



Jackson County Solid Waste and Recycling Plan - Minutes

September 26, 2023 10:00AM

Jackson County Health Department- Rear Room and Virtual (Zoom)

In attendance

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Tyler Carpenter with Greater Egypt opened the meeting with introductions of staff and attendees. The Jackson County Recycling Coordinator, Angie Kuehl, introduced the history of solid waste and recycling in the county. A review of the Solid Waste and Recycling Act occurred which detailed the purpose and requirements for both solid waste and recycling.

The planning process was detailed which included partnerships, information requests, plan narrative, GIS/mapping, and meetings. While Greater Egypt will take the planning lead for the project, the agency will act in conjunction with the Jackson County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Recycling Coordinator. Discussion included the Southern Illinois landfill's expansions and potential needs for additional facilities.

Participation in the plan is required by the communities in the county. Since some may not be able to attend meetings, a small questionnaire will be sent to allow them to be eligible for the plan. The Advisory Committee will be formed in the near future to provide input and progress plan development.

Plan narrative will be based on information retrieved and findings from potential analyses. Greater Egypt also plans to develop an interactive map to allow the public to easily locate waste/recycling centers and other information.

Along with Advisory Committee meetings, staff will hold at least one public meeting. This will likely include maps, figures, and a presentation. The Public Outreach and Education component of the planning process will involve the school districts and other environmental groups in the county. Special pickup events and days were discussed. Digital billboards were proposed as a potential measure to display events. Faith-based organizations were discussed as excellent places to involve the public with recycling efforts.

Staff reviewed the timeline for the project. The goal is to complete the plan by December, 2024. Staff also detailed: public notice of planning start, advisory committee details, review and adoption, next steps and future planning.

Meeting adjourned.