

<p style="text-align: center;">MEETING NOTES Regional Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee Steering Committee</p>

Date of Meeting:	1:30 PM, Tuesday, September 28, 2010		
Meeting Location:	Union County Government Center 155 North 15 th Street, Lewisburg, PA (Union County Café)		
Meeting #:	Steering Committee Meeting #3		
Attendees:	See Attached Sign-in Sheet		
	Counties Represented at Meeting:	Lycoming	
		Snyder	
		Union	
		Montour	
	Stakeholders Represented at Meeting:	SW Haulers	
		Recycling	
		Citizens	
		B & I	
	DEP Representatives:	Michelle Ferguson	
		Amy Ershler	
	Not represented:	Columbia County	
		Municipal	
		Stakeholders	
		Representative	

Terry Keene of Barton & Loguidice started the meeting and asked if anyone had any comments or changes to the notes from the previous Steering Committee meeting. No one commented, so they are considered final. Terry said that we are now in the process of gathering final data. He announced that the only stakeholder meeting that will be held in October is for the Haulers, since it was generally agreed that the other groups had all provided the requested initial input, and were now ready for a draft Plan Narrative to review at their next meeting. The next round of stakeholder meetings for all five of the groups (other than the Haulers SHG, as noted above) is currently scheduled for mid-December.

Agenda Items:

IV. Intergovernmental Agreement Distribution – Kevin McJunkin stated that all of the counties had approved the agreement to authorize Lycoming to submit planning grant applications, and to speak on behalf of all 5 counties for this Regional Solid Waste Plan. Kevin distributed signed copies of this Agreement to all of the county representatives for their records (he will mail a copy to Columbia County). He also provided a copy to DEP

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and Dave Minnear. Kevin McJunkin asked for it to be uploaded to the website as well. Terry asked if any of the county representatives had any comments about this, and no comments were made.

V. Data Needs & Surveys – Terry commented that at the last Steering Committee meeting, we discussed submitting questionnaires to hospitals, recycling coordinators, etc. We had talked about the possibility of doing a municipal questionnaire also. After further discussion and research, we felt we could get the municipal information we needed from other sources. With the haulers, for example, we plan to request data such as contact information, areas they serve, services provided, disposal sites, etc. This information will give people needing a hauler the opportunity to search a centralized list of haulers in the counties. Terry confirmed with Jack Pyers of Hometown Disposal that this is a good source of information for the public to find the haulers and contact them for pricing. The list is not intended to list pricing information, as this can vary based on the customer served and location of the service route.

Dave Minnear commented that Joyce Hatala has been collecting the majority of the raw data needed for the Plan. Dave would like to get a listing of drop off box locations, landfill locations, transfer stations, MRF's, mulching/grinding sites, township composting sites, etc., in order to prepare maps for the Plan. Michelle Ferguson of DEP commented that she has a list of permitted composting sites in the region. Kurt Hausammann said it would be easier if everyone could provide their information to Lycoming County in the same format so it could be easily merged into a spreadsheet for input by the Lycoming County GIS group. He would send an example of the proper headings and information that should be collected for the spreadsheet.

Historically, Dave said, the counties have put the Plans (and the maps that are included in the Plans) on their own websites. He asked everyone to think about that to see if that's how it should be viewed or if another idea is better.

Jack Pyers asked if the plan was going to be uploaded to one website or if it was going to be on every county's website. Terry said currently it is on one website but possibly we could set it up to link to (and from) the county's websites. Kurt Hausammann of Lycoming County commented that they are increasing their GIS department and its equipment to accommodate and increase its mapping capabilities. He responded to Jack that it's very little cost to add something like this to their database. Jack stated that he would think that each county would need to appropriate funds to cover the monthly costs.

Kevin McJunkin said surveys are due back in a month or so. Jack asked if we would be reviewing the information from the surveys once it comes back. Dave said he will gather

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the information, put the data in spreadsheets, then email them/provide them via the website to the groups for their feedback.

Terry commented that curbside recycling isn't going to work everywhere in the Region, but maybe select drop offs are needed for certain areas. Kurt Hausammann stated that the GIS group could be used to analyze some of the areas that are underserved. Dave said some of the data we get might not be location-specific, however we will have county-wide numbers and can work from there.

