

Unified Government of Webster County
Short Term Work Program Update 2010–2015
to the
Webster County Solid Waste Management Plan 2005–2015

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**TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE 2010-2015
TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2005-2015**

WHEREAS; the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires local governments to prepare and implement a solid waste management plan to be eligible for state-issued grants, loans and permits related to solid waste, and

WHEREAS; Webster County Board of Commissioners, the City of Preston and the City of Weston prepared, and in January, 2005, each did adopt the Webster County Solid Waste Management Plan 2005-2015, and

WHEREAS; said Act mandates said Plan be updated for the community to maintain eligibility for state-issued grants, loans and permits related to solid waste management, and

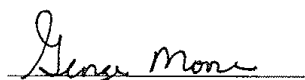
WHEREAS; effective January 1, 2009, the Webster County Board of Commissioners, City of Preston and City of Weston merged into the Unified Government of Webster County, and

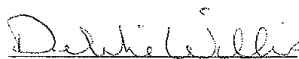
WHEREAS; the Unified Government of Webster County has prepared a draft Update to said Plan in accordance with said Act.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; and it is hereby resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Unified Government of Webster County hereby authorizes submission of the draft Short Term Work Program Update 2010-2015 to the Webster County Solid Waste Management Plan 2005-2015 for state-mandated regional and state reviews.

Duly considered and approved in session this 15th day of October, 2009.

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WEBSTER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


George Moore
Chairman


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Introduction

The Webster County Solid Waste Management Plan 2005-2015 was developed as an addendum to the Webster County Comprehensive Plan 2004-2025 by Webster County and the Cities of Preston and Weston. Effective January 1, 2009, the three general purpose local governments consolidated into the Unified Government of Webster County. All solid waste activity in the community is now performed under authority of the unified government.

Text

Amendment

At the time the most recent Solid Waste Plan was prepared (2004), the community consisted of three general-purpose local governments; the county and two municipalities, Preston and Weston. The three jurisdictions had separate contracts with the same contractor for collection; curbside service in both cities, greenbox/dumpster service in the unincorporated area.

Among references in the Plan to collection in the unincorporated area was the statement, “There are however, some areas where it would be practical to operate collection services on a door-to-door, or curbside basis. Three areas of the unincorporated county could be serviced in this manner.”¹ The text went on to describe the three areas. With the concurrence of the county, municipal curbside waste collection services were extended into these areas in 2007; generally coterminous with unincorporated areas which were already benefiting from municipal water services. The expanded municipal service resulted in an aggregated total of ±490 billable accounts.

In 2007, the county converted from greenbox service by contractor to county collection at curbside. This resulted in ±520 billable accounts, e.g. the balance of the community not benefitting from municipal collection.

In 2007, the local, contracted waste hauler constructed a small-scale transfer station in the community. The facility is sized to consolidate the waste streams collected by the contractor in Webster and two-three other small, rural communities nearby. The consolidated waste is transported out-of-county for disposal. At this writing improvements are being made which will enable the site to serve as a manned drop-off site for recyclables.

Waste Reduction/Recycling

A waste reduction goal was not established in 2004, and one is not incorporated into this update. The 2004 plan included the statement, “Since the per capita rate of disposal in Webster County is already very low compared to the state average, it is unlikely that any further reductions can be made.”² Available data suggests the current local per capita disposal rate is approximately 55%-60% of the state average. Ongoing activities have resulted in diversion of the following materials from landfill disposal.

¹ page 273

² page 269

Materials Diverted From Landfill Disposal							
Old Corrugated Cardboard		Newspaper		Appliances and Metals		Tires	
year	tons	year	tons	year	tons	year	tons
annually	30	annually	5	2008	8	2007	105
-	-	-	-	-	-	2006	109*
-	-	-	-	-	-	2004	49*

* estimates based on available data

Source: Board of Commissioners

Collection

In 2007, both cities extended curbside collection into extraterritorial water service areas.³ This was done in accordance with the stated goal of, "...providing curbside garbage pickup to all residents living in the unincorporated county who are served by a municipal water supply."⁴ At the same time, the county converted from privatized collection from greenboxes to curbside service by county forces throughout the balance of the community. At this writing the board of commissioners is giving serious consideration to privatizing the curbside collection service. Such action would be congruent with the goal of preventing it from becoming, "...necessary for any or all of the jurisdictions to enter into the business of collecting and disposing of solid waste."⁵ Recycling activity is facilitated/maintained via the county's unmanned drop off sites; one for corrugated cardboard,⁶ one for white goods and metals.⁷

There is not an organized program for collection of yard debris in the community. Residents who manage this material generally secure permits from the Georgia Forestry Commission and burn the material on-site.

