

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: E(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: **SEPTEMBER 24, 2002**

TITLE: A Report on Implementing the Carrboro Zero Waste Resolution

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Report: Toward Zero Waste C. September 22, 1998 Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: PHILIP PRETE, 918-7326 PATRICIA MCGUIRE, 918-7327

PURPOSE:

As an element of the 2002-2003, Action Agenda the Board of Aldermen has instructed staff to study and make recommendations on appropriate steps to move toward zero waste. The attached report provides policy and program strategies and recommendations. A resolution to receive this report, and direct staff to convene a meeting of appropriate officials for further exploration is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION:

This report (Attachment B) is prepared as a follow up to the Status Report on Solid Waste and Recycling presented to the Board on May 28, 2002. That report described the status of programs for solid waste management and recycling in Carrboro. The prior report laid the groundwork for specific recommendations about Carrboro's solid waste management system and provided the basis for evaluating change options to ensure Carrboro meets or exceeds expectations based on commitments within the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

From the starting point of the Status Report, Town Staff have taken the next step of beginning to chart a course to intersect the goals and objectives set out by the Board in its Zero Waste Action Agenda item, and move the Town further *toward zero waste*. This report *Toward Zero Waste* draws on direction from national Zero Waste Campaigns, North Carolina resources available to assist with elements of a local Zero Waste campaign, and experiences of other communities in identifying opportunities for increasing recycling, identifying and attracting businesses that use local waste products as raw materials, and supporting national efforts toward zero waste.

This review is a starting point for going beyond the *status quo*. It provides strategies and recommendations for the next phase of an ongoing process of implementing Carrboro's Zero Waste Resolution (Attachment C).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board adopt the resolution (Attachment A) to receive the report, and to direct staff to convene a meeting of appropriate officials from the several local governments within the County to discuss these strategies further.