

# I SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INFORMATION

**Table i-1 Solid Waste Management District Information**

<b>SWMD Name</b>	Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties
Member Counties	Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties
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**Table i-2 Members of the Policy Committee/Board of Trustees**

Member Name	Representing
<b>Defiance County</b>	
Michael Pocratsky	County Commissioners
Dana Phipps or Matthew Koester	County Commissioner Designee
Mayor of Defiance - Michael McMann	CEO Municipal Corporations of largest population within county
Melinda Sprow	Mayor Designee
Dan Peck, Defiance Township Trustee	Townships
Jamie Gerken	Health Commissioner
Michael Prigge	Health Commissioner Designee
<b>Fulton County</b>	
Jon Rupp	County Commissioners
Randy Mahlman	County Commissioner Designee
Mayor of Wauseon - Kathy Huner	CEO Municipal Corporations of largest population within county
Keith Torbet	Mayor Designee
Jon Ehram, Pike Township Trustee	Townships
Kimberly A. Cupp	Health Commissioner
Pat Wiemken	Health Commissioner Designee
<b>Paulding County</b>	
Mike Weible	County Commissioners
Mark Holtsberry or Lisa McClure	County Commissioner Designee
Village of Paulding Mayor - Greg White	CEO Municipal Corporations of largest population within county
Jason Vance	Mayor Designee
George Suvar	Townships
Joseph Kuhn	Health Commissioner
Brandi Schrader	Health Commissioner Designee
<b>Williams County</b>	
Terry Rummel	County Commissioners
Bart Westfall or Scott Lirot	County Commissioner Designee
Mayor of Bryan - Carrie M. Schlade	CEO Municipal Corporations of largest population within county
None	Mayor Designee
Mike Elser, Bridgewater Township Trustee	Townships
Oscar Hernandez III	Health Commissioner
Shannon Trausch	Health Commissioner Designee

**Table i-3 Chairperson of the Policy Committee or Board of Trustees**

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**Table i-4 Board of County Commissioners/Board of Directors**

Commissioner Name	County	Chairperson/President
Michael Pocratsky	Defiance	Chairperson/President
Dana Phipps	Defiance	
Matthew Koester	Defiance	
Jon Rupp	Fulton	Chairperson/President
Jeff Rupp	Fulton	
Joe Short	Fulton	
Mike Weible	Paulding	Chairperson/President
Mark Holtsberry	Paulding	
Lisa McClure	Paulding	
Terry Rummel	Williams	Chairperson/President
Bart Westfall	Williams	
Scott Lirot	Williams	

**Technical Advisory Committee  
NONE**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **A. Introduction to Solid Waste Planning in Ohio**

In 1988, Ohio faced a combination of solid waste management programs, including rapidly declining disposal capacity at existing landfills, increasing quantities of waste being generated and disposed, environmental problems at many existing solid waste disposal facilities and increasing quantities of waste being imported into Ohio from other states. These issues combined with Ohio's outdated and incomplete solid waste regulations caused Ohio's General Assembly to pass House Bill (H.B.) 592. H.B. 592 dramatically revised Ohio's outdated solid waste regulatory program and established a comprehensive solid waste planning process.

There are three overriding purposes of this planning process: to reduce the amount of waste Ohioans generate and dispose of; to ensure that Ohio has adequate, protective capacity at landfills to dispose of its waste; and to reduce Ohio's reliance on landfills.

### **B. Requirements of County and Joint Solid Waste Management Districts**

#### **1. Structure**

As a result of H.B. 592, each of the eighty-eight counties in Ohio must be a member of a solid waste management district (SWMD). A SWMD is formed by county commissioners through a resolution. A board of county commissioners has the option of forming a single county SWMD or joining with the board(s) of county commissioners from one, or more counties to form a multi-county SWMD. Ohio currently has 52 SWMDs. Of these, 37 are single counties and 15 are multi county SWMDs.<sup>1</sup>

A SWMD is governed by two bodies. The first is the board of directors which consists of the county commissioners from all counties in the SWMD. The second is a policy committee. The policy committee is responsible for developing a solid waste management plan for the SWMD. The board of directors is responsible for implementing the policy committee's solid waste management plan.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Counties have the option of forming either a SWMD or a regional solid waste management authority (Authority). The majority of planning districts in Ohio are SWMDs, and Ohio EPA generally uses 'solid waste management district', or "SWMD", to refer to both SWMDs and Authorities.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of an Authority, it is a board of trustees that prepares, adopts, and submits the solid waste management plan. Whereas a SWMD has two governing bodies, a policy committee and board of directors, an Authority has one governing body, the board of trustees. The board of trustees performs all the duties of a SWMD's board of directors and policy committee.

1. In its solid waste management plan, the policy committee must, among other things, demonstrate that the SWMD will have access to at least 10 years of landfill capacity to manage all the SWMDs solid wastes that will be disposed. The solid waste management plan must also show how the SWMD will meet the waste reduction and recycling goals established in Ohio's state solid waste management plan and present a budget for implementing the solid waste management plan.

Solid waste management plans must contain the information and data prescribed in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3734.53. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-90. Ohio EPA prescribes the format that details the information that is provided and the manner in which that information is presented.

The policy committee begins by preparing a draft of the solid waste management plan. After completing the draft version, the policy committee submits the draft to Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA reviews the draft and provides the policy committee with comments. After revising the draft to address Ohio EPA's comments the policy committee makes the plan available to the public for comment, holds a public hearing and revises the plan as necessary to address the public's comments.

