

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2004

SUBJECT: A Request to Adopt a Resolution Re-affirming Orange County's 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan and Authorizing the County Manager to Submit the Solid Waste Plan to the State

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Solid Waste Plan Update 2003	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Peterson 918-7427

Purpose

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to approve the attached resolution that supports Orange County's Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan and would authorize Orange County to submit this plan to the State. Blair Pollock, Solid Waste Planner for Orange County will give a brief overview of the County's 10-year Solid Waste plan update.

Background

In 1997, Orange County, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough adopted a solid waste management plan which included a long-term waste reduction goal of 61% per capita and a comprehensive plan for achieving that goal. Plan development was based on a previous multiyear process that involved a consultant assisting the governments and citizens' committee to develop three waste reduction scenarios from which the governments developed the plan framework in 1996. The resulting plan was further refined and submitted to the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources in 1997 as required by State statute. In addition to meeting the statutory requirement, the planning document also served as the County's guideline for future solid waste reduction planning and as a basis for projecting financial needs to meet those goals.

In 2000, the plan was updated and the same goals and plan framework were reaffirmed. Orange County is now the lead agency relative to plan development and submission; however, the Towns also maintain a formal role in the plan approval process. The three year update to the plan was due June 30, 2003, however, Orange County requested and was granted an extension. Orange County held a required public hearing on the update to the solid waste plan on February 17, 2004. No public comments were received at that meeting.

The State statute recognizes that individual governments may wish to reconsider their plan and goals thus the statute allows for interim updates but requires this three year update. Orange County will submit the plan to the NCDENR, once endorsements are received from all three municipalities.

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution reaffirming Orange County's 10-year solid waste management plan, including a 61% waste reduction goal and authorizing Orange County to submit the solid waste plan to the state.