Disposal

Local disposal of solid waste ended with closure of the county landfill in 1993. There is not an existing permit for local disposal of any type of solid waste. The local waste hauler serving the community opened a transfer station in 2007.⁸ The local municipal waste stream is processed through this site and transported to the commercial Subtitle D landfill in Taylor County. The transfer station owner is making site improvements necessary to begin offering a manned drop-off facility for recyclables in 2009-2010.

³ This includes the City of Richland (Stewart County) extending collection service into a previously existing extraterritorial water service area in Webster County.

⁴ page 274

⁵ page 277

⁶ 7601 Washington Street, Preston

⁷ 7636 Washington Street, Preston

⁸ 1417 Ben Williams Road

Land Limitation

Despite the previously stated goal of, "...adopting such local codes as are necessary to prevent a landfill from being built within..."⁹ the community, no such codes or rules have been adopted or implemented. By way of this update changes are proposed that would alter the identification of land areas deemed unsuitable for a solid waste handling facility; to wit, substituting the 2004 proposal to develop codes regulating siting of waste handling facilities with the following site selection standards:

Siting Standards for Waste-handling Facilities

1. Any solid waste handling facility that may in the future be sited in the community must resolve a specific solid waste need of the community.
2. Access and egress of all traffic transporting waste material for subsequent processing, handling and/or disposal to any solid waste facility which may in the future be sited in the community, shall be limited to state highway or railway.
3. All points of access and egress to/from any solid waste facility which may in the future be sited in the community shall be at least 350 linear feet, centerline-to-centerline, from any other driveway (point of access or egress) on the same state route.
4. The main entrance road to any solid waste handling facility which may in the future be sited in the community shall be improved and maintained with typical hard-surface pavement or gravel for a distance of no less than one hundred feet from pavement edge of the state highway.
5. The working area (recycling area, chipper, disposal pit, incinerator, equipment staging and maintenance, etc.) of any waste handling facility which may in the future be sited in the community shall be permanently blocked from horizontal view from any public area or pre-existing development via earthen berm, dense hedge or tree cover, or other appropriate means.

Education and public involvement

The community does not have a KAB affiliate but does facilitate KAB-type waste reduction activities/programs; specifically the annual Great American Cleanup. The community lacks the resources to offer a permanent program.

Solid Waste Management Plan – Short Term Work Program 2010 - 2015							
Goal	Cost	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Maintain targeted business recycling	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
Make double-sided copies when possible	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
Purchase office products made from recycled materials when possible	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maintain Keep America Beautiful activities	±\$1,500	X	X	X	X	X	X
Consider privatizing curbside collection countywide	±\$140K	X					
If collection is not privatized countywide, replace garbage truck	±\$170K		X				
Participate in any state-sponsored scrap tire cleanup program	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adopt site selection standards for waste-handling facilities	-	X					
Continue landfill post-closure process	\$10K	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monitor development activity through permit issuance	Staff time	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maintain affordable, self-sustaining service	±\$140K	X	X	X	X	X	X
Publish solid waste full cost report annually	\$35	X	X	X	X	X	X
Consider adoption of litter ordinance	Staff time	X	X				

Solid Waste Management Plan Report of Accomplishments 2005 - 2009	
Goal	Accomplishments
Secure grant for recycling facility	Application to GEFA not funded
Build recycling facility	Accomplished with local funds
Publish, distribute newsletter	Local governments have consolidated; newsletter is no longer a priority
Consolidate dumpster locations	Dumpster service was been abandoned in favor of curbside collection.
Curbside service to water customers	Accomplished
Maintain affordable service	Service is affordable and self-sustaining
Maintain contract w/private vendor	New unified government is honoring previously existing contract Preston and Weston had with contract hauler.
Adopt local codes/no landfills	Effort being abandoned in favor of developing additional site selection standards
Target businesses for recycling	Activity is ongoing
Educate 4th or 5th graders	Lost priority; county lacks staff for activity
Maintain Keep America Beautiful	The county continues to support KAB-type clean-up events

Per Capita Solid Waste Disposal Volumes			
Estimates 2000 - 2008			
Projections 2009 - 2020			
Year	Population ¹	Volume ²	Daily per capita ³
2000	2390	1021 tons	2.34
2001	2288	1292 tons	3.09
2002	2247	1390 tons	3.39
2003	2280	1577 tons	3.79
2004	2279	1532 tons	3.68
2005	2244	1561 tons	3.81
2006	2211	1598 tons	3.96
2007	2234	1676 tons	4.11
2008	2164	1675 tons	4.24
2009	2136	1703 tons	4.37
2010	2108	1724 tons	4.48
2011	2120	1776 tons	4.59
2012	2135	1824 tons	4.68
2013	2148	1870 tons	4.77
2014	2163	1911 tons	4.84
2015	2177	1951 tons	4.91
2016	2192	1984 tons	4.96
2017	2204	2015 tons	5.01
2018	2218	2040 tons	5.04
2019	2233	2066 tons	5.07
2020	2248	2080 tons	5.07

