

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

DATE: November 9, 2018
TO: District Policy Committee Members
FROM: Michelle Balz, Assistant Solid Waste Manager

1. Introduction/Opening Comments

NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held **Thursday, November 15, 2018** at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st 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.

2. Clerk's Report/Additions to the Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the September 20, 2018 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 if you have items to add to the agenda.

3. District Revenue Updates/Analysis

Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year, as included in [Attachment B](#).

4. Policy Items

A. Additional Revenue Spending

District revenue for 2019 is predicted to exceed the proposed budgeted amount of \$2.9 million by \$200,000 to \$300,000. [Attachment C](#) gives an overview of recommendations.

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends approving all additional spending recommendations.*

B. Public Member Representative Recommendation

The Policy Committee solicited applications for the Public Member Representative. The District is prepared to recommend that Bob Gedert be appointed to serve in this role. Only the four statutory members are eligible to vote (County Commissioner, Health Commissioner, Township Trustee, and Cincinnati).

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends approving Bob Gedert to serve as the Public Member Representative and forward the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.*

C. Ohio EPA/Recycling Partnership Grant

Ohio EPA and the Recycling Partnership have launched a new initiative in Southwest and Northeast Ohio to reduce residential recycling contamination in select communities. The District intends to partner with Butler, Clermont, and Montgomery Counties to submit a joint proposal to target communities in each of

the counties. The District is still working to gain community commitments. Applications will be due in early January.

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends approving District participation in a joint proposal to Ohio EPA and the Recycling Partnership.*

D. World Wildlife Fund Food Waste Warriors Curriculum Development

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) recently requested partners from eight regions nationwide to implement WWF's K-12 curriculum on reducing wasted food. The greater Cincinnati region was one of the regions and the curriculum aligns perfectly with the District's priority of reducing wasted food. WWF has selected the District as a partner for this project in 2019. WWF would provide stipends to two Hamilton County schools and fund a District intern to conduct waste audits at those schools. The District would support the project with staff time and supplies for the audit.

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends approving District participation in the World Wildlife Fund Wild Classroom Food Waste Curriculum Implementation.*

5. Informational Items

A. Presentation on the 2018 Residential Wasted Food Challenge

Staff will conduct a presentation on the initial results of a new pilot program to change behavior and reduce wasted food.

B. Environmental Enforcement Program Update

The District funds an Environmental Enforcement Deputy position to enforce illegal dumping and tire transport laws in Hamilton County. [Attachment D](#) shows activity of the deputy through October 31, 2018.

C. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Program

The final day of the 2018 HHW program is November 15. As of November 1, 1,536 households have participated. The program will reopen March 21 and continue on Thursdays from 1 pm to 7 pm until October 24, 2019.

D. Organics Diversion Grant Update

The District launched the 2019 Organics Diversion Grant which is open to communities, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses to fund innovative organics waste reduction and recycling programs in Hamilton County. Applications are due February 1, 2019 and a grant information meeting will be held December 12, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

E. 3rd Quarter Performance Measures

[Attachment E](#) provides the results of the District's programs through the third quarter of 2018.

6. Tentative Future Agenda Items

- Rumpke expansion update

7. Policy Committee Members' Comments

8. Public Comments

9. Upcoming District Meetings

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 17, 2019**. This meeting will be held at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:00 p.m.)