

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 18-23**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 BUTLER COUNTY RECYCLING AND  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3734, Ohio Revised Code (the Act), the Butler County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee (the "Policy Committee") has adopted the 15 year Butler County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2018-2032) for Butler county "Solid Waste Management District (the District); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, all political subdivisions within the District must approve or disapprove the proposed Plan by ordinance or resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, successful ratification requires approval of the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan by political subdivisions representing at least 60% of the District's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has provided a compact disc and executive summary of the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan for ratification to each of the legislative authorities of the District.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township must decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan within ninety days of receipt of the Draft Plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township has reviewed the Plan and has determined that the Butler County Solid Waste Management Plan is in the best interests of its constituents and the citizens of Butler County.

**WHEREAS**, the Plan includes a detailed budget outlining revenues and operational costs, and continues the provision of a solid waste generation fee to fund the Plan. The generation fee is assessed on all waste generated in Butler County and tipped in Ohio landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, the solid waste generation fee is scheduled to increase from \$0.82/ton to \$1.00/ton effective January 1, 2020, and such fee remains among the lowest in the State of Ohio, and will support implementation of programs and services specified in the 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

**SECTION 1:** Fairfield Township in Butler County, Ohio approves/disapproves the 2018 Butler County Solid Waste District Management Plan.

**SECTION 2:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Fairfield Township Trustees concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution/ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Fairfield Township Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3:** The Clerk is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this resolution to the attention of Anne Fiehrer Flaig, District Coordinator, Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District, 130 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011.

**SECTION 4:** The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

**SECTION 5:** This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

**SECTION 6:** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 7:** This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

**Adopted:** January 24, 2018

**Board of Trustees**

**Vote of Trustees**

Susan Berding:	<u>Susan Berding</u>	<u>yes</u>
Shannon Hartkemeyer:	<u>Shannon Hartkemeyer</u>	<u>yes</u>
Joe McAbee:	<u>Joe McAbee</u>	<u>yes</u>

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed, and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

Shelly Schultz  
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

L.E. Barbieri  
Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Law Director



January 3, 2018

Fairfield Township Trustees  
Ms. Julie Vonderhaar, Township Administrator  
6032 Morris Rd.  
Hamilton, OH 45011

Via Certified Mail

Re: *2018 Solid Waste Management Plan Update*

Dear Ms. Vonderhaar, Ms. Berding, Ms. Hartkemeyer, and Mr. McAbee:

Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District's (District) seeks approval of its 15-year Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2018-2032).

As required by Ohio law, the District established a thirty day public comment period from October 16, 2017 to November 14, 2017 with a public hearing held November 20, 2017 for interested residents, businesses and political jurisdictions to provide comments on the proposed Solid Waste Plan. The only comments received originated from a Butler County township seeking installation of roadside litter signage on township roadways. There was consensus among the Solid Waste Policy Committee that a combination of funding from the Solid Waste District and collaboration with the Butler County Engineer would result in strategic placement of signage to address roadside litter. Funds have been earmarked in the Plan Update to address this request.

The Solid Waste Plan Update includes provision for a solid waste generation fee increase of \$0.18/ton, which will result in a generation fee of \$1.00/ton effective January 1, 2020. The solid waste generation fee is assessed on waste generated within Butler County and tipped in Ohio transfer stations and/or landfills.

Enclosed you will find:

- A sample resolution for approving the Plan Update
- An Executive Summary outlining key provisions of the 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan
- A Compact Disc with the Solid Waste Management Plan

A complete Plan document is also available to download at [www.butlercountyrecycles.org](http://www.butlercountyrecycles.org).

The District has chosen the ratification period: **January 4 - April 3, 2018**. Within **ninety (90) days** of receiving a copy of the Solid Waste Plan Update, the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township in the District shall approve or disapprove the proposal by ordinance or resolution to the District.

The District determines that the Plan Update has been ratified when a combination of municipal and township jurisdictions with a combined population comprising 60 percent of the District has approved the Plan. That combination must include the approval of the County Commissioners and the municipal corporation having the largest population within the District (City of Hamilton). According to Ohio Revised Code 3437.57, if any such board or legislative authority fails to adopt and deliver to the policy committee an ordinance or resolution approving or disapproving the Solid Waste Management Plan Update within ninety days after the policy committee delivered its resolution adopting the proposed Plan, it shall be presumed that the board or legislative authority has disapproved the Plan Update.

