



# Minutes

## Trash and Recycling Advisory Committee (TARA) *City of Milton Solid Waste Management Plan Kick-Off Meeting*

**Date:** November 6, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Attendees:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	OTHERS
Kathy Reed, Keep North Fulton Beautiful	Jennifer Szabo, Department of Community Affairs
Jim Lozen, Waste Management	Dan Drake, Director of Public Works, City of Milton
Marc Arrington, Julie Zahner-Bailey's appointee	Courtney Reich, Ecological Planning Group (EPG)
Ron Hardy, Bill Lusk's appointee	Ron Feldner, Ecological Solutions
Jim Hilly, Karen Thurman's appointee	Vic Jones, Jones Consulting Group
	Erik Alford, Ecological Solutions

### Discussion Items:

1. Marc opened the meeting and reviewed the action items on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting summary. The action items listed below must still be completed.
2. A quorum was not present so the committee was unable to formally adopt the minutes from the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, although there was no additional comment on the minutes from the members present nor had any been received prior to the meeting.
3. Courtney reviewed the Solid Waste Survey from the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and asked the group to provide comments on the Waste System Assessment provided to the group as read ahead material. She further assured the group that they could still provide written, electronic or verbal comments on the system assessment as it was still in draft form.
4. The committee members and other attendees were then split into two groups to perform the needs assessment on the System Assessment. The following is a summary of the needs and goals identified by the various groups:

#### Waste Collection: Group # 1:

- Add convenient centers in Milton for recycling drop off.
- Establish a facility to accommodate recycling drop off. Assess the viability of DCA/GEFA grants for this purpose.
- Identify locations for this recycling facility.
- Increase the number of recycling centers.
- Enforce solid waste ordinance requirements for tonnage requirements.

- Increase convenience of recycling to increase participation by allowing for single-stream recycling.
- Air quality is an issue due to the multiple haulers making multiple trips to the same area.

#### Waste Reduction: Group # 1

- There needs to be electronic documentation of recyclables collected.
- Investigate a program that would give people credit/incentives/rewards for the amount they recycled. See Oak Ridge, TN example.
- There is a need for a compost site for yard waste. See Snellville and/or Athens/Clarke County.
- Milton should participate in "Freecycle.org"
- Survey the existing businesses to see what recycling programs they participate in or would like to have available to them.
- Expand options for workplace recycling.

#### Public Education: Group #1

- Promote businesses that offer recycling.
- Encourage a reduction in generation of household waste through education.
- Promote on-site composting.
- The City needs to better publicize amnesty events that it participates in with other jurisdictions/agencies.
- The City should also consider a Milton-only amnesty event.
- There needs to be more education for both citizens and businesses on the available recycling options.
- Promote recycling at all public City events.
- Expand outreach to schools and businesses.

#### Waste Disposal: Group #2

- The plan needs to clearly differentiate between Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D).
- The 10-year capacity needs to be assured for all landfills, but not for transfer stations.
- Ensure space is available in local landfills for MSW generated in the city.
- Identify and confirm Debris Management sites in Milton.
- Perform environmental permitting and get applicable land use variances for these sites in accordance with EPD requirements.
- Identify and locate a recycling center in or near the City. This site should "fill in the gap" between existing stations in surrounding jurisdictions.
- Investigate the potential of working with the Roswell recycling facility to receive recyclables from a future Milton recycling location.
- There is a need for household hazardous amnesty days/disposal locations in Milton.

#### Land Limitations: Group #2

- Maintain City maps/GIS database with regard to environmental, land use, and zoning limitations for solid waste facilities within the City.
- Ensure that any new or expanded facilities are compliant with State and federal regulations as well as local requirements.
- Understand the future of and the owner's plans for Chadwick landfill.
- Explore and eliminate any loopholes in the City's zoning code and special use permit requirements that will allow for the siting of unwanted solid waste facilities.

- Ensure that the recommendations of this plan are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and are ultimately included in the City's code.
- Provide guidance on the need to better improve consistency between the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Comprehensive Plan and the City's code.
- Identify any additional limiting factors that the City wishes to consider beyond that which is required by EPD.
- Coordinate this plan with the Milton CPAC committee.

**Next meeting: December 4, 2008.**

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**Action Items:**

- Marc will reach out to CPAC about the need to coordinate our plans.
- Dan will request copies of the Gwinnett and Cobb County Solid Waste Ordinances from Jen.
- Marc will identify members for a subcommittee to review and make recommendations on the City's existing Solid Waste Ordinance.
- Ed will clarify the tables in the SWMP with examples.
- Ed will clarify sources in the SWMP Introduction.
- Ed will email the Powerpoint presentation to TARA members.
- Marc Arrington to provide information on specific certification programs or grants that will help identify certain goals required to attain those certifications.
- The committee will have to adopt the Minutes from October and November at the next meeting, assuming there is a quorum.
- Courtney will forward ordinances to the committee for reference.
- Courtney will add Jim Hilley to the Invitee list.

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