VI. Discussion of Stakeholder Group Meetings –

- Dave stated that the second round of stakeholder meeting notes have been uploaded to the website for review.
- Terry said that at the last municipal stakeholder meeting there were new ideas that were brought up that he would share. Items such as: support for a clearinghouse – moving ahead and working with the haulers to gather information; public events recycling and commercial recycling needs to be further developed, since residential programs, in general, are a lot more developed than commercial recycling in the region.
- Kevin McJunkin said they have publicized a recycling event in Lycoming County.
- The Municipal Group has agreed that it would be helpful if the Plan include a sample of a typical anti-burning ordinance that municipalities could consider adopting, on an individual basis, if they so desire. This often results in highly emotional debates among residents, and it is unlikely that this Plan will make any specific recommendation on anti-burning, other than to offer a sample ordinance for consideration by municipalities on a case-by-case basis. Dave stated that ideally, the ordinance should focus on the elimination of burning recyclables. Kurt Hausammann stated that he's seen a lot of major issues around burning when he was a Borough Manager and that this will probably be a big issue. Terry noted that the lack of a municipal ordinance regarding the burning of recyclables could impact the municipality's eligibility to receive future DEP grant money. Michelle Ferguson commented that the lack of a no-burn ordinance would not impact 902 grants, but could limit 904 grants. Michelle has many sample ordinances she can send to Terry to use as a sample in the Plan.
- Terry asked Michelle if she was aware of a "bottle bill" being considered by the state legislature, that would require deposits to be collected on drink bottles and cans, to encourage returns and recycling, and lessen littering. Michelle said she is not aware of any bottle bill currently being discussed.

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Charlotte Resek of the Citizens Stakeholder Group commented that after the last stakeholder meeting, she and a group of other residents went to a local elementary school and asked the custodian about how they would go about expanding the school recycling program, would they use the kids to sort it, etc. She found out that they have a contract with Waste Management for single stream collection. Kevin McJunkin asked Charlotte if she knows where Waste Management was taking the material. Charlotte said she heard that it goes to York. Terry said the closest single stream MRFs are in York, and as a general rule, single stream recyclables processing is not currently supported by the types of MRFs in this region. Charlotte said that she's wondering if all of this hard work we're doing is just going to turn into Waste Management getting all the business because they do single stream and no one else does. Terry noted that the schools need to determine how they want to do recycling – if it needs to be separated or single stream – and prepare their bid RFP's accordingly. Jesse Pyers of Hometown Disposal commented that he had previously worked for Waste Management in Delaware, and he has been to other facilities, and that there is a good percentage of recycled material that gets thrown away, due to contamination in single stream operations. However, he doesn't know how to get a straight answer regarding how much is going to waste. He doesn't believe anyone would answer that question legitimately either.

Gwen Jones from Snyder County asked if the Plan would provide guidance to schools on how to recycle and what to do to recycle. Terry confirmed that the ultimate goal is to include a discussion regarding expanding and recycling and waste reduction education as part of this Plan. Terry said Joyce is talking to the county coordinators to try to expand education to its residents and the public.

Shawn from Union County stated that even in his mandated communities, there are schools that are not recycling. Since no one is enforcing it, it isn't getting done. Terry said we need to focus on education to get these areas to recycle. Kurt Hausammann suggested that if we teach the children how to recycle, the children will encourage each other, their parents, and possibly even the teachers.

Debbie Wolf from Snyder County said the obstacles she faces are storing the recycled materials between hauling and how to get it all to the recycling center.

Jack stated he's a proponent of single stream but there is not enough volume to sustain a local sorting facility, so this area (at this point) is committed to source-separated or possibly a dual stream process to simplify it. One thing everyone should be aware of is that there are programs in place, and if we work together with the programs we have and find a way to elevate our volumes, there could be potential job growth (that should be important to everyone). He suggested that we come up with ideas that would work with

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existing facilities. Jesse Pyers commented that another idea is for the schools to include recycling in their bids, but find ways to partner with others to take various commodities. He also suggested that the contracts should leave the recycling portion a little open-ended, to let the haulers get creative to solve the problems. Other businesses would much rather do business with someone in their community and finding the solution that works.

Gwen Jones asked if we could do an education packet for the schools for them to use. Terry suggested that it should come from the Recycling Coordinators or possibly even DEP. Charlie Fritz stated that PROP has an education committee also.

Gwen suggested that the Plan should include pharmaceutical recycling throughout the 5 counties. Terry said he heard that pharmaceutical recycling is going nationwide, that there is one day each year (late September this year) for everyone to go somewhere local for them to safely drop off their unwanted pharmaceuticals.

