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AUGUST 7, 2017

The Honorable Todd Portune
Policy Committee Chairperson
Hamilton County SWMD
c/o Hamilton County
Commissioners
138 E. Court Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

**Re: Hamilton County SWMD
Long Term Planning for Reg Entity
Final Approval or Acknowledgement
Solid Waste Management Planning
Hamilton County
SWMD131**

**Subject: Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste
Management Plan Approval**

Dear Commissioner Portune:

The Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Director) has reviewed and approved the ratified draft solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District). Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. Attachment 1 is a summary of the implementation schedule that was derived from the District's Plan.

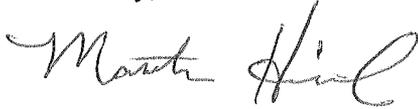
With the update complete, the District should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule and timeline contained in the approved Plan and in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Director's Final Findings and Orders. Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C)(4) also requires the Policy Committee to "...annually review implementation of the approved plan... and report its findings and recommendations regarding implementation to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district."

Additionally, you are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio." The Commission, in its discretion, may reduce the fee if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
77 South High Street
17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the approved Plan, please contact me at (614) 728-5369 or matthew.hittle@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew Hittle".

Matthew Hittle
Environmental Specialist
Division of Materials and Waste Management

Enclosures (2): Director's Final Findings and Orders
 Attachment 1 to the Findings and Orders

cc/ec (with enclosures): Holly Christmann, Director, Hamilton County SWMD
 Tracy Buchanan, Supervisor, Ohio EPA, DMWM-SEDO

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

In the matter of:

Hamilton County	:	Director's Final
Solid Waste Management District	:	Findings and Orders
250 William Howard Taft Road		
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219		

I. JURISDICTION

Ohio EPA AUG 7 '17
Entered Directors Journal

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District), pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C).

II. PARTIES

These Orders shall be binding upon the District.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.56, the policy committee of a solid waste management district (SWMD) with an approved solid waste management plan that contains a planning period of fifteen or more years is required to submit an amended solid waste management plan that complies with the requirements in Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53 to the director of Ohio EPA on or before the fifth year anniversary of the date the existing solid waste management plan was approved.
2. The District's existing solid waste management plan was approved on October 24, 2012 and covers a planning period of at least 15 years. The District's draft amended solid waste management plan was due to Ohio EPA on October 24, 2017.

3. On August 4, 2016, Ohio EPA received a draft amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.
4. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the director of Ohio EPA is required to provide the policy committee of a SWMD with a written, nonbinding advisory opinion regarding a draft solid waste management plan and any recommended changes to it that the director considers necessary to effect its approval.
5. On September 16, 2016, Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on August 4, 2016 to the District's Policy Committee.
6. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the policy committee of a SWMD is required to submit a draft solid waste management plan that was ratified in accordance with the criteria established in Division (B) of ORC Section 3734.55 to the director of Ohio EPA to be reviewed for compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53.
7. On May 30, 2017, Ohio EPA received a ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.
8. The director has determined that the District's ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan is in compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of Section 3734.53 of the ORC.

V. ORDERS

1. The District's ratified, draft, amended plan that was received by Ohio EPA on May 30, 2017 is hereby approved.
2. The District shall proceed to implement its approved solid waste management plan in accordance with the strategies, programs, and activities described in the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan and contained in the implementation schedule included as Attachment 1 to these Orders.

VI. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal, or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against the District for noncompliance with these Orders.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require the District to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734 or any other applicable laws in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the District to raise any administrative, legal, or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of the District. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations which may occur.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Craig W. Butler, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS
Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the
Hamilton County SWMD

Several sections of the ratified, draft amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) submitted by the Solid Waste Management District or Authority identified above are considered to be part of the implementation schedule required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.53(A)(13). This attachment lists the elements that Ohio EPA understands to constitute the implementation schedule contained in the District's or Authority's Plan. These elements are listed in the table below.

