

PLAN RATIFICATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Solid Waste Management Plan was ratified in February 2017 after many updates and additional information added to the current plan. We would like to thank all of the jurisdictions for reviewing and passing resolutions and/or ordinances in support of the updated plan. The updated plan will be in effect for five years at which time it will be rewritten and submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The process for the rewrite will most likely begin in 2020 as it takes a great amount of time and effort to complete. To view a copy of the updated plan, please visit our website at www.recyclewoodcounty.org Please see highlights from the updated plan listed below:

The Executive Summary was expanded to add more information about each section so that the reader could only read the summary and still learn about the Plan.

The Plan Reference Year for the update is 2014 and is used throughout the document in the tables and narrative while projecting the planning period years of 2017-2031. The estimated population used throughout the Plan for the reference year is 128,553.

There are two in-district landfills which are the Wood County Landfill and Waste Management Evergreen Recycling and Disposal Facility. As of 2014, both had over 12 years of capacity. There are also 23 licensed haulers serving the District.

Under the current and future recycling activities and programs, more information about the activities and programs that promote waste reduction and recycling was added along with strengths and weaknesses for those activities and programs.

Information was added regarding looking into identifying possible partnerships with other entities in regards to advertising and message outreach, benchmarking with the other SWMDs and the Got Your Bags Campaign. This campaign asks individuals to help us reduce the use of plastic bags by utilizing reusable bags whenever possible. More information regarding our campaign is found in this newsletter.

In Section VIII Financial Information, we added information and assumptions for how we arrived at the projections. Capital and Infrastructure Grant projections were added in 2019-2031 but will be reviewed and approved on a yearly basis dependent upon need and fund availability. The disposal fee structure remains the same at \$2.00/ton in-district, \$4.00/ton out-of-district and \$2.00/ton out-of-state. The District will try to maintain at least a year's reserve to cover any funding shortfalls. The designation agreements were renewed until 2021 and also have a 5 year renewal option. The contract fee for designated facilities is \$2.00/ton.

The District will work toward developing a social marketing campaign to better promote some of the programming efforts. This will allow the District to reach individuals quickly without cost.

Information was added regarding the possibility of converting to Permanent Drop-off Locations instead of Satellite Locations. This will be researched during the planning period to see what the best option is for the citizens.