Next, the policy committee ratifies the plan. Ratification is the process that the policy committee must follow to give the SWMDs communities the opportunity to approve or reject the draft plan. Once the plan is ratified, the policy committee submits the ratified plan to Ohio EPA for review and approval or disapproval. From start to finish, preparing a solid waste management plan can take up to 33 months.

The policy committee is required to submit periodic updates to its solid waste management plan to Ohio EPA. How often the policy committee must update its plan depends upon the number of years in the planning period. For an approved plan that covers a planning period of between 10 and 15 years, the policy committee must submit a revised plan to Ohio EPA within three years of the date the plan was approved or if an approved plan that covers a planning period of 15 or more years, the policy committee must submit a revised plan to Ohio EPA within five years of the date the plan was approved.

#### **A. District Overview**

The Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams counties was created in 1989 after many discussions with Ohio EPA. The Defiance County Commissioners wanted to become a single county district, but it was determined then that the counties would better serve their constituents as a joint district. On August 4, 1992, the first solid waste management district plan was approved.

The District is unique as it does not own any buildings or have a staff. The District allows each county to address the recycling needs of their residents to meet or exceed the district's recycling programs, per the approved SWMD plan. Each county has a Program Manager/County Coordinator (PMCC) that manages, reports, and tracks all recycling programs for that county. The district office is located at Defiance County and serves as the liaison for each county. The positions held for the district; secretary, district coordinator and district office coordinator oversees the meetings, agendas, social media, field recycling phone calls and directs residents to the appropriate county contact. The district office is also responsible for the Annual District Survey Report, District Facebook Page, and the updates to the district plan.

The District is committed to providing and promoting recycling opportunities, waste reduction, and responsible disposal of all waste from households, retail establishments, institutions, small businesses, industries, and schools. All residents in each county have access to drop-off recycling trailers that will accept cardboard, paper, pressboard, plastic bottles and jugs, newspapers, aluminum cans, and steel cans. Communities will be served by the Office/Institution and Small Business recycling collection program. Schools' districts within the four counties are incredibly involved with the local recycling collection program and the district also supports and promotes presentations within the schools to bring awareness and enact behavioral change to our youth, creating current and future environmental stewards. The district's unique formation of each county managing their recycling programs to achieve the state's goals has been proven successful. The district has exceeded the State's recycling percentages since the creation of the district and the required survey reporting.

The Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams counties is fortunate to have two MSW Landfills and two permitted Transfer Stations. The landfills each have decades of air space available and will serve the district's needs for years to come. The District continues to work in a cost-effective manner, using the tier disposal fee and solid waste contract fee to support House Bill 592 programming. The tier fee is \$1.00 per ton on in-district solid waste, \$2.00 per ton on out-of-district waste, and \$1.00 per ton on out-of-state waste. A contract fee was implemented in 2015 for an additional \$2.00 per ton on in-district waste received anywhere by designated facilities. An additional \$1.00 per ton Host Fee on out-of state waste is an agreement between the district and the Defiance County Landfill and the Williams County Landfill. These fees provide financial stability to the district, and they will not need to increase the fee structure for this plan update.

#### **A. Waste Reductional and Recycling Goals**

As explained earlier, a SWMD must achieve goals established in the state solid waste management plan. The current state solid waste management plan is the 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan. The 2020 State Plan establishes ten goals as follows:

The SWMD shall provide its resident and commercial businesses with access to opportunity to recycle solid waste. At a minimum, a SWMD must

1. provide access to recycling opportunities to 80% of its residential population in each county and ensure that commercial generators have access to adequate recycling opportunities.
2. The SWMD shall reduce and recycle at least 25 percent of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector.
3. The SWMD shall provide the following required programs, a Web Site, a Comprehensive Resource Guide, an Inventory of Available Infrastructure and a Speaker or a Presenter.
4. The SWMD shall provide education, outreach, marketing, and technical assistance regarding reduction, recycling, composting, reuse and other alternative waste management methods to identify target audiences using best practices.
5. The SWMD shall incorporate a strategic initiative for the industrial sector into its solid waste management plan.
6. The SWMD shall provide strategies for managing scrap tires, yard waste, lead-acid batteries, household hazardous waste, and obsolete/end of life electronic devices.
7. The SWMD shall explore how to incorporate economic incentives into source reduction and recycling programs.
8. The SWMD will use U.S. EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) (or an equivalent) to evaluate the impact of recycling programs on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
9. The SWMD has the option of providing programs to develop markets for recyclable materials and the use of recycled-content materials.
10. The SWMD shall report annually to Ohio EPA regarding implementation of SWMD's solid waste management plan.

SWMD's are encouraged but not required to demonstrate they will achieve both Goal 1 and Goal 2. SWMD's have the option of meeting either Goal 1 or Goal 2 for their SWMD plans. Many of the programs and services that SWMD uses to achieve Goal 1 also helps the SWMD make progress toward achieving Goal 2 and vice versa.

SWMD's solid waste management plan will provide programs to meet up to eight of the listed ten goals. Goal 9 (market development) is optional. Goal ten requires submitting annual reports to Ohio EPA, providing evidence that the approved Solid Waste Plan is implemented each year and the district is meeting or exceeding the State's recycling goals.

See Chapter 5 and Appendix I for descriptions of the programs the District will use to achieve these goals.