio EPA did was in 2002 or 2003 and one of the landfills included was the Rumpke Landfill.

**7. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Magness introduced David Ohntrup in the audience who is an intern with Mayor Cranley's office. Mr. Ohntrup is interested in getting an overview of environmental studies. Mr. Ohntrup thanked the Committee for letting him sit in on the meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Ohntrup's education.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**9. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS**

The next Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste Policy Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services located at 250 William Howard Taft Road - First Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 2:55 p.m.

### 2016 Tipping Fee Receipts

<b>*Rumpke '16</b>	<b>In District</b>	<b>Out of District</b>	<b>Out of State</b>	<b>Total Tonnage</b>	<b>Total Dollars</b>	<b>Quarterly Tons</b>	<b>Quarterly \$\$</b>
Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
May	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14	\$0.14		
Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.14	\$0.14
Jul	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Oct				0.00	\$0.00		
Nov				0.00	\$0.00		
Dec				0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.14</b>
<b>*Bond Road Landfill</b>							
<b>Rumpke '16</b>	<b>In District</b>	<b>Out of District</b>	<b>Out of State</b>	<b>Total Tonnage</b>	<b>Total Dollars</b>	<b>Quarterly Tons</b>	<b>Quarterly \$\$</b>
Jan	55,823.21	61,393.38	7,492.64	124,709.23	\$186,102.61		
Feb	56,501.41	68,252.28	7,677.20	132,430.89	\$200,683.17		
Mar	68,829.99	76,298.40	8,650.71	153,779.10	\$230,077.50	410,919.22	\$616,863.28
Apr	77,546.85	72,199.80	8,391.79	158,138.44	\$230,338.24		
May	71,602.71	77,310.96	8,961.73	157,875.40	\$235,186.36		
Jun	77,264.52	77,241.81	5,008.52	159,514.85	\$236,756.66	475,528.69	\$702,281.26
Jul	63,238.56	67,525.85	8,072.44	138,836.85	\$206,362.70		
Aug	72,726.70	80,923.80	9,282.84	162,933.34	\$243,857.14		
Sep	67,604.62	71,310.97	8,444.79	147,360.38	\$218,671.35	449,130.57	\$668,891.19
Oct				0.00	\$0.00		
Nov				0.00	\$0.00		
Dec				0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>611,138.57</b>	<b>652,457.25</b>	<b>71,982.66</b>	<b>1,335,578.48</b>	<b>\$1,988,035.73</b>	<b>1,335,578.48</b>	<b>\$1,988,035.73</b>
<b>Grand Totl</b>	<b>611,138.71</b>	<b>652,457.25</b>	<b>71,982.66</b>	<b>1,335,578.62</b>	<b>\$1,988,035.87</b>	<b>1,335,578.62</b>	<b>\$1,988,035.87</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>				
<i>tonnage</i>	45.76%	48.85%	5.39%				
<i>dollars</i>	30.74%	65.64%	3.62%				

### 2015 Tipping Fee Receipts

*Rumpke '15	In District	Out of District	Out of State	Total Tonnage	Total Dollars	Quarterly Tons	Quarterly \$\$
Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
May	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	\$0.03		
Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.03	\$0.03
Jul	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Oct				0.00	\$0.00		
Nov				0.00	\$0.00		
Dec				0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>*Bond Road Landfill</b>							
Rumpke '15	In District	Out of District	Out of State	Total Tonnage	Total Dollars	Quarterly Tons	Quarterly \$\$
Jan	60,077.23	46,797.58	6,872.31	113,747.12	\$160,544.70		
Feb	49,828.65	40,589.58	7,817.21	98,235.44	\$138,825.02		
Mar	66,520.64	55,319.74	10,433.67	132,274.05	\$187,593.79	344,256.61	\$486,963.51
Apr	69,780.96	62,075.36	10,646.43	142,502.75	\$204,578.11		
May	66,440.75	55,603.74	9,851.26	131,895.75	\$187,499.49		
Jun	67,798.63	60,036.80	9,539.59	137,375.02	\$197,411.82	411,773.52	\$589,489.42
Jul	70,807.45	62,176.37	10,440.82	143,424.64	\$205,601.01		
Aug	64,384.33	55,419.58	8,500.32	128,304.23	\$183,723.81		
Sep	62,912.99	53,357.25	8,198.38	124,468.62	\$177,825.87	396,197.49	\$567,150.69
Oct				0.00	\$0.00		
Nov				0.00	\$0.00		
Dec				0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>578,551.63</b>	<b>491,376.00</b>	<b>82,299.99</b>	<b>1,152,227.62</b>	<b>\$1,643,603.62</b>	<b>1,152,227.62</b>	<b>\$1,643,603.62</b>
<b>Grand Ttl</b>	<b>578,551.66</b>	<b>491,376.00</b>	<b>82,299.99</b>	<b>1,152,227.65</b>	<b>\$1,643,603.65</b>	<b>1,152,227.65</b>	<b>\$1,643,603.65</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>				
<b>tonnage</b>	<b>50.21%</b>	<b>42.65%</b>	<b>7.14%</b>				
<b>dollars</b>	<b>35.20%</b>	<b>59.79%</b>	<b>5.01%</b>				

