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DATE: July 18, 2001

SUBJECT: Elimination of Solid Waste Related Committees and Creation of  
New Solid Waste Plan Task Forces

Board Action Requested:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners approve the elimination of the solid waste related committees and create an Intergovernmental Program Task Force and a Commercial/Industrial Program Task Force as outlined in the 1999 Washtenaw County Solid Waste Plan Update.

Background:

Each County in the state of Michigan is required to prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan, as called for under Part 115, Solid Waste Management Act of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The 1999 Washtenaw County Solid Waste Plan Update (Plan Update) identifies that approximately 35% of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated in the County is from the residential sector and 65% is from the commercial/industrial sector. The Plan Update seeks to reduce the overall MSW generated per capita in Washtenaw County by 10% in the year 2010 and increase MSW diversion rates from current levels to a county average of 45% by weight by the year 2010. In order to meet these goals, the Plan Update calls for the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to establish two task forces: the Intergovernmental Program Task Force (IPTF) and the Commercial/Industrial Program Task Force (CITF).

## Discussion

According to the Plan Update the IPTF shall include the Chief elected official or designee from the Cities of Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti; and the Townships of Ann Arbor, Lodi, Pittsfield, Scio, Superior, and Ypsilanti. Additional members will include the Chief elected official or designee from any other township, village or city within the County that is interested in participating, as well as a representative of the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority. The CITF shall include representatives from commercial, industrial, and institutional entities within three key industry sectors: Manufacturing, Retail/Wholesale, and Services. Additional members will be sought from a wide cross-section of stakeholders, including the county, local municipalities, SEMCOG, waste and recycling industry and the general public.

Both Task Forces will be created for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months and will meet at least once per month or more frequently if determined necessary by the Chair and a majority of members. Within twelve (12) months of the first meeting, both Task Forces will approve an Implementation Action Plan and submit it to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, through the Board of Public Works, for their consideration and action.

Members of both Task Forces may be given a per diem and mileage reimbursement for participation in Task Force meetings.

### Impact on Human Resources:

There will be no impact on Human Resources.

### Impact on Budget:

There will be no impact on the general fund budget. All costs associated with this activity, including staff time, per diems, and mileage reimbursement, will be covered through revenues received through the County's agreement with the Arbor Hills landfill.

### Impact on Indirect Costs:

There will be no impact on indirect costs.

### Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

There will be no impact on other County Departments.

### Conformity to County Policies and Guiding Principles

This resolution conforms to County policies and furthers the County Guiding Principles.

A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE SOLID WASTE RELATED COMMITTEES  
AND CREATE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL/  
INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM TASK FORCES

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 18, 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management Plan 1999 Update (Plan Update) in May of 2000 and is considering minor revisions requested by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on July 18, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update seeks to decrease the amount of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated per capita in Washtenaw County by 10% and increase the MSW diversion rate in Washtenaw County to 45% by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners in the past has delegated authority for Solid Waste Plan implementation to the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works and the Division of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, previously the Board of Commissioners created the Solid Waste Facility Siting Committee, the Hazardous Substances Facility Siting Committee and the Solid Waste Planning Committee and there is no longer a need for these committees; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update calls for the creation of a Commercial/Industrial Program Task Force (CITF) to decrease commercial/industrial waste generation rates and increase commercial/industrial recovery rates, as well as the Intergovernmental Program Task Force (IPTF) to decrease overall waste generation rates and increase overall recovery rates, both with terms not to exceed eighteen (18) months from the date of first meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CITF and IPTF will each develop an Implementation Action Plan to decrease waste generation and increase resource recovery rates in Washtenaw County and submit this Implementation Action Plan to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, through the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works, for consideration and action within 12 months of the first meeting of the CITF and IPTF; and

WHEREAS, per the Plan Update the CITF shall include representatives from commercial, industrial, and institutional entities within three key industry sectors: Manufacturing, Retail/Wholesale, and Services and additional members will be sought from a wide cross-section of stakeholders, including the county, local municipalities, SEMCOG, waste and recycling industry and the general public; and

WHEREAS, per the Plan Update the IPTF shall include the Chief elected official or designee from the Cities of Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti; and the Townships of Ann Arbor, Lodi, Pittsfield, Scio, Superior, and Ypsilanti and additional members will include the Chief elected official or designee from any other township, village or city within the County that is interested in participating, as well as a representative of the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners designates the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works as the Designated Solid Waste Planning Agency and the Washtenaw County Division of Public Works as the Designated Plan Implementation Agency for the Plan Update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby sunsets the Solid Waste Facility Siting Committee, the Hazardous Substances Facility Siting Committee and the Solid Waste Planning Committee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners creates a Commercial/Industrial Program Task Force consisting of 10 members as follows: 1 city or village government representative, 1 township government representative, 1 county government representative, 1 environmental interest group representative, 1 solid waste/recycling industry representative, 1 manufacturing industry waste generator representative, 1 retail/wholesale industry representative, 1 services industry waste generator representative, 1 regional solid waste planning agency representative, and 1 general public representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners creates an Intergovernmental Program Task Force consisting of the Chief elected official or designee from the Cities of Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti; and the Townships of Ann Arbor, Lodi, Pittsfield, Scio, Superior, and Ypsilanti. Additional members will include the Chief elected official or designee from any other township, village or city within the County that is interested in participating, as well as a representative of the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the CITF and the IPTF shall exceed eighteen (18) months from its first meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs County Administration to advertise for membership to these task forces and to bring back to the Board for consideration of appointment