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PUBLIC NOTICE

ATHENS-HOCKING COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Athens-Hocking County Solid Waste District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period (February 26, 2018 – March 27, 2018) 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 draft is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This Plan Update details existing programs including but not limited to: Curbside Recycling, Drop-Off Recycling, Yard Waste Management, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management, Scrap Tire Collection, Electronics Recycling, Recycle Day Events, Commercial Cardboard Collection, School Recycling, Education and Awareness, Litter Collection.

The draft 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 2015 reference year for the planning period, landfills had an average life expectancy of more than 38 years.

Under this Plan, the Board of Directors is authorized to designate facilities in accordance with Section 343.014 and 343.015 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is not designating any facilities in this Plan Update.

The draft Plan Update includes District rules. The District has not adopted rules and is not proposing new rules but reserves for the Board of Directors the power to make and enforce rules.

The draft Plan Update complies with State Plan Goal #1: Providing Access to Waste Reduction Opportunities. The District will continue to provide access to recycling and waste minimization opportunities for municipal solid waste to its residents and businesses.

The District primarily funds Plan programs and current operations through disposal fees and generation fees. The District is not proposing any fee increases in this Plan Update.

The District will hold two public hearings to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update. The hearing locations and schedules are as follows:

Athens County: Monday, 4/2/2018 at 7:00PM
Location: Athens Public Library, 30 Home St., Athens, OH 45701

Hocking County: Tuesday, 4/3/2018 at 7:00PM
Location: Logan-Hocking Public Library, 230 E. Main St., Logan, OH 43138

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update from February 26, 2018 until March 27, 2018. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Roger Bail, Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District, P.O. Box 693, Athens, Ohio 45701.

The draft Plan Update is available for review on the District's website at <http://ahswd.org/>, and at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District Office: 1121 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
- Athens County Commissioners Office: 15 S Court St, Athens, OH 45701
- Hocking County Commissioners Office: 1 East Main St., Logan, OH 43138

Please contact the District at 740-753-6885 with any questions about the Plan Update.