

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Orange County Solid Waste Plan

DEPARTMENT: MANAGER'S OFFICE	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Blair Pollock – 968-2788 George Seiz – 918-7427

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider adopting the required update to the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan for the county and its municipalities.

INFORMATION

The Board of Aldermen accepted a report on this plan at their May 20th, 2008, meeting. Since then, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners has adopted the report unchanged.

Adopting the plan will make Carrboro eligible for State solid waste grant funds, which are about to grow considerably in FY 0809 due to the solid waste tax and also relieve us of the responsibility of developing our own solid waste plan.

Because the Board of Aldermen reviewed the full plan at their May 20th meeting, it has not been included again with this agenda item. It can still be viewed in its entirety by going to the online link to the May 20, 2008 agenda:

http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2008/05_20_D3A.pdf

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

There is no perceived fiscal impact associated with adopting this report, though eventual decisions regarding how our solid waste and recyclables are handled *could* have impacts. The only actual change that would take place following acceptance of this plan and the FY 2008-09 County budget would be commingling recycling (already done curbside) at drop-off centers and businesses and adding cardboard to the curbside recycling pickup. The proposed Orange County budget does not include any increase in the 3-R Fee for the addition of cardboard pickup.

RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Orange County Solid Waste Management Plan Update.