Implementation Schedule for Facilities, Strategies, Programs and Activities

1. Elements of the Plan	2. According to the Plan, when will implementation of this strategy begin and end?	3. Which Goal will this strategy be used to demonstrate compliance with?
Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education		
5943 Commerical/Institutional Waste Reduction & Recycling	2018, ongoing	Goal 2,4
5940 Industrial Technical Assistance	ongoing	Goal 2,4
1732 Interchange	ongoing	Goal 2,4
5942 Pollution Prevention Internships	ongoing	Goal 2,4
Curbside Recycling, Non-subscription		
1628 Amberly Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1629 Blue Ash City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1630 Cincinnati City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1653 Colerain Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
3671 Columbia Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1632 Deer Park City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1634 Evendale Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2

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1635 Fairfax Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1656 Forest Park City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8383 Glendale Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1657 Golf Manor Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1636 Greenhills Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1637 Harrison City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1638 Indian Hill Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1639 Loveland City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1640 Madeira City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1641 Mariemont Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1642 Montgomery City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1643 Mt. Healthy City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1644 Newtown Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1645 North College Hill City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1661 Norwood City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9485 Sharonville City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1648 Springdale City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1664 Springfield Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1647 St. Bernard City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1649 Terrace Park Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2

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1651 Woodlawn Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1650 Wyoming City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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Curbside Recycling, Subscription

1627 Addyston Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1652 Anderson Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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9486 Arlington Heights Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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8583 Cleves Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1654 Crosby Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1655 Delhi Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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5930 Elmwood Place Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1658 Green Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1659 Harrison Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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9651 Lincoln Heights Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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9652 Miami Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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9653 North Bend Village	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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3670 Reading City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1663 Silverton City	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1665 Sycamore Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1666 Symmes Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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1667 Whitewater Township	ongoing	Goal 1,2
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Drop-off Recycling

9801 Cincinnati City Aluminum Can Challenge	ongoing	Goal 2
9802 Cincinnati City Textile Drop Boxes	ongoing	Goal 2
4300 Montgomery City monthly collection event (cardboard and paperboard)	ongoing	Goal 2
8656 Newtown Village - Cardboard only (3711 Debolt Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 2

Drop-off Recycling, FS, Rural

7523 Amberley Village, Municipal Building (7149 Ridge Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9803 Amberly Village, French Park (3012 Section Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8912 Cleves Village (680 North Miami Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9490 Cleves Village, Waterworks Building (92 E. Cleves Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9487 Crosby Township, 8382 New Haven Road (School Parking Lot)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7122 Crosby Township, Fire Department #27 (6985 River Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7522 Crosby Township, Fire Department #28 (9139 Baughman Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8586 Greenhills Village, Greenhills Shopping Center (Enfield St.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9491 Harrison Township, Harrison Township Civic Center (9940 New Haven Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8661 Lincoln Heights Village (Corner of Magee St. and Simmons St.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8384 Lockland City, Public Parking Lot (Mill St.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
3672 Lockland Village, Village parking lot (116 N. Cooper)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8662 Silverton City, Municipal Building Garage (6860 Plainfield Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7529 Woodlawn Village, Administrative Building (10141 Woodlawn Blvd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2

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1675 Woodlawn Village, Fire Department (10121 Springfield Pike)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban		
1676 Anderson Township, Operation Center (7954 Beechmont Ave)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1678 Blue Ash City, BA Sports Complex (11540 Grooms Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1679 Blue Ash City, Municipal Building (4343 Cooper Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1680 Blue Ash City, University of Cincinnati College (9555 Plainfield Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1669 Cheviot City, Maintenance Garage (3729 Robb Ave)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8584 Cheviot City, Municipal Parking Lot (3719 Harrison)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7119 Cincinnati City, 3rd and Butler	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8660 Cincinnati City, 3rd and Central	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8659 Cincinnati City, Alms Park (711 Alms Circle)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8585 Cincinnati City, Building Value (4040 Spring Grove)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9654 Cincinnati City, Cincinnati Parks (Mt. Airy Forest, 5083 Colerain Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9656 Cincinnati City, Clifton Market (3307 Clifton Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8911 Cincinnati City, College Hill (6128 Hamilton Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7121 Cincinnati City, Downtown Public Library (9th and Vine)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
4916 Cincinnati City, Dunham Recreation Park (4320 Guerley Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7524 Cincinnati City, Findlay Market (1819 Race St.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
3673 Cincinnati City, Hamilton County Environmental Services (250 William Howard Taft)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9657 Cincinnati City, Lebo's Bar (5869 Kellogg Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2

