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WHAT IS THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The Solid Waste Management Plan provides an integrated management system and long-range plan for all trash and recycling for the next twenty years. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires jurisdictions to complete a new 20-year, solid waste management plan by July 1, 2004.



When implemented, the plan will provide a system that will meet the needs of Fairfax residents, businesses and institutions as our waste collection, recycling and disposal needs grow in future years. The plan will also help prevent problems that could harm our quality of life.

PUBLIC INPUT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS



County staff has been meeting with community groups about the development of this plan since April 2003 and will continue meeting through May 2004. Outreach efforts, which included meetings, exhibits at large events such as Celebrate Fairfax, a website and a survey, have reached over 6,500 county residents.

Residents identified the following as key issues facing our solid waste system:

- Residential waste collection fees and service levels vary across Fairfax County. This means some residents pay more for less service.
- Our local ordinances do not adequately address service issues that residents face. Complaints against waste collection companies have risen sharply.
- A countywide strategy needs to be developed for removing brush and debris after major storms.
- Some areas of the county are served by many different trash trucks on the same street each day. A strategy is needed to reduce the number of waste vehicles in the county.
- The three construction and demolition debris landfills in the county will be filled or closed in the next ten years.
- Residents want an expanded recycling program.
- Additional public outreach is needed to educate residents and businesses about recycling and disposal options.



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FAIRFAX COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN



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PLANNING THE FUTURE OF SOLID WASTE

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A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE

Proposed Changes

Residential Recycling



Proposed new programs and policies will increase residential recycling opportunities.

The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:

- The types of recyclables collected at the curb to be expanded to include plastic bottles, mixed paper and cardboard;
- innovative programs be developed to reduce toxicity of the waste stream by recycling NiCad batteries and used electronics and
- suitable recycling alternatives be developed for residents of multiunit buildings.

Business Recycling



The county plans to ask businesses to recycle more!

The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:

- large businesses continue required recycling with expanded recyclable material requirements; and
- fewer businesses be exempted from recycling requirements.

Waste Collection



County staff and private collection companies will work toward quality service for all residents.

The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that Fairfax County staff will:

- partner with private collection companies and other stakeholders to resolve customer service issues identified in the plan.
- revise and enforce Chapter 109 regulations in the Fairfax County Code;
- coordinate with private waste collection companies about disaster and emergency responses;
- evaluate the use of lower emissions fuels for use in a collection vehicles; and
- develop public information and education messages about waste disposal and recycling that are applicable countywide.

Construction/Demolition/ Debris



The county proposes increasing recycling of construction/demolition/debris (CDD).

The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:

- the public receive more information about CDD capacity issues to encourage recycling;
- the county works with other jurisdictions to foster a regional approach to disposal;
- debris continues to be disposed in suitable in-county and out-of-county landfills; and
- the county supports private recycling opportunities, and the county-operated disposal sites have the ability to recycle CDD.

Disposal



The county plans to use the Energy/Resource Recovery Facility as the primary disposal mechanism.

The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:

- out-of-county landfills will provide backup support; and
- the I-66 Transfer Station will continue to operate serving the north and central portion of the county.

Funding



The funding impacts of these proposed changes are anticipated to be minimal.

Retiring the bonds for the Energy/Resource Recovery Facility will reduce waste disposal costs; however, the cost of out-of-county landfills and composting facilities is expected to rise.

Consolidation will make the collection system more efficient, to provide better service to residents at a consistent price throughout the county.

Board Approval

The Solid Waste Management Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2004.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact us for more details or if you have any questions about the SWMP.

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Please visit our website to complete the Opinion Survey!

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes>



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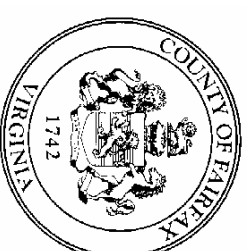
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

2003–2023

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires jurisdictions in the Commonwealth to submit new Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMPs) by July 1, 2004.

This brochure provides:

- Requirements for the SWMP
- Timeline for development of the SWMP
- Opportunities for participation & input
- Resources for more information

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ABOUT THE SWMP

The Solid Waste Management Plan addresses all trash & recycling for the next 20 years.

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

Solid waste includes almost everything we throw away or recycle, including yard waste, brush, household trash, recyclables, commercial trash, industrial waste, and construction debris.

An integrated management system controls everything that happens to solid waste: collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal. The SWMP will identify and plan for all aspects of a high-quality integrated solid waste management system for Fairfax County.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The SWMP will project waste management needs for our expanding population, regulatory requirements, & technological developments for the next 20 years. This will help us use the SWMP process to identify strategies to preserve our environmental quality of life.

TIMELINE

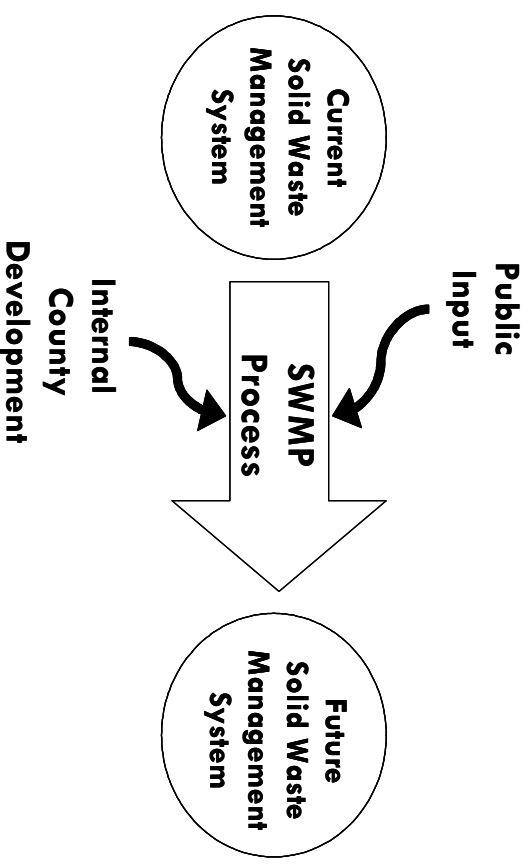
Fairfax County will submit its Solid Waste Management Plan to DEQ by June 2004.

Public meetings	April—November
Circulation of draft for public comment	January—March 2004
Public Hearing	March or May 2004
Submission of SWMP to Virginia DEQ	June 2004

THE SWMP PROCESS

The Solid Waste Management Plan outlines an environmentally safe and publicly-approved system for the movement of trash, recyclables, and all other wastes from their sources to final management sites.

The diagram below shows how citizens, professionals, and County staff will work together in developing the plan. At the end of the process, Fairfax County will have a plan that ensures the waste management system will meet our needs for the next twenty years.



The Solid Waste Management Plan needs public input from residents, businesses...everyone! Use the contact information on the back of this leaflet to find out more! Call us with questions or comments! Fill out the Opinion Survey on the Fairfax County website! Attend a community meeting! **Participate!**