



RATIFICATION OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (2019 – 2033)
A Fact Sheet for Community Officials – *TIME SENSITIVE!*

The development of the solid waste plan is a requirement of Ohio law. Every solid waste management district in Ohio must periodically update their solid waste management plan and submit it to each political subdivision to be ratified. Ratification occurs when city/village councils and township trustees representing 60% of a district's population, including its largest city and the legislative authority of the county, vote to approve the plan. If a district's plan is not ratified, the Ohio EPA will prepare the plan and order it to be implemented. **This fact sheet provides general information about Cuyahoga County's solid waste plan which is now out for ratification.**

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan was first ratified by communities in 1994 and three times since. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (the District) and its Solid Waste Policy Committee are now seeking local approval for the fourth Plan Update. **The ratification process takes place from January 11, 2019 through April 11, 2019.** This Plan Update complies with an Ohio EPA format and contains 6 chapters and 21 appendices. It describes the waste management methods to be used in the upcoming planning period and details how the nine waste reduction and recycling goals established in the State Solid Waste Management Plan will be achieved. It also describes how the Plan will be implemented by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

What's the best way to review the Plan Update?

The plan chapters provide an executive summary of the plan. The District recommends reading the chapters for an overview of the plan and if additional information is desired, referring to the appendices for more detail. **See your council clerk for a printed copy of the plan chapters or for an electronic copy.** The complete Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2019 – 2033) is also available on the District's web site – CuyahogaRecycles.org and at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's office.

Who prepared the Plan Update?

The Plan Update was prepared by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Policy Committee. Various stakeholders were also consulted through the 18-month process. **The Policy Committee consists of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission members and two public members.**

Who implements the Plan Update and how is it funded?

The District is responsible for implementing the Plan Update which contains a variety of programs and services that support waste reduction and recycling. The District employs six staff and is funded by a "generation fee" which is a fee of \$1.50 levied on each ton of waste produced in Cuyahoga County and landfilled in Ohio. **The generation fee is approved by communities each time it ratifies the plan.** Cuyahoga County's current fee of \$1.50 per ton is one of the lowest in Ohio and was increased just once since 1994. **Under this Plan Update, the generation fee will increase by \$0.50 beginning in 2023.** For comparison, the statewide fee average is \$4.50 per ton.

Programs and services offered through the Plan

All the existing programs and services offered by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will continue with the ratification of this Plan Update. Some programs will expand slightly while some programs will be modified to reflect the feedback the District received during its strategic planning process. A complete description of the District's action's priorities and programs for this Plan Update can be found in **Appendix I.**

For more information

The following **informational meetings** will be held for local officials about the Plan and the ratification process. Questions can also be directed to Diane Bickett or Jessica Fenos by calling the District at (216) 443-3749.

- February 6, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. Parma Heights City Hall, 6281 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights, 44130
- February 13, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. Ross DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd, Mayfield Heights, 44124
- February 19, 2019 6:00 p.m. Rocky River Library, 1600 Hampton Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116