

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

**DATE:** November 13, 2017  
**TO:** District Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Holly Christmann, Director

**I. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**NOTICE:** This memo is for the meeting to be held **Thursday, November 16, 2017** at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

*Policy Committee Information (Agendas, Manager's Memos, Minutes, etc.) is 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 September 21, 2017 Policy Committee meeting are included as [Attachment A](#).

**B. Additions to the Agenda**

Please contact Susan Schumacher at 513-946-7734 or [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 the prior year, as included in [Attachment B](#).

**IV. Policy Items**

**A. Carryover Balance**

[Attachment C](#) includes an update on the District's carryover balance and recommendations on using a portion of the excess carryover balance to fund three initiatives in 2018.

***Staff Recommendation:*** Staff recommends using \$250,000 from the carryover balance in 2018 for the following programs: household hazardous waste collection event, waste characterization study, and organics survey.

**V. Informational Items**

**A. 2018 Wasted Food Campaign**

As outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan, the District's outreach priority will be focused on food waste. Specifically, the focus will be on food waste reduction and donation. Staff will provide a brief overview of the campaign assets and strategies that will be used to raise awareness and change behavior.

**B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures**

[Attachment D](#) provides the results of the District’s programs through the third quarter.

**C. Battery Disposal Outreach**

At the September meeting, the Policy Committee discussed ways the District could help raise awareness on the proper ways to dispose of lithium ion batteries given the recent fires at recycling facilities and in waste hauling trucks. Staff will launch a campaign in mid-December in an effort to educate residents on how to properly dispose of lithium ion batteries.

**D. Annual Awards Ceremony**

The District held its annual awards ceremony on November 15. The awards ceremony provides the District the opportunity to thank communities, businesses, and organizations for their efforts to increase recycling. The award recipients include:

- Friend of Recycling – Sarah Stankorb Taylor
- Outstanding School Recycling Program – Mercy Montessori Center
- Outstanding Recycling Educator – Sarah Newman, Sycamore Community Schools
- Student Recycler of the Year – Hailey Recker, Amity Elementary
- Best City Recycling Rate – City of Madeira
- Best Village Recycling Rate – Village of Mariemont
- Best Township Recycling Rate – Columbia Township
- Most Improved Community – Colerain Township
- Public Recycling Excellence – City of Mt. Healthy
- Recycling at Work, Program of the Year – Everything But The House
- Outstanding Recycling in a Multi-Family Residence – Wynbrook Apartments, LLC
- Outstanding Recycling in a Bar or Restaurant – Casa Figueroa
- Sustainability Award – The Kroger Company
- Excellence in Reuse – Play Library
- Save The Food – Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State
- Partner of the Year – Hamilton County Public Health

**E. 2016 Waste Reduction Rates - Correction**

Each year, the District submits an annual report to Ohio EPA that, among other things, outlines the program results and tons of material recycled. Ohio EPA uses this information to ensure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Plan and state recycling goals. The state-mandated goals include a 25 percent waste reduction rate for the residential/commercial sector and a 66 percent recycling rate for the industrial sector.

Initially, Ohio EPA reported that Hamilton County’s residential/commercial recycling rate was 29.74 percent. Upon closer review of the data, the recycling rate was changed to 30.70 percent. Hamilton County’s industrial recycling rate stayed the same at 77.60 percent.

**VI. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

**VII. Policy Committee Members' Comments**

**VIII. Public Comments**

**IX. Upcoming District Meetings**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 18, 2018**. This meeting will be held at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

**X. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:00 p.m.)**