



ATHENS-HOCKING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE
Athens-Hocking Solid Waste Management District Public Notice
Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District is establishing a 30-day written comment period (June 27, 2024-July 26, 2024) on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.54). The District 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 2025 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. The 2025 Plan is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. The 2025 Plan details existing programs including: Curbside Recycling; Drop-Off Recycling; Household Hazardous Waste Education and Outreach; Battery Management; Scrap Tire Management; Compost, Recycling; Education, Advertising, Promotion, and Presentations; Scrap Tire, and Community recycling and clean-Up days; Health Department and Sheriff's Office Grants; Community Clean-up Grants; purchase and maintain the Athens Hocking Recycling Center and expand the Sutton Road Recycling Center for Hard to Recycle Materials.

The 2024 Plan includes a demonstration of access to landfill capacity demonstrating 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 have a life expectancy of 387 years.

The 2024 Plan does not have any existing rules, but allows the District to make rules if necessary. The 2024 Plan complies with State Plan Goal #2: The SWMD shall reduce and recycle at least 25 percent of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector while continuing to providing access to recycling and waste minimization opportunities for municipal Solid waste to its residents and businesses.

The District currently funds plan programs and current operations through disposal fees collected on each ton of solid waste disposed of in landfills located in the District and savings. The District also proposes to collect rates and charges fees of \$24.00 for each improved parcel within the District. If the rates and charges does not get approved by the County Commissioners of each county; the Generation Fees will raise from \$3.00/Ton to \$5.00/Ton and Tiered Fees on the Athens-Hocking Reclamation Center will all be raised from \$1/\$2/\$1 to \$2/\$2/\$2/Ton for District/Out of District/Out of State Wastes respectively.

The District will hold a written Public Comment Period which opens on June 27, 2024-July 26, 2024 and comments may be emailed to Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District at athenshockingSWD@gmail.com or mailed to AHSWD Plan, P.O. Box 693, Athens, Ohio 45701.

A copy of the draft plan is available online at www.ahswd.org; and paper copies can be reviewed at the Athens Public Library at 30 Home Street, Athens and the Hocking County library at 230 East Main Street, Logan. The District's Policy Committee will also have Public Hearings on the following days and times: **July 31, 2024:** Athens Public Hearing, Athens Community Center, 701 East State Street, Athens at 6pm. **August 7, 2024:** Hocking Public Hearing, Hocking County Fairgrounds, Youth Building, 100 N. Homer Avenue, Logan at 6pm.

For more information, call 740-753-6885 or email at athenshockingswd@gmail.com



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District, the Athens County Board of County Commissioners and the Hocking County Board of Commissioners will be holding three (3) public hearings with the intent to pass a resolution to charge a Parcel Fee on all improved parcels in Athens County and Hocking County to provide revenue to maintain the Athens-Hocking Recycling Center and the Sutton Road Recycling Center and to pay to implement the Solid Waste District Management Plan to provide access and programs for proper solid waste disposal, recycling and diverting hard to recycle materials, recycling days and proper disposal of household hazardous waste. There will be three (3) public hearings. The first hearing will be conducted on: June 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Athens Community Center, 701 East State Street, Athens. A second hearing will be conducted on July 2, 2024 at 6:00pm, the Nelsonville Public Library, 95 W. Washington, Nelsonville. A third hearing will be conducted on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6pm at the Hocking County Fairgrounds, Youth Building, Logan."