

## For Immediate Release

### Public Kickoff Meeting Announcement

A new Regional Solid Waste Plan is being initiated among Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Union, and Snyder Counties. Lycoming County will be the lead agency in this planning effort. This Regional Plan will update and revise the current (insert county name) Solid Waste Plan dated (insert date of previous county plan). This Regional Plan will be prepared in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (PA Act 101 of 1988, as amended). All five counties listed above have passed resolutions indicating their commitment to participate in this Regional Plan. The new Plan should provide benefit to all participating counties, and will allow for coordination of planning efforts to address common needs and issues.

Important regional solid waste and recycling issues and goals have been identified, that will be addressed in the Regional Plan including (but not limited to):

- Assurance of waste disposal capacity in the region for at least 10 years;
- Assurance of waste supply to support waste disposal facilities and to provide efficient and effective waste management;
- Where feasible, expansion of recycling and other waste management services to residents and businesses throughout the region;
- Assessment of the region's recycling success, and the feasibility of enhancing recycling programs to help attain or exceed a 35% recycling goal established in Act 101;
- Involvement of multiple "stakeholder" groups to provide extensive comment and input to the Counties throughout the Regional Plan process.

A Public Kickoff meeting to formally introduce the Regional Solid Waste planning process in (insert county name) will be held on (date) at (time) at the (location). At this

time, the scope and approach of this planning effort will be presented in further detail. The public is welcome and invited to attend this Public Kickoff meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice, or of the Regional Plan process, please contact (county contact name and title) at (phone number). Thank you for your time and interest.

By,

(Insert County Here) County Commissioners

(or, other authorized County representative)