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8658 Cincinnati City, Maple Ridge Lodge (3040 Westwood-Northern Blvd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
4915 Cincinnati City, North Avondale (617 Clinton Springs)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
5970 Cincinnati City, Schmidt Field (150 St. Peter)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7118 Cincinnati City, West Court and Cutter (downtown)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9655 Cincinnati City, Cincinnati Parks and Building Maintenance (2080 Sinton Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7526 Colerain Township, Pleasant Run Middle School (11770 Pippin Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8657 Deer Park City, Francis R. Healy Community Center (7640 Plainfield Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
5968 Delhi Township, Community and Senior Center (647 Neeb Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9658 Forest Park City, Forest Chapel (680 W. Sharon Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9663 Forest Park City, Municipal Building (1201 W. Kemper Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9659 Forest Park City, North Central Branch Library (11109 Hamilton Ave.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9660 Forest Park City, Winton Woods Elementary School (1501 Kingbury Dr.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9662 Forest Park City, Winton Woods High School (1232 W. Kemper Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9661 Forest Park City, Winton Woods Intermediate School (825 Waycross Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
5965 Green Township, Kuliga Park (6717 Bridgetown Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7126 Green Township, Senior Center (3620 Epley Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9664 Loveland City, Municipal Building (120 W. Loveland Ave.E)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8587 Mt. Healthy City (7700 Perry Street)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
4917 Reading City, VYO/Haffey Fieldhouse (1599 West St)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
1673 Springdale City, Public Works (335 Northland Blvd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2

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7128 Springfield Township, Civic Complex (9150 Winton Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8387 Springfield Township, Clifford George Park (1615 Forrester Dr.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8386 Springfield Township, Grove and Senior Center (9158 Winton Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8385 Springfield Township, Stephanie Hummer Park (661 North Bend Rd.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7125 Sycamore Township, Administrative Building (8540 Kenwood Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9124 Symmes Township, Camp Dennison Nature Trail (Munson and Campbell St.)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8588 Symmes Township, Community Building (9373 Union Cemetary Rd)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
8589 Symmes Township, Hopewell Meadows Park (9131 Hopewell)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7528 Whitewater Township, Hooven School (4317 Chidlaw)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
7527 Whitewater Township, Miamitown School (6578 SR 128)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
9665 Wyoming City, Recreation Building (9940 Springfield Pike)	ongoing	Goal 1,2
Electronics Collection		
5946 Promotion of permanent electronics recycling outlets	ongoing	Goal 3,4,5
Household Hazardous Waste		
5944 Promotion of permanent HHW outlets	ongoing	Goal 3,4,5
Lead-Acid Battery Programs		
1741 Promotion of permanent battery recycling outlets	ongoing	Goal 3,4,5
Other Programs		
9806 Elected Officials Newsletter	ongoing	Goal 4
8645 Emergency Debris Management Program	ongoing	n/a
9805 Environmental Crimes Task Force	2018, ongoing	n/a

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1744 Funding to County and City Health Departments	ongoing	n/a
5939 Recycling Awards Program	ongoing	Goal 4
5932 Residential Recycling Incentive Rebate (RRIR) Program	ongoing	Goal 2,6
5933 Target Communities Outreach and Technical Assistance	ongoing	Goal 2,4
Other Residential/Commercial Recycling		
9804 Recycling at public events	ongoing	Goal 2
Residential Sector Education and Awareness		
9807 Adult Education Seminars	ongoing	Goal 4
9811 Advertising Campaigning	2018, ongoing	Goal 4
9808 Compost Blog	ongoing	Goal 4
5938 District Website	ongoing	Goal 3,4
9812 Marketing Plan	ongoing	Goal 4
9813 Outreach Priority (food waste and yard trimmings)	2018, ongoing	Goal 4
1719 School Newsletters	ongoing	Goal 4
8652 Social Media	ongoing	Goal 4
9810 Special Events	ongoing	Goal 4
1722 Student Field Trips	ongoing	Goal 4
9809 Student Presentations	ongoing	Goal 4
Scrap Tire Programs		
1733 Funding for Tire Clean-ups	ongoing	Goal 5

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<i>Yard Waste Programs</i>		
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5935 Yard Waste Drop-Off Centers

ongoing

Goal 2,5