

# Athens-Hocking Solid Waste Management Plan Update 2025-2040 Fact Sheet

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## 1 What is the Solid Waste District?

A state law mandated the establishment of The District, compelling every county or group of counties to devise a solid waste disposal plan that includes achieving a 25% recycling rate.

## 2 Who governs the District?

The Athens and Hocking County Commissioners appoint the Director, who supervises the budget, ensures compliance with the Plan, and maintains financial accountability for the District.

## 3 What does the District do for residents ?

- Maintains 22 Household Recycling Drop-Off Sites;
- Holds four Recycling Days
- Collects Batteries at Local Libraries
- Collects Hard to Recycle Materials at Sutton Road Recycling Center

## 5 What does the District do for organizations & businesses?

- Provides Recycling Racks & Bags for collecting recycling at events
- Provides Dumpsters for Recycling Collection
- Technical & Recycling Assistance

## 7 Where do you call or go if I need assistance?

- 22 Drop-off locations
- Call 740-753-6885
- Email [ahswd@nelsonvillev.com](mailto:ahswd@nelsonvillev.com)
- Office: 1121 Chestnut, Nelsonville
- Sutton Recycling Center, 33845 Sutton Road, Logan

## 4 What does the District do for communities?

- Assists with Illegal Dumping
- Collects Abandoned Tires
- Grants for Clean up Days
- Provides litter and Clean up day Supplies (bags, gloves & grabbers)

## 6 What educational resources does the District have?

- Move On Guide
- [RecyclingTrail.com](http://RecyclingTrail.com)
- Hotline for hard to recycle materials
- Brochures, Fact Sheets & Presentations
- Recycling Trail Maps
  - Donating, Automobile & Antiquing Trails

## 8 Who is on the Policy Committee?

As required by law, the Policy Committee consists of representatives from various entities, including the County Commission, Health Commissioners, Township Representatives, Mayors of largest cities, Business Representatives, Citizens, Environmental Groups, and a 15th member as a tiebreaker voted by the 14 appointed members.

# THE PLAN INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS:

DISTRICT PROFILE  
WASTE GENERATION  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING  
BUDGET

THE PLAN CAN BE FOUND AT LOCAL LIBRARIES & ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://AHSWD.ORG/ABOUT-US/SOLID-WASTE-PLAN/](https://ahswd.org/about-us/solid-waste-plan/)

## **1 What Does the Plan Require?**

The State Plan requires the District to develop a plan to do the following:

- Meet reduction and recycling goals of at least 25%
- Conduct Education & Outreach
- Develop programs for tires, Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics, etc.
- Develop Economic Incentives
- Market Development
- Reporting

## **2 What is in the Draft Plan?**

The Draft Plan includes funding for:

- Maintain the Sutton Road Recycling Center for hard to recycle materials
- Maintain the drop-off Sites
- Hold Recycling Day events four (4) time a year
- Develop a Household Chemical Collection Program
- Battery recycling at libraries
- Conduct education & outreach
- Programs for recycling & clean up days
- Develop new programs as funding allows

## **3 How will the Plan be Funded?**

The District is proposing to raise the Generation Fee from 3.00/Ton to \$5.00/Ton and landfill rates (\$1/\$2/\$1/ Ton) to (\$2/\$2/\$2) and user fees for some collections. This is only the 2nd time the District has raised the fees since 1993.

## **4 How much will this generate for the District?**

New Proposed Fees will generate:

Landfill Fees:	\$406,038
Generation Fees:	\$253,989
<u>User Fees:</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$670,027

## **5 Where will the Funds Go?**

### **2025 Budget**

Drop-Off Sites pick up & processing	\$ 420,000
Administration (1 staff & office)	\$ 150,000
Events & Special Collections	\$ 45,000
Education/Awareness	\$ 14,000
<u>Match for Grants</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$ 649,000

## **6 How Does the Plan Get Approved?**

Following Public Hearings, the Policy Committee will make revisions and then finalize the Plan. Once endorsed, all 41 jurisdictions will have 90 days to approve the plan. The County Commissioners and the cities of Athens & Logan are required to pass a resolution for Plan approval. Other jurisdictions are asked to pass a resolutions supporting the plan. Approval from jurisdictions representing 60% of the population is necessary. The ratified Plan is then submitted to the OEPA for the ultimate approval. If not ratified, the OEPA will writes the plan.