Due to the 90 day timeframe - which cannot be extended - we appreciate your immediate attention to this request. A sample resolution is attached for your convenience. Please mail your resolution or ordinance approving or disapproving the Plan Update to:

Ms. Anne Fiehrer Flaig, Director  
Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District  
130 High Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

**Phone:** 513-887-3963

**Fax:** 513-887-3777

**Email:** FiehrerFlaigEA@butlercountyohio.org

A self-addressed, postage paid envelope has been included for your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you between January 4 - April 3, 2018. Resolutions approving or disapproving the plan enacted outside of the time period stated above cannot be counted. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

I am available to share a brief powerpoint presentation about the county Solid Waste Plan with council members, if this is helpful.

Sincerely,

**BUTLER COUNTY RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

  
Anne Fiehrer Flaig

Enclosure

# BUTLER COUNTY RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DISTRICT



## 2018 PLAN UPDATE SUMMARY

### Background:

As a result of House Bill 592, each Ohio county is required to establish or join other counties to form a solid waste management district. There are 52 solid waste districts in Ohio. Butler County Solid Waste Management District was established in 1989 and is in compliance with regulations and goals set by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). Ohio EPA requires that nine waste reduction strategies be implemented that will enable the District to meet following the goals:

#### Goal #1

Ensure adequate infrastructure for residents and businesses to recycle solid waste.

#### Goal #2

Reduce/recycle at least 25 percent of the waste generated by the residential/commercial sector and 66 percent of waste generated by the industrial sector.

#### Goal #3

Provide a web site, resource guide, inventory of available infrastructure, and a speaker or presenter.

#### Goal #4

Provide education, outreach, and technical assistance regarding reduction, recycling composting, reuse and other alternative waste management methods to target audiences.

#### Goal #5

Provide strategies for scrap tires, lead-acid batteries, household hazardous wastes, yard waste, and electronic devices.

#### Goal #6

Explore economic incentives for source reduction and recycling programs.

#### Goal #7

Evaluate the impact of recycling programs on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

#### Goal #8

Option of providing programs to develop markets for recyclable materials and recycled-content materials.

#### Goal #9

Report annually to Ohio EPA regarding implementation of the District's solid waste management plan.

Per Ohio law, each Solid Waste District develops a long term (15 year) solid waste management plan. The Plan must: demonstrate access to at least 10 years of landfill capacity for all solid waste generated within the county; demonstrate strategies to meet waste reduction and recycling goals established by Ohio EPA; and, provide a budget for financing and implementing the Plan.

### Structure:

Butler County is a single county solid waste management District governed by the Board of County Commissioners and the policy committee. Day to day District operation is the responsibility of Solid Waste District staff. District staff are under the general supervision of Butler County Water and Sewer Department and the Butler County Commissioners.

Butler County's integrated solid waste management plan relies heavily on neighboring counties for landfill, transfer facility, and recycling processing infrastructure. The Solid Waste District operates in an open market system - customers have a choice of waste hauler in a competitive marketplace.

### Analysis:

Using 2014 as the baseline reference year, the methods of managing waste and volumes of waste were analyzed. Total waste generated in Butler County was 678,445 tons (CY 2014), a per person generation of 9.90 pounds per person per day. Of this, approximately 65 percent is generated from the residential/commercial sector, 15 percent from the industrial sector, and 20 percent is exempt. Recycling activity captured 14 percent of all waste generated, composting accounts for 1 percent and 85 percent of waste is disposed.

In addition to above services, residents can expect an expansion of services to include electronics as well as emphasis on community stakeholder outreach to foster additional subscription curbside recycling participation. These new programs include:

- *Electronics Program (television and computer drop-off)*
- *Township Trustee Outreach (educate on availability of recycling to achieve best recycling rate)*
- *Resident Outreach (to most populated areas of the county)*

## Revenue and Investment:

The District's primary funding source is revenue derived from a solid waste generation fee. Generation fees are collected on each ton of solid waste that is generated within the levying District and accepted at either a transfer facility or landfill located in Ohio. Revenues are forecasted to remain static based on lack of growth in revenues over the past 4 years. At the current \$0.82 per ton generation fee the District is spending out of its reserve funds. As such, this Plan ratifies a fee increase of \$0.18 per ton. The \$1 per ton generation fee is expected to result in approximately \$80,000 in additional annual revenue to ensure programming planned in this Plan Update will be implemented. The budget set forth in the Plan Update reduces the reserve funds to maintain a 12-month operating budget. Priorities are to keep the generation fee at the minimum level needed. Collection of the increased generation fee will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of \_\_\_\_\_ Township Trustees, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

**In Favor:**

**Opposed:**

**Abstain:**