¹ 2000 population is from 2000 Census; 2001-2008 populations are from annual Census Bureau estimates; 2009-2020 populations are projections of River Valley Regional Commission (2009-2010 is continuation of estimates trend for 2001-2008; 2011-2020 is repeat of 1990-2000 trend, e.g. annual increase of 12-15).

² 2000-2005 volumes are from state regulatory agency; 2006-2020 data are estimates of River Valley Regional Commission.

³ computed using 365 day year

Disposal Capacity Assurance Letter from Landfill



Taylor County Landfill
208 Southern States Road
Mauk, Georgia 31058
478.862-2610

Honorable George Moore
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Unified Government of Webster County
P. O. Box 29
Preston, GA. 31824

October 12, 2009

Honorable Mr. Chairman:

This letter serves as disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Webster County during the period 2010 to 2020. This assurance is based on Webster County disposing of as much as 2,500 tons of waste at this facility on an annual basis. The Georgia EPD permit number for this facility is 133-003SL.

We thank Webster County for this business partnership and look forward to providing you with environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Poston".

Rhonda Poston
Taylor County Landfill

first solid waste hearing notice

2 - SWJ PC - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

regular meeting, was adding an addition to the courthouse out to edge of the drive way in back and should they go ahead with the roofing job, or wait till after the extension, if they should decide to do that. Old trailers; stand alone sewer systems; landscaping grant; replacement for library board member; sewage plants; hearing and second reading of Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

No votes were taken as this was a work session.

Immediately after the work session there was a called meeting to set the millage rate. Chairman Rosso opened the meeting at 10:25 am. A Motion to set the County millage rate at 8.640, with a total ad valorem tax levy of 25.29.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - SOLID WASTE PLAN

The Webster County Board of Commissioners is updating the Short Term Work Program element of the Webster County Solid Waste Management Plan. A public meeting has been scheduled to inform the public of the status of activities included in the plan originally developed in 2004, to identify activities being considered for the five-year period 2010-2014, and to solicit community input into these activities and other possible solid waste needs and goals. The hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2009, in the commissioners' meeting room of the Webster County Courthouse Annex, 6622 Cass Street, Preston. The public is encouraged to attend. A second public hearing will be scheduled later for public comment on the draft Short Term Work Program element.



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Sumter EMC advertisement for appliance repair and service center, listing brands repaired and contact information.

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second solid waste hearing notice

8 - SWJ PC THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

Our Country Fair

This is not just a one or two persons fair. It is one whole county's fair. If you have any suggestions for entertainment, booths, parade, games, contests, etc., just call me, Milinda Fussell at 229-828-6105. I would like to have at least 1 or 2 new entertainers if possible. That is very hard to find so I need your help. We also need your help with booths. If you know of anyone who has a craft or would like to have a game booth, informational booth, etc., just call.

I believe a parade should have floats in it. I am asking you as a family, group, school, etc., to work on a float. It doesn't

have to be big. Try to make it as interesting as you can for a small space.

Again, we are going to have some competitions. Adults and high school students need to be thinking of an alternative power energy source. It will be up to you how much money you put into it. There will be a \$100 award plus a trophy. You will also get bragging rights for the rest of the year. You never know. You entry could be the next source of energy. There are people from all over that attend our fair that just might want to talk to you.

Children, it is time to make something out of an-

other product. Recycling is your competition. There will be two categories. One for the younger children and one for the middle/high school stu-

dents. There will a financial award for each of these competitions. Start now to plan your project. Nothing good comes easy, so work hard and do your

best. Winners w announced in th I would lov whole county to this fair together is for the family

Notice of Public Hearing – Solid Waste Plan

The elected commission of the Unified Government of Webster County has prepared a draft Short Term Work Program update to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. A written copy of the document addressing solid waste activities for the next five year period will be available for review at the address shown below starting noon Monday October 5. The second of two public hearings has been scheduled to; (1) brief the community on the contents of the draft, (2) provide an opportunity for residents to suggest additions or revisions, and (3) inform the community of when the draft will be submitted for state-mandated review. The hearing is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2009, in the commissioners' meeting room, 6622 Cass Street, Preston. The public is encouraged to attend.

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