

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: October 12th, 2010

TITLE: Solid Waste Plan Work Group Update

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. EAB Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Blair Pollock, 968-2788 George Seiz, 918-7427 Christopher Sherman, 918-7426

Purpose

The purpose of this item is for Orange County Solid Waste personnel to provide a report on the state-mandated three year update to Orange County's Ten Year Solid Waste Plan and for the Town to consider a resolution accepting the plan and offer any comments.

Information

State law requires every local government entity to develop and submit a 10-year solid waste management plan and update it every 3 years. Orange County submits the plan for itself and on behalf of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. The update reaffirms the County's waste reduction goal, which is done in collaboration with the municipalities as partners in solid waste. After presenting and receiving updates from the three Towns, the plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

The current version of the plan is mostly descriptive. Solid Waste Work Group recommendations and Board of County Commissioners decisions in regards to convenience centers, rural waste collection franchising, and other topics have not been made and remain under discussion. The plan does include the waste reduction goal of 61%, which has been in place since 1997. The plan was due to the State on June 30th 2009; there have been no penalties for being late although it may limit the County's ability to obtain state grants.

County Solid Waste staff believes the plan should be submitted as soon as possible to become compliant and eligible for grants. The plan can be revised or updated at anytime as needed. The update has been presented to the Solid Waste Plan Work Group and the public for comments.

The plan is available to view at the County's Solid Waste Management website at the following location:

<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/workgroup.asp>

Fiscal and Staff Impact

There is no fiscal or staff impact associated with accepting this report, although eventual decisions regarding how solid waste and recyclables are handles could have both fiscal and staff impact.

Recommendation

Town staff recommends that the Board of Alderman accepts this report and offer Orange County staff any changes to consider.