

SOLID WASTE SUB-ELEMENT

Goals, Objectives and Policies

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Existing language in green. New language in black.

GOAL ONE. Ensure the safe, and efficient collection of the City's solid waste.

Objective 1.1: Ensure that adequate trucks and manpower are allocated to for solid waste collection. ~~[Measurable Target: Implement collection program]~~

Policy 1.1.1: Continue the solid waste collection vehicle replacement program. When financially and technically feasible, purchase the most fuel efficient, cleanest operating vehicles for the required job. Work towards a 20 percent improvement in fuel economy for the solid waste collection fleet by 2025.

Policy 1.1.2: ~~Annually~~ Periodically monitor population growth and service capability to determine if ~~an~~ additional collection routes ~~is~~ are required.

Objective 1.2: Ensure that solid waste collection operations are financially self sufficient.

Policy 1.2.1: Annually monitor solid waste collection and disposal costs to ensure solid waste rates and other revenues continue to cover the cost of operations. Adjust fees or services as needed to ensure cost recovery.

Policy 1.2.2: Periodically evaluate new solid waste collection and disposal technologies that may provide financial and environmental savings.

Policy 1.2.3: Work towards implementation of strategies contained in the 2010 *Solid Waste Route Study*. By 2015, implement two recommendations contained in the *Study*.

Objective 1.3: Work towards the reduction of illegal litter and trash on vacant properties and public spaces.

Policy 1.3.1: ~~Continue to~~ Enforce stringent, illegal dumping regulations.

Policy 1.3.2: Continue to partner with Keep Winter Haven Clean and Beautiful and other organizations, on anti-litter campaigns and roadside litter clean-up programs.

Policy 1.3.3: Continue to partner with and support lake clean-up programs such as Project EAGLE and the Lakes Education Action Drive's (LEAD) Lakes Appreciation Month that hold annual events to remove illegal litter and trash from the City's lakes.

GOAL TWO. Ensure the safe, and efficient collection disposal of the City's solid waste, and the reduction of solid waste generated by residents, visitors, and businesses of the City.

Objective 2.1: Ensure that adequate capacity is reserved available at the County landfill to meet the City's projected needs through 2010 2025. [Measurable Target: Guarantee capacity with County]

Policy 2.1.1: Maintain the a landfill capacity guarantee agreement with Polk County throughout the planning period.

Policy 2.1.2: Maintain the agreement with the County to participate in all Work with Polk County on solid waste reduction and recycling programs.

Objective 2.2: The solid waste generation Level of Service shall be managed to reduce disposal tonnage at the Polk County landfills. [Measurable Target: Annual assessment of LOS]

Policy 2.2.1: Solid waste generation shall be the following Level of Service: 4.5 pounds / person / day.

Policy 2.2.2: The City's Level of Service standard for collection of solid waste shall be a minimum of twice per week; and for yard trash, a minimum of once per week. At a minimum, the City shall collect household garbage, recyclables, and horticultural/yard waste weekly.

Policy 2.2.3: The Levels of Service shall be adopted concurrent with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Maintain a recycling participation rate of 40 percent of the City's solid waste customers. Work towards increasing the participation rate to 50 percent in 2015, to 60 percent in 2020, and to 75 percent in 2025 and beyond.

Objective 2.3: Institute programs to reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of in the County's landfill. [Measurable Target: Implement recycling, separation measures, announcements to public]

Policy 2.3.1: Continue to implement a program that provides for cardboard separation in containers for all commercial customers where feasible.

Policy 2.3.2: Continue to require the complete separation of horticultural materials curbside.

Policy 2.3.3: ~~Implement~~ Continue a local public awareness program campaigns on the benefits of recycling and in support of Polk County's programs to reduce solid waste.

Policy 2.3.4: Maintain a curbside recycling program for all single-family and multi-family residences with curbside access in the City. Maintain centralized collection of recyclables for all larger multi-family residential areas.

Policy 2.3.5: Work towards increasing participation from commercial and industrial solid waste customers in recycling programs. By 2015, increase the commercial and industrial recycling rate by 20 percent, and by 2025, increase the rate by 40 percent.

Objective 2.4: Ensure that the proper disposal of hazardous wastes are properly disposed of. [Measurable Target: Provide for hazardous waste disposal]

Policy 2.4.1: Coordinate with the County to participate in an overall Countywide hazardous waste disposal program.

Policy 2.4.2: Continue participating in all County and State Amnesty Programs for the disposal of hazardous household waste.