## **Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District 2017 District Priority Grant Selection Summary**

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### **Background**

As outlined in Hamilton County's approved solid waste management plan, the District Priority Grant is designed to assist communities, schools, and non-profits with innovative waste reduction and recycling programs which will significantly reduce the grantees' waste stream. A total of \$75,000 is allocated for the 2017 District Priority Grant. The three District priorities for 2017 are:

- Food rescue/donation. Examples include rescuing excess catered, "ugly", damaged, or prepackaged food that would otherwise end up in a landfill, or creating a donation distribution and/or transportation network to facilitate food donations.
- Public recycling. Examples include placing recycling receptacles at athletic fields, arenas, event venues, entertainment districts, parks, or like areas.
- Waste reduction/reuse. Possible projects include replacing disposables with reusable tableware, purchasing a dishwasher, or reusing items that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

### **Selection of Funding**

A grant review committee made up of Department of Environmental Services' staff has reviewed and selected the grant projects that are recommend for funding. District staff recommends that the following applicants receive grant funding:

- Cincinnati Marathon, Inc. (dba Flying Pig Marathon) \$2,716
- Cincinnati Recreation Commission Golf Courses \$11,700
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful \$15,500
- La Soupe, Inc. \$25,700
- Mercy Montessori Center \$4,647
- Saint Ursula Academy \$8,967

### **Criteria for Funding**

The District evaluated each applicant based on the following ten criteria:

- Focus on a District priority
- Innovative and can be used as a model by others
- Demonstrates ability to complete project objectives in a cost-effective manner
- Application complete and easy to understand
- Diverts significant amount of waste and/or reaches a significant number of people
- Matching funds or cooperative approach
- If received funds in the past, grant administration was positive
- Education component
- Application includes detailed information proposed equipment
- Ability to sustain beyond one year

**2017 District Priority Grant  
\$15,000 or over  
Recommendations for Funding  
Policy Committee Approval Required**

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**Applicant:** Keep Cincinnati Beautiful  
**Project Title:** Operation: Eliminate Single Use Water Bottles  
**Grant Amount:** \$15,500  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 0.14 Tons  
**Estimated People Reached:** 2,446  
**Project Summary:** Keep Cincinnati Beautiful is requesting funds to purchase reusable water bottles and water bottle refill equipment to decrease the amount of single use water bottles used by volunteers during cleanup events. The grant proposal had a strong education and marketing component.

**Applicant:** La Soupe, Inc.  
**Project Title:** Food All Year  
**Grant Amount:** \$25,700  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 72 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 165,600 Meals/Year  
**Project Summary:** La Soupe, Inc. is requesting funds to purchase and install a used refrigerator and freezer to increase their capacity to gather and process rescued food year round.

**2017 District Priority Grant  
Less than \$15,000  
Recommendations for Funding**

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**Applicant:** Cincinnati Marathon, Inc. (dba Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon)  
**Project Title:** Greening of the Pig  
**Grant Amount:** \$2,716  
**Estimated People Reached:** 141,500/Year  
**Project Summary:** Cincinnati Marathon, Inc. is requesting funds to purchase Clear Stream recycling receptacles and a transportation cart to provide better access to recycling for participants and observers at marathons.

