

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026-2040 Auglaize County Solid Waste Management Plan update in Format 4.2 was prepared to demonstrate compliance with the 2020 State Plan. The Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District (District) must update their plan every five years and demonstrate compliance with the ten state goals and ensure that the District has adequate landfill and other processing capacity during the current planning period. In addition, the Plan Update must describe programming that will be implemented during the Planning Period and provide assurance that there is adequate financial resources to support the District's strategies.

On February 17, 1989, the Board of Commissioners of Auglaize County formed the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District (District) (Appendix A). The District includes all incorporated and unincorporated territory in Auglaize County.

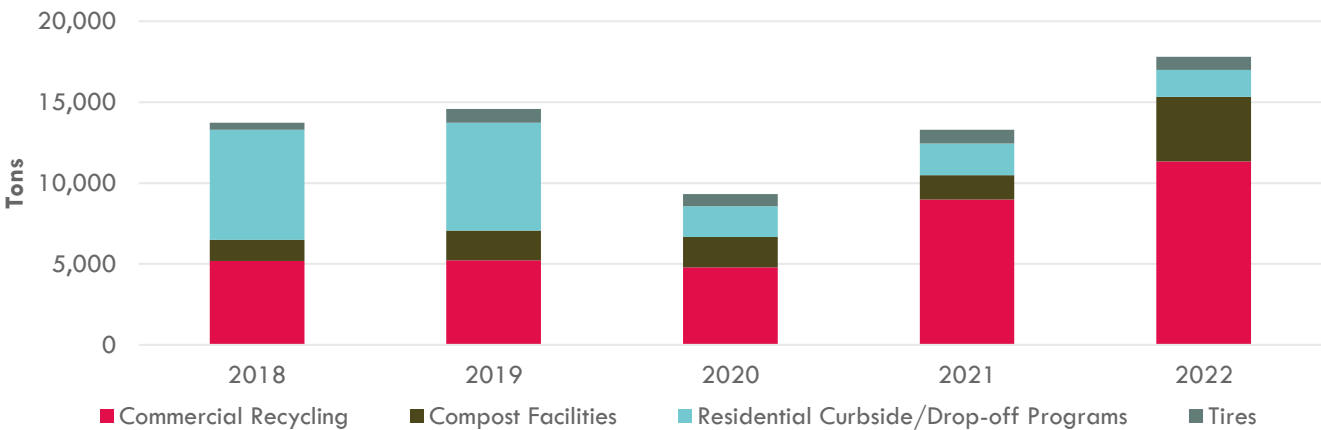
Plan Update – Key Takeaways

- The District is above the 25% state diversion goal for the residential/commercial waste stream with a 41.6% diversion rate.
- The District provides ample support and access to recycling through community drop-offs and a material recovery facility which collects and processes recyclables from the drop-off and curbside recycling programs.
- An education and outreach mailer campaign has been used to increase awareness of District programs and locations where residents can bring recycling and hard-to-recycle materials.
- With this plan update, the District reserves the option to switch from a generation fee to a designation fee in 2026.
- The District has outlined options for an updated facility, including a drive-through drop-off center building for HHW, offices, training and conference center, storage, and server rooms.

Current Diversion

During the 2022 planning year, the District diverted 41.6% of the residential/commercial waste stream. However, the District recognizes from recent research that over 24 thousand tons of material was landfilled of which the majority (76%) had the potential to be reused, recycled or composted.

Figure E-1 Historical Recycling by General Material Category: 2018-2022



Source(s): Tables E-7

Plan Programming

The following existing and new programs are included in the plan update. Appendix I provides further information.

EXISTING RECYCLING PROGRAMS

- Three - Curbside Collection Programs
- Ten - Drop Off Collection Locations
- District Commercial Collection Program
- Yard Waste and Brush Collections Programs
- Drop Off Collection - HHW, Paint, E-Waste, Appliances, PVC Pipes, Plastic Bags, Vinyl Siding, Batteries, Light Bulbs
- Paper Shredding
- Scrap Tire Collection and Recycling
- Auglaize Recycling Facility Recycling Processing Operations

EXISTING EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- District Website and Facebook Page
- In School Educational Presentations and Resources
- Outreach to Commercial and Industrial
- Public Communications of Special Events
- Adult, Civic Groups, and Community Presentations
- Elected Officials Outreach and Education
- Food Waste Reduction Education and Awareness
- Promotion of PAYT Disposal Programs
- Promotion of Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal

EXISTING OTHER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Partnership with Pratt Industries
- Industrial and Commercial Recycling and Waste Reduction Programming Waste Audits and Grant Writing Assistance
- Promotion of the Ohio EPA Materials Marketplace
- Data Collection for Ohio EPA Reports
- Partnerships with Businesses, Industries, and Solid Waste Districts
- Closed Landfill Inspections
- No increase in current Generation Fee and Parcel Fee

NEW PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Work with St. Mary's – Add Cardboard
- Encourage local communities to include District Programs on websites.
- Expand Education on Rigid Plastics
- Enhance Website
- Education Presentation Request Form
- Promote other HHW outlets and alternatives
- Safe Pharmaceuticals Disposal References
- Expand Recycling Drop Off Locations and Commercial Collections
- Continuously review other new programming based on revenues and need

Planning Period Financial Summary

The District will finance the updated Solid Waste Plan through the continued reliance on a \$7.65 generation fee on all District solid waste landfilled in Ohio. The District anticipates the need for a fee increase in 2030 and will update financial options in 2028 with approval of the Board. The District will evaluate in 2026 the need to replace the generation fee with a designation based on volumes of waste directed out-of-state. The District reserves the right to delay implementation. The Financial Summary Statement illustrates an option of using the accumulated fund balance to finance a \$2.5M facility update in 2030. The District has also developed an alternative budget that provides a partial financing option providing for an accelerated 2026 facility update.

