

# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Municipal Official:

This letter is official notification to each Lycoming County municipality regarding the County's participation in a Regional Solid Waste Plan effort being conducted 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 Lycoming County Solid Waste Plan, adopted on October 18, 2001. 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, which should provide benefit to all participating counties, and which will allow for coordination of planning efforts to address common needs and issues.

**A public meeting to formally kick off the Regional Solid Waste Planning process in Lycoming County will be held on June 22nd at 4:00 PM at the Commissioner's Board Room, 1st Floor Lycoming Executive Plaza (behind the County Courthouse), 330 Pine Street, Williamsport.** At this time, the scope and approach of this plan effort will be presented in further detail. Municipal officials and the public are welcome and invited to attend.

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.

The Regional Planning process will assess current recycling, waste collection, hauling

and disposal systems; will estimate waste and recycling tonnages over the next 10 years; will assess alternative processing and disposal options to handle the region's waste and recycling needs; will recommend a waste management system to serve the region over the next decade and beyond; and will provide implementation steps and an implementation schedule of recommended measures.

The proposed Regional Plan is deemed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to be "substantial" pursuant to §272.252 of PADEP's Regulations, Chapter 272. Therefore, a structured review and approval period will be followed at the end of the draft document preparation, which will include a 90-day formal review and comment period on the draft plan, finalization and adoption of the plan by the five (5) counties in the region, and a 90-day municipal ratification period for the Regional Plan in each of the participating counties. Portions of the current County Plan will be revised, updated, and incorporated into the new Regional Plan as appropriate.

In accordance with §272.203 of Chapter 272, this is official notification to all municipalities of the substantial plan, as well as an outline of the general steps that the counties will follow in completing this task. A Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RSWAC) has been established to review and comment on the Regional Plan during its preparation. Regional Stakeholder Groups representing waste haulers, business and industry, municipalities, recyclers, and general citizens are also being created to provide feedback and comments on the plan during its preparation. The Regional Plan Steering Committee has already met, and the Stakeholder Groups will begin meeting within the next 1-2 months. Multiple stakeholder meetings will take place through the remainder of 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or of the Regional Plan process, please contact Kevin McJunkin, Environmental Planner, at [kmcjunkin@lyco.org](mailto:kmcjunkin@lyco.org) or 570-320-2136. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

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