**Applicant:** Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Golf Courses  
**Project Title:** City of Cincinnati Golf Course Recycling Project  
**Grant Amount:** \$11,700  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 138 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 125,000/Year  
**Project Summary:** CRC Golf Courses is requesting funds to purchase recycling receptacles, and banners to promote new recycling program for six City owned golf courses.

**Applicant:** **Mercy Montessori Center**  
**Project Title:** Waste Reduction at Mercy Montessori  
**Grant Amount:** \$4,647  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 36,000 Pieces of Plastic Wear, .31 Tons of Paper Towels/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 283/Day  
**Project Summary:** Mercy Montessori Center is requesting funds to purchase restroom hand dryers to reduce paper towel waste, and a dishwasher to better manage their reusable tableware in the cafeteria.

**Applicant:** **Saint Ursula Academy**  
**Project Title:** Saint Ursula Academy Waste Reduction Initiative  
**Grant Amount:** \$8,967  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 1.29 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 743/Day  
**Project Summary:** Saint Ursula Academy is requesting funds to purchase a waste sorting table, reusable tableware for the cafeteria, water-filling stations, restroom hand dryers (including installation), and reusable event tablecloths.

**Based on grant review committee's Criteria for Funding ranking the following applications are not recommended for funding:**

**City of Loveland**

City of Loveland is requesting \$7,556 to purchase restroom hand dryers and a water bottle refill station for the park.

**Colerain Township**

Colerain Township is requesting \$19,033.78 to purchase 20 combination recycling/waste receptacles for 6 Township parks.

**Community Earth Alliance**

Community Earth Alliance is requesting \$24,733 to purchase a truck, freezer/refrigerator, blender, food, promotional material, and contractual services.

**Indian Hill Exempted Village School District**

Indian Hill Exempted Village School District is requesting \$8,800 to purchase "Hydration Stations."

**Loveland City School District**

Loveland City School District is requesting \$17,039.19 to purchase a dishwasher and reusable cafeteria trays.

**Sycamore Community Schools Green Initiative Team**

Sycamore Community Schools Green Initiative Team is requesting \$20,783.64 to purchase and install two dishwashers and purchase reusable cafeteria trays.

**University of Cincinnati**

University of Cincinnati is requesting \$24,822 to purchase and install up to six dishwashers, dishware, cabinetry, and "Indirect Costs" for faculty department offices.

## 2016 Performance Measures

Program	Performance Measure	3rd Quarter Results	Year to Date Results
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### Direct Service Programs

<b>Yard Trimmings Drop-off</b>	Drop-off visits 24,000	Drop-off visits 7,740	Drop-off visits 18,752
	Tons diverted from landfill 2,600	Tons diverted from landfill 719	Tons diverted from landfill 2,311
<b>Tire Clean-ups</b>	Tires collected 5,000	Tires collected 354	Tires collected 8,458
	Participating communities 14	Participating communities 4	Participating communities 21
<b>Public Recycling</b>	Events using District containers 110	Events using District containers 26	Events using District containers 52
	Residents reached 100,000	Residents reached 71,300	Residents reached 233,620
	New events using programs 25	New events using programs 5	New events using programs 13
<b>Litter Collection</b>	Tons of litter collected 200	Tons of litter collected 10	Tons of litter collected 58

### Grant Programs

<b>Residential Recycling Incentive</b>	Provide funding to communities based on tons recycled.	Funds distributed	
<b>District Priority Grant</b>	Tons diverted for 2016 grants	Tons diverted for 2016 grants	Tons diverted for 2016 grants 26
	Number of residents reached 54,000	Number of residents reached	Number of residents reached 11,563
<b>Market Development Grants</b>	Tons of manufacturing capacity added	Tons of manufacturing capacity added 1,548	Tons of manufacturing capacity added 1,548
	Grants completed 1	Grants completed 1	Grants completed 1
<b>Community Development Grants</b>	Grants completed 1	Grants received or completed 1	Grants received or completed 2

### Technical Assistance

<b>Pollution Prevention Internships</b>	Participating firms/students 2	Participating firms/students 1	Participating firms/students 1
	Tons of waste diverted	Tons of waste diverted 158	Tons of waste diverted 158
	Projected cost savings	Projected cost savings 55,100	Projected cost savings 55,100
<b>The Interchange</b>	Inquiries and new listings 30	Inquiries and New Listings 5	Inquiries and New Listings 28
	Visits to catalog pages 950	Visits to catalog pages 99	Visits to catalog pages 435

