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Lucas County Solid Waste Management District Public Notice

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Lucas County Solid Waste Management District is establishing a 30-day written comment period (February 4th, 2024, until March 5th, 2024) on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan Update) (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.54). The District has prepared the draft Plan Update as required by Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft Plan Update includes a budget and fees to finance the Plan, a solid waste facility inventory, projections and strategies, facilities, and programs to be used, an analysis of the progress made toward achieving state solid waste reduction goals, and District rules.

This 2024 Plan Update is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This Plan Update details existing programs including: Curbside Recycling; Drop-Off Recycling Program; Yard Waste Management; Household Hazardous Waste Management Program; Lead-Acid Battery Management; Electronics Collection; Scrap Tire Management; Appliances Management; Pharmaceuticals Management; School Recycling Collection; Curbside Recycling Technical Assistance; Business Recycling Assistance; Recycling Processing Facility; Matzinger Road Facility; Waste Assessments/Audits; Litter and Community Clean-Up Program; Market Development Grant Technical Assistance; Special Event Container Loan Program; Community Recycling Incentive Grant; Data Collection Surveys; Food Waste Management; and education and outreach with Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful.

The 2024 Plan Update includes a demonstration of access to landfill capacity and determines there are more than fifteen years of landfill capacity available to the District. Based on the landfills used to manage waste generated in the District during the 2021 reference year for the planning period, landfills had an average life expectancy of more than 50 years.

The District has 19 facility designations capable of receiving solid waste produced within the District, facilitated by a contractual agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of the District. Among these, one is within the district, 15 are located outside the district, and three are located in out-of-state locations. Each designated solid waste facility is contractually required to provide monthly reports regarding the generator/hauler, amount of solid waste received, and the type of material received from the county.

The draft Plan update includes District rules contained in Appendix Q. The District does not currently have any existing rules and is not proposing to create any new rules.

The draft Plan Update complies with both State Plan Goal #1: Providing Access to Waste Reduction Opportunities and Goal #2: reducing and recycling at least 25 percent of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector. The District is committed to maintaining its achievement of Goal 1 and Goal 2.

The District primarily funds plan programs and current operations through a generation fee, designation fees, and rates and charges. A generation fee of \$2.20 per ton is charged on all solid waste generated within Lucas County and disposed at Ohio based transfer stations or landfills. Contract disposal designation fees are charged to all solid waste facilities that are designated by the District to receive District solid waste. The fee is \$3.00 per ton for Ohio facilities and \$5.20 per ton for out-of-state facilities. A \$5 rate and charge is annually assessed on each improved parcel in Lucas County. The District may evaluate increasing/decreasing the fees based on economic conditions throughout the planning period but is not at this time considering changes to the main funding mechanisms.

The District plans to initiate the development of a Material Recovery Facility for processing single-stream recyclables by 2026. This evaluation and development process has been ongoing. The Plan describes the plans for the facility and how the facility will impact the District's budget.

The District will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at 2:00 PM at the Commissioner's Hearing Room on the 1st floor of One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update from February 4th, 2024, until March 5th, 2024. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Julie Riley, Lucas County Solid Waste Management District, 1011 Matzinger Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612.

The draft Plan Update is available for review at the following locations:

- District Office: 1011 Matzinger Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612, during normal business hours
- County Commissioners Office: One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604, during normal business hours
- District website at <https://co.lucas.oh.us/749/Solid-Waste-Management>

Please call (419) 213-2234 with any questions about the Plan Update.