

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: E(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2002

TITLE: A Report on the Status of Solid Waste Management and Recycling in Carrboro

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING DEPARTMENT	PUBLIC HEARING: Yes ___ No <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Status Report on Solid Waste and Recycling	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: PHILIP PRETE, 918-7326 PATRICIA MCGUIRE, 918-7327

PURPOSE:

The Board instructed staff to prepare a report analyzing Carrboro's recycling program and to evaluate the need to produce a scope of services for consultant study to look at Carrboro's specific situation and make recommendations about what could be done to meet Orange County goals. A resolution to receive this report is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION:

A draft report on solid waste and recycling was prepared by Public Works Department Staff in collaboration with Management Services Staff. Orange County Solid Waste Department Staff provided review, and additional data and analysis to the original draft. In January, 2002 Planning Department Staff were asked to review the draft report, and in April, 2002, under direction of the Manager, Planning Staff began the task of preparing a final report for the Board. The attached report (ATTACHMENT B) incorporates much of the work that was done in the original draft and expands to provide additional information, analysis, and to examine broader opportunities for enhancing Carrboro waste reduction programs.

This report is prepared as a background paper that describes the current status of the programs for single family and multi-family residential, and commercial solid waste collection and recycling in Carrboro. The report also identifies opportunities for further improvements in the recycling program through comparisons with other jurisdictions.

This report further lays out the groundwork for specific recommendations about Carrboro's solid waste management system and provides the basis for evaluating change options to allow Carrboro to meet or exceed expectations based on commitments within the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. From this starting point, Town Staff can chart a course to intersect the goals and objectives set out by the Board, and move the Town further down the path toward achieving waste reduction goals.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board receive the attached report.