	Tons diverted		Tons diverted 1		Tons diverted 3
<b>Multi-family Assistance</b>	New recycling programs 6		New recycling programs 4		New recycling programs 4
	Residents reached 1,000		Residents reached 88		Residents reached 88
	Tons of estimated diversion 60		Tons of estimated diversion 18		Tons of estimated diversion 47
<b>General Technical Assistance</b>	Website inquiries		Website inquiries 42		Website inquiries 161
	Hotline calls received 6,500		Hotline calls received 1,368		Hotline calls received 3,970
<b>Recycling Assistance Program (Schools)</b>	Schools implementing new or expanded recycling programs 17		Schools implementing new/expanding existing recycling programs 6		Schools implementing new/expanding existing recycling programs 17
	Students and staff reached through new/expanded programs 8,500		Students and staff reached through new/expanded programs 1,952		Students and staff reached through new/expanded programs 8,528
	Total schools assisted with supplies and technical assistance 30		Total schools assisted with supplies and technical assistance 13		Total schools assisted with supplies and technical assistance 28
<b>Recycling At Work</b>	Facilities initiating recycling 60		Facilities initiating recycling 6		Facilities initiating recycling 36
	Employees 4,000		Employees 372		Employees 1,548
<b>Bar/Restaurant Recycling</b>	Businesses starting and expanding recycling 10		Businesses starting and expanding recycling 3		Businesses starting and expanding recycling 19

### Outreach/Awareness

<b>General Public Outreach and Marketing</b>	Tons recycled increase		Tons recycled increase 628.09		Tons recycled increase 712.65
	Unique visitors to website 96,000		Unique visitors to website 28,089		Unique visitors to website 85,720
	Facebook followers 1,242		Facebook followers 1,274		Facebook followers 1,274
	Twitter followers 1,835		Twitter followers 1,735		Twitter followers 1,735
	LinkedIn followers 90		LinkedIn followers 89		LinkedIn followers 89
	Compost blog page views 80,000		Compost blog page views 25,494		Compost blog page views 67,276
	Media clips 250		Media clips 17		Media clips 69
<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>	Percent opening email 45		Percent opening email 24		Percent opening email 26
	Webpage visits 20,500		Webpage visits 4,453		Webpage visits 9,136
<b>Target Communities</b>	Townships contracting for recycling 2		Townships contracting for recycling 0		Townships contracting for recycling 0

<b>Public Events</b>	Residents reached	400	Residents reached	0	Residents reached	260
	Events attended	3	Events attended	0	Events attended	2
<b>General Presentations</b>	Number of presentations	12	Number of presentations	4	Number of presentations	13
<b>School Based Programs</b>	Assemblies and classroom programs	100	Assemblies and classroom programs	12	Assemblies and classroom programs	93
	Field trips	20	Field trips	2	Field trips	12
	Special School Events	3	Special Events	5	Special Events	6
	Students and adults reached	7,500	Students and adults reached	2,302	Students and adults reached	7,561
<b>Composting Workshops</b>	Residents reached	240	Adults reached	87	Adults reached	468
	Workshops	4	Workshops	3	Workshops	10
<b>Annual Awards Program</b>	Participants	50	Participants	na	number of presentations	na

### Data Management/Reporting

<b>OEPA Annual District Report</b>	Submit report to OEPA complete and on-time		na	na
	Response rate for commercial and industrial recycling survey		na	Response rate for commercial and industrial recycling survey

### Planning

<b>Solid Waste Plan Update</b>	Complete tasks according to timeline.	Draft Plan submitted to OEPA; comments received and incorporated into draft Plan	Draft Plan submitted to OEPA; comments received and incorporated into draft Plan
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### Publications

<b>WasteLine newsletter</b>	Government officials reached	700	Government officials reached	na	Government officials reached	791
<b>Education newsletter</b>	Teachers reached	550	Teachers reached	494	Teachers reached	504
<b>The Interchange newsletter</b>	Subscribers reached	500	Subscribers reached	442	Business representatives newsletter	515

### Leadership

<b>Regional Solid Waste Meetings</b>	Meetings organized and attended	2	Meetings organized and attended	0	Meetings organized and attended	0
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