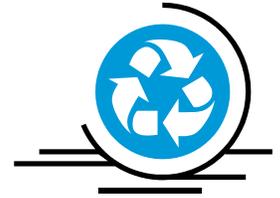


## Local Solid Waste Management Plans

House Bill 592 (HB 592), signed into law on June 24, 1988, dramatically revised Ohio's outdated solid waste regulatory program. The law also established a solid waste management planning program to be implemented at both the state and local government levels. The bill emphasized the need to reduce Ohio's reliance on landfills for the disposal of waste by increasing solid waste reuse, recycling and minimization efforts. This fact sheet is one in a series explaining the provisions of HB 592 that make up Ohio's solid waste management planning program.



### Applicable Law and Regulations

- Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.53 (required contents of a solid waste management plan (plan))
- Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-90 (standards for solid waste management districts (SWMDs))
- ORC Sections 3734.54 through 3734.56 (plan preparation, review, and approval).

### What is a Local Solid Waste Management Plan?

Each Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) and regional solid waste management authority (authority) in Ohio is required to prepare, receive approval of and implement a local solid waste management plan (plan). A plan is a formal document that serves two main functions:

- it provides for the safe management of the solid waste generated within the SWMD or authority for a minimum of 10 years; and
- it demonstrates how the SWMD or authority will achieve the goals established in the state solid waste management plan (state plan).

Plans are prepared by a SWMD's policy committee or an authority's board of trustees. Plans are implemented by the board of county commissioners of a single county SWMD, the board of directors of a joint county SWMD or the board of trustees of an authority.

[For simplicity, the rest of this document uses SWMD to mean SWMD or authority and policy committee to mean policy committee or board of trustees.]

Plans are prepared in accordance with a format prescribed by Ohio EPA (the *Solid Waste Management District Plan Format*). This format acts as instructions for preparing a plan.

### Contents of a Solid Waste Management Plan

As prescribed in law, a plan is required to include:

- an inventory of solid waste management facilities used by the SWMD in the reference year;
- estimates of waste generated, disposed and reduced/recycled by the SWMD in the reference year;
- an inventory of existing reduction and recycling programs;
- projections of waste to be generated, disposed and reduced/recycled for each year in the planning period;
- an account of how the SWMD's waste will be managed throughout the planning period;
- a demonstration of access to adequate disposal capacity;
- strategies to meet the goals of the state plan;
- strategies to reduce the amount of waste generated at the source;
- strategies to manage restricted and difficult to manage wastes, such as yard waste, lead-acid batteries, scrap tires and household hazardous waste;
- a schedule to implement the plan; and,
- a budget that demonstrates the SWMD will have adequate finances to fund planned programs.

Some of the key requirements of a plan are described on the following page.

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## Reference Year

The policy committee first establishes a reference year. The policy committee then collects solid waste generation, disposal, and recycling data for that year. This data serves as baseline data and is collected from reports submitted to Ohio EPA by facility owners and surveys conducted by the policy committee. The policy committee also describes and analyzes all of the programs that the SWMD was offering in the reference year.

## Planning Period

The policy committee establishes a planning period which must cover a minimum of 10 years. The policy committee uses the baseline data to make projections for solid waste generation, reduction, and disposal for all years in the selected planning period.

## Strategies to Meet the Goals of the State Plan

Each SWMD must provide programs to meet the goals of the state plan. These strategies and a schedule for implementing them must be described in detail in the plan. The policy committee has flexibility to determine what programs are appropriate for their residents and businesses. However, the policy committee must demonstrate, in its plan, how those strategies meet the goals of the current state plan.

## Access to Adequate Disposal Capacity

The plan is required to demonstrate that there will be enough capacity at nearby landfills for all of the waste the SWMD will dispose of over the entire planning period. If the policy committee determines that there will not be enough disposal capacity, then the plan must describe steps the SWMD will take to make needed capacity available.

## Budget

The plan must demonstrate how the SWMD will fund all programs that the SWMD will implement during the planning period. This demonstration must show that the SWMD will have adequate income to balance its budget for the entire planning period. If the SWMD will need more revenue during the planning period, then the policy committee can raise that money by levying solid waste fees, either with or separate from the plan.

## Rules

The plan must contain a statement as to whether the policy committee authorizes the board to or precludes the board from adopting rules.

## Designation

The plan must contain a statement as to whether the policy committee authorizes the board to or precludes the board from adopting and enforcing rules.

## Related Documents

The Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM) developed a series of fact sheets describing the requirements from HB 592 that apply to Ohio's solid waste management planning program. The document numbers and titles of other available fact sheets are:

- 0196 – *House Bill 592*
- 0594 – *Ratification of Solid Waste Management District Disposal and Generation Fees*
- 0633 – *Local Solid Waste Management Planning Process*
- 0655 - *Ratification of Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plans*
- 0658- *Solid Waste Management Advisory Council*
- 0659- *State Solid Waste Management Plan*
- 1005 – *Solid Waste Management Districts*

The documents listed above and the current state plan can all be found on the SWMD/Planning Page on DSIWM's Web site.

Interested parties can also contact DSIWM to obtain hard copies of the fact sheets and the current state plan.

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For more information about the planning process and solid waste management in your area, contact your local SWMD. To determine what SWMD you live in, use the *Map of Ohio's Solid Waste Management Districts* that is available on the SWMD/Planning Page on DSIWM's Web site.

To contact your SWMD, call or e-mail the coordinator listed on the *SWMD Coordinators and Policy Committee Chairpersons List* that is available on the SWMD/Planning Page on DSIWM's Web site. You can also contact DSIWM to get information about your SWMD.