Michelle Ferguson discussed the current 901 grant requests and stated that DEP feels that it appears that there may have been a change in the grant scope regarding this Plan, since DEP had been under the impression that the Plan would include Flow Control to the local Public Landfills, and it appears that this is no longer the case. Michelle asked if there would be an RFP issued for landfill disposal, and use of a menu plan with designated facilities. She stated that she is confused because this impacts how they will review the Plan and what grant funding is available for it. Amy Ershler from DEP said that it sounds as if we are anticipating having several facilities for waste to go to under a menu plan, and that she believes this is different from what was discussed previously. Amy said DEP wants to be clear that it is their impression that the grant application that came in for the 901 grant appears to be different now than what we were talking about doing. Steve Tucker responded that we received some clear feedback from the waste haulers at our stakeholder meetings that are tempering our approach to this topic in the plan. Kevin McJunkin stated that there have been serious discussions regarding enforcement of a traditional Flow Control Plan, and that no counties wanted to be the garbage police (DEP agreed). Kevin also explained that his understanding of the scope of the grant application on this topic is that we would consider flow control as one of a number of options, and that is what we are doing here. Kevin doesn't feel that the scope of our work has significantly changed. Kevin agreed that the current idea is to include a menu plan for landfill selection. Kurt Hausammann agreed that while that is our current approach, he didn't rule out a more traditional Flow Control approach in the future if that was the only way to pay for the Recycling Programs that were being proposed. Terry Keene added that while we originally referred to a "wasteshed" analysis, the more accurate term for this analysis may be a "Service Shed" analysis, since we are looking at the efficiencies and needs of components of the 5-county region regarding both waste and recycling handling services. Recycling needs and services are becoming a focus of this plan now,

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based on strong feedback received from all five of our stakeholder groups. Therefore, Terry feels the waste shed analysis work described in the grant application is still needed and appropriate for this plan, especially in the area of expanded recycling services.

Kevin also mentioned the possibility of an “opt-out program”, wherein a portion of the \$2/ton PADEP recycling fee could be distributed directly to the Counties, if they agreed to “opt out” of accepting any other DEP grants from the Section 900 grant programs. Michelle indicated that the current legislation doesn’t permit that, and Steve Tucker suggested that maybe we need to do a legislative change in order to allow the region access to these funds, or another mechanism to collect these funds, to provide more control of funding expanded recycling programs in the area in a fully coordinated manner.

Jack Pyers said we’re talking about services provided and how we’re going to pay for them. The plan doesn’t specifically identify what it’s going to render and how it’s going to be paid for. Dave Minnear said we want the recommendations to be practical. Kurt Hausammann said that we want to provide suggestions and then decide from there.

Terry clarified the approach for waste shed analysis to Michelle. He said we are really looking at a service shed, which includes recyclables. What we’re trying to focus on is identifying areas we’re missing, where are the facilities, where is the equipment, where are the needs, etc. It applies to recycling as much as it does to waste. We want to look at the efficiency of providing these services. It should be considered a service shed instead of a waste shed. Michelle agreed that a Service Shed Analysis made more sense in the current context.

Michelle mentioned that DEP had a conference call recently discussing negotiating fees with a disposal facility. She stated that you cannot exclude a facility from your plan that refuses to negotiate a fee. You can’t use it as exclusionary criteria. Steve Tucker expressed that when we advertise it, then we have to show what facilities collect what. Michelle said you have to be very careful on how you advertise that information so you don’t exclude them as a disposal facility.

In summary, Terry asked each Stakeholder representative what came out of their stakeholder meeting:

Citizens – the focus continues to be on expanding recycling

Haulers – how haulers can get involved in recycling

Recycling – more education; household hazardous waste collection for the public– what’s out there, how to get rid of it; create less, use less, sell less (packaging); more pressure on B&I to use less of it; clearinghouse of items, etc.

B&I – discussions centered on recycling; central clearinghouse.

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Dave Minnear said that we've tried to emphasize each time to each group that we need to think about how we're going to pay for expanded services – no matter what the idea is. Terry asked if anyone had any other concerns. Kurt Hausammann said that might be where the haulers come in; maybe the private haulers can work with the public entities to accomplish this. Terry said he feels that's important because we have 5 Stakeholder groups and one of them is a service group (haulers). Although they are different than the other four, they are an important part of this process.

The date for the next Steering Committee Meeting is: Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 1:30 PM at Snyder County at Career Link. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Johnson, EfficientC