PUBLIC NOTICE AUGLAIZE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for Draft Auglaize County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Updated 30-day Comment Period Dates)

The Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period (Friday, May 10, 2019 through Saturday, June 8, 2019) on the draft Auglaize County 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 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, budget and fees to finance the Plan, and District rules.

This draft is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This Plan Update details existing programs, including residential recycling education and awareness programs, market development activities, and other programs such as the business waste assessment program and financial incentive programs. Other specific programs include curbside recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste management, household hazardous management, used oil management, scrap tire management, battery recycling, appliance collection, special event recycling, glass bar and residential recycling, paper shredding, annual surveying and multi-family housing recycling.

The draft Plan Update includes a demonstration of access to capacity and determines there is more than fifteen years of landfill capacity available to the District. This draft Plan Update continues to authorize the Board of Auglaize County Commissioners to establish facility designations in accordance with Section 343.013 and 343.014 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The draft Plan Update includes a detailed siting strategy for the submission and review of plans, specifications, and applications of the siting strategy to proposed solid waste facilities including the maximum feasible utilization and exemption of existing in-District facilities.

The draft Plan Update complies with State Plan Goal #1, which states that the District will ensure the availability of recycling and other waste reduction methods that are alternatives to landfilling for residential/commercial solid waste.

The District currently funds plan programs and current operations through a generation fee collected on all District-generated solid waste of \$9.00 per ton, but will be decreasing the generation fee to \$7.65 per ton in 2020. Additionally, the District funds programs through recycling revenue, rates and charges, state grants, special projects, reimbursements, and special projects and projects to earn additional revenue during the planning period on glass fees, paper shred fees, aluminum buyback, and MRF tipping fees. The District reserves the right to implement any of the finding mechanisms listed above at any point in the planning period.

The District will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Auglaize County Administration Building, 209 South Blackhoof Street, Room 201, Wapakoneta, OH 45895.

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update from Friday, May 10, 2019 through Saturday, June 8, 2019. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Scott Cisco, District Coordinator, 15502 St. Marys River Road, St. Marys, OH 45885.

The draft Plan Update is available for review at the Auglaize County Solid Waste District, 15502 St. Marys River Road, St. Marys, OH 45885 during normal business hours, the Auglaize County Commissioner's office at 209 South Blackhoof Street, Room 201, Wapakoneta, OH 45895, and on the District's website at https://www2.auglaizecounty.org/resources/recycling-solid-waste. Please call (419) 394-6721 with any questions about the Plan Update or the opportunity to review a copy.