

MEETING NOTES
Regional Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee
***Public Kickoff Meeting - Union**

Date of Meeting: 7:00 PM, Wednesday, June 23, 2010
Meeting Location: Union County Government Center
155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA
Meeting #: **Public Kickoff Meeting #1 – Union County**
Attendees: See Attached Sign In Sheet

Bob Huntington from Union County Planning started the meeting. He introduced Kevin McJunkin of Lycoming County. Kevin commented that the purpose of these meetings is to work together to kick off this plan. He advised that Lycoming County currently receives most of the waste from other four (4) counties. Kevin stated that the Consultant Team is knowledgeable and experienced consultants and he thanked everyone for their participation. Kevin introduced Tanya McCoy-Caretti of Kimball to the group.

Please refer to PowerPoint presentation.

Tanya asked everyone to introduce themselves. She welcomed everyone. Tanya introduced the Consultant Team and briefly explained their experience and background in Solid Waste. She pointed to the map and noted that this plan is the first regional plan of its kind in PA of this geographic size. She explained the purpose of the plan and stated that we are going to find out if each county has met the goals they established 10 years ago. She expressed that as we prepare the plan, chapters will be written at the same time we're having meetings. We will focus on things like what's being generated today. We will look at current economic conditions and determine if the facilities will be able to handle that disposal need for 10 years. In the end, we will come up with a list of plan recommendations and present them to the Counties. Tanya also commented that previously, each plan consistently had a 35% recycling goal to reach by 2010. Accurate data is important to have for a plan like this. We have that information up to year 2000 or 2001. Waste generation is not waste disposal. Generation includes recycling, composting, disposed waste etc.

Tanya introduced Terry Keene of Barton & Loguidice. Terry stated that communication and interaction with each group is key in this plan update. There will be many opportunities throughout the planning process to provide input. We anticipate good meetings. There are three (3) things that we want to accomplish in these meetings: 1) get information out to the group; 2) get feedback from Stakeholders, and 3) work toward a combined solution to obtain plan consensus. The goal is to have a plan that works well for all five (5) counties. We are encouraging a lot of communication and we are interested in communicating electronically as much as what is feasible in order to cut down on paper use. We are sensitive to those who do not have email capabilities.

Stakeholders meetings begin next week. We are looking for a smooth, open and transparent process. We will be posting meeting notes on the website for the ease of

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review. If you are unable to make a meeting, you will be able to review the notes and know what happened at the meeting.

We will ask for continual guidance from the Steering Committee and bring back feedback from the Stakeholders, public and other interested groups. Terry reiterated that it is still very early on in this process. We won't know solutions until we get there. We're keeping an open mind on alternatives and options. He reminded everyone that there is a lot of opportunity for interaction now and in the future.

Tanya summarized that the Stakeholder groups are important, so we can get your input in order to layout a plan for moving forward. Because of the background and experience of the consultant team, we are passionate about this plan. Tanya gave everyone the website link to get regular and consistent updates. She opened up the room to questions:

Tom Zorn from East Buffalo Township asked if it was possible to get the current County plan.

Bob Huntington responded yes – he would get him a copy.

Mike Mitchell from National Gypsum stated that he is a major residual waste generator and also a recycled materials user. He uses 120,000 tons of recycled paper per year. He has concerns about continued supply of recycled paper. Mike wants to make sure that collection will continue to occur, since it assists in operating his business. Mike asked if we are looking at what is coming IN to the landfill or are we also looking into the waste that is being generated BY the landfill. He would be very interested in helping the state to recycle more.

Tanya commented that the landfill is currently looking at it situation and production to see if there is potential for energy production. It is something that has noted interest.

Kevin asked if Mike spoke with either Steve or Mike from the County office. Mike commented that he's spoken to both.

Joyce asked Mike if he recycles newspapers, magazines, phone books, etc. Mike commented that yes he does.

Tom Zorn asked, what is the makeup of the Steering Committee?

Kevin responded by stating that representatives from all five counties are represented on the Steering Committee along with one person from each Stakeholder group who is lucky enough to be picked. Every County has equal input.

Terry suggested that next week might be a good time for each Stakeholder group to select that one appointment to the Steering Committee.

Samantha Pearson of the Citizens Stakeholder Committee asked if it would be appropriate to ask groups like "Career Link" to participate in (for example) the recycling

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committee. She stated that currently, there is not good interface between the facilities and citizens.

Tanya explained that there are representatives from actual recycling companies that are on these committees, so you can get some good information from them. She stated that you could ask them directly if they think there is sufficient manpower and if this is a concern. Once it is documented then we can determine the need for manpower support from groups like Career Link.

Kevin commented that he thought that might be a good idea, and he will check to see if there are any spots left on his stakeholders groups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Date for the next Public Meeting is Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 4:00 PM at the Montour County Courthouse in Danville, PA. The first Stakeholder Meeting (Municipal) is: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 4:00 PM in Union County at the Union County Government Center – at the Union County Café.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Johnson
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