

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

**DATE:** March 15, 2019  
**TO:** District Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager

**1. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**NOTICE:** This memo is for the meeting to be held Thursday, March 21, 2019 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.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org).*

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

**A. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the January 17, 2019 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.

**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. Organics Diversion Grant Recommendations**

This new grant program is designed to assist communities, schools, non-profits and for-profit organizations with innovative organics waste reduction and recycling programs that significantly reduce waste in Hamilton County. A total of \$100,000 is allocated for the 2019 Organics Diversion Grant. [Attachment C](#) includes a summary of grant proposals received.

***Staff Recommendation:*** District Staff recommends that the Policy Committee approve the grant award recommendations for forwarding to the Board of County Commissioners.

**5. Informational Items**

**A. Results of 2018 Residential Food Waste Collection Pilot**

The District funded a pilot drop off site for residential food waste at the Civic Garden Center from September through December 2018. Staff will report on the results and learnings from the pilot.

**B. Student Representative Recruiting**

Staff has begun recruiting applicants for the 2019-2020 Student Representative on the Policy Committee. The Student Representative is a non-voting member of the Policy Committee.

**C. 2018 Fourth Quarter Performance Measures**

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

**D. District Program Trends**

[Attachment E](#) outlines a five-year trend (2014-2018) for a selection of the District's programs and a waste reduction rate comparison of large urban counties in Ohio.

**E. Environmental Enforcement Program Update**

The District funds an Environmental Enforcement Deputy position to enforce illegal dumping and tire transport laws in Hamilton County. [Attachment F](#) shows activity of the deputy through February 28, 2019.

**F. Household Hazardous Waste and Yard Trimmings Drop-Offs Opening**

The 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Program opens on March 21<sup>st</sup> and runs through October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Yard Trimmings Drop-Off sites run March 30<sup>th</sup> through November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**6. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

**7. Policy Committee Members' Comments**

**8. Public Comments**

**9. Upcoming District Meetings**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 16, 2019**. 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.

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