



Cuyahoga County
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

FILE NO. 1269-18¹⁵

October 10, 2018

City Council
City of Cleveland
601 Lakeside Ave E RM 12
Cleveland, OH 44114-1039

Dear City Council:

Enclosed, please find the Public Notice announcing the public comment period and public hearing on the *Draft Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan Update)*.

This Plan Update was prepared by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Policy Committee and the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District as required by ORC Section 3734.54 and updates the plan that was ratified by communities in 2012.

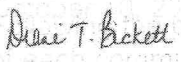
The Solid Waste District is seeking public comments and holding a public hearing to begin the overall process required by the State of Ohio to ratify the Plan Update.

Following the public comment period, the Plan Update will be submitted to the legislative body of each community in Cuyahoga County for approval. This will take place in January of 2019. Each city/village council or township board of trustees will have 90 days to vote on the Plan Update and to deliver a resolution/ordinance to the District stating their decision to approve or disapprove. Ratification occurs when communities representing 60% of Cuyahoga County's population approve the Plan, including the City of Cleveland (largest jurisdiction) and the District's Board of Directors.

The *Draft Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update* may be viewed on the District's website www.cuyahogarecycles.org or at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District office located at 4750 E 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105. Written comments should be sent to Diane Bickett, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District, 4750 East 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105.

If you or the public have any questions, please contact me at (216) 443-3714.

Sincerely,


Diane Bickett,
Executive Director

Enclosure: Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period on the draft *Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2019 – 2033)*.

The public comment period will take place from October 15, 2018 through November 13, 2018. Written comments should be mailed to Diane Bickett, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, 4750 East 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105.

A public hearing will be held on November 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at the address listed above.

The draft plan is available for review on the District's website www.cuyahogarecycles.org or at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District office located at 4750 E 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105.

The District prepared the draft Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update 2019 - 2033 as required by ORC Section 3734.54. This is an update to the current solid waste management plan for Cuyahoga County and documents Cuyahoga County's progress in achieving State of Ohio waste reduction goals and assures adequate landfill capacity for disposal of solid waste for the 15-year planning period. Under this *Plan Update*, the District does not designate any facilities but reserves the right to designate facilities as authorized by its Board of Directors in accordance with Section 343.014 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Plan Update demonstrates that Cuyahoga County exceeds Ohio's waste reduction goals by reducing residential and commercial waste by 30% and industrial waste by 74% and has sufficient access to landfill capacity to meet the Cuyahoga County's needs for a minimum of 15 years. Under this Plan Update, the District does not designate any facilities but reserves the right to designate facilities as authorized by its Board of Directors in accordance with Section 343.014 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Plan Update also describes the programs and services that the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will provide to communities, businesses and the public during the 15-year planning period and the funding mechanism it will use to implement them. Examples of programs and services include Education and Outreach, Business Recycling Assistance, Children's Education, Grant programs, Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Computer Recycling, Scrap Tire Recycling, Litter Collection, Local Government Assistance and Solid Waste Code Enforcement.

Funding to operate the Solid Waste District and to implement these services will come from a Generation Fee to be assessed on each ton of solid waste generated in Cuyahoga County and landfilled in Ohio. Under this Plan Update, the current fee of \$1.50 per ton will increase to \$2.00 per ton beginning in the fifth year of the planning period (2023). This funding mechanism will be ratified as part of the ratification of the Plan Update.

Please call (216) 443-3749 with any questions regarding the Plan Update or the opportunity to review a copy.