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The Honorable Joe Hintz  
Policy Committee Chairperson  
Huron County SWMD  
180 Milan Avenue  
Norwalk, OH 44857

**Re: Huron County SWMD  
Long Term Planning for Reg Entity  
Final Approval or Acknowledgement  
Solid Waste Management Planning  
Huron County  
SWMD139**

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

Dear Commissioner Hintz:

The Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Director) has reviewed and approved the ratified draft solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Huron 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 District's 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:



**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

In the matter of:

Huron County	:	Director's Final
Solid Waste Management District	:	Findings and Orders
180 Milan Avenue		
Norwalk, Ohio 44857		

**I. JURISDICTION**

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Huron 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 May 4, 2011 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 May 4, 2016.

3. On May 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 June 17, 2016, Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on May 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 August 11, 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 August 11, 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:**



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Craig W. Butler, Director  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS**  
**Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the**

**Huron County Solid Waste Management District**

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?
<b>Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education</b>		
9842 Business and Industry Outreach (Initiative HC-12.1) - promote availability of waste audits and workshops through website and the Huron County Chamber of Commerce. Promote services to largest generators via email and direct mailing	2018, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4974 Commercial/Industrial Workshops - hold workshops upon request	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4972 Commercial/Industrial Newsletter - develop newsletters for the commercial and industrial sectors and work with Chamber of Commerce to provide information to members	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
9843 Electronic Commercial/Industrial newsletter (Initiative HC-15.1) - newsletters will be developed on at least a quarterly basis and posted on the District's webpage	2018, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4970 Waste Audits and Assessments - provide free waste audits and assessments upon request	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
<b>Curbside Recycling, Non-Subscription</b>		
1847 New London Village	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
1846 Norwalk City	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
<b>Curbside Recycling, Subscription</b>		
3905 Wakeman Village	2015, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2

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**Drop-off Recycling**

9836 Advertising Drop-off Schedule (Initiative HC-2.5) - work with political subdivisions to post info on websites about availability of drop-offs	2018, Ongoing	Goal 4
9837 Drop-off Efficiency Study (Initiative HC-2.6) - Conduct cost accounting of drop-off program to determine exact cost	2018, 2020	N/A
9833 Drop-off Location Expansion (Initiative HC-2.2) - evaluate siting drop-offs in Fairfield Village/Township, Townsend Township, and Ripley Township	2018, Ongoing	Goal 1
9832 Drop-off Location Monitoring (Initiative HC-2.1) - monitor drop-off sites and adjust on an as-needed basis	2018, Ongoing	N/A
9835 Improving Program Availability (Initiative HC-2.4) - expand availability of drop-offs currently available during only even or off-months	2018, Ongoing	Goal 1
9834 Improving Program Consistency (Initiative HC-2.3) - expand materials accepted at sites where limited materials are accepted	2018, Ongoing	Goal 1

**Drop-off Recycling, FS, Rural**

4946 Greenwich, Village Administration Building	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4944 Monroeville, Greenfield Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4938 New London, New London Village Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2

**Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban**

4936 Norwalk City, County Sheriff's Office	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4937 Norwalk City, Huron County Administration Building	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
9829 Willard City, Huron County Transfer Facility	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2

**Drop-off Recycling, PT, Rural**

4940 Bellevue, Lyme Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4942 Collins, Hartland Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4941 Monroeville, Ridgefield Township Office	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
4943 Norwalk Township	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2

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4947 Wakeman Township/Wakeman Village	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1
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<b>Drop-off Recycling, PT, Urban</b>		
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8292 Norwalk City, Bronson Township Building	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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4945 Norwalk City, Norwalk Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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4939 Willard City, Waste Water Treatment Plant	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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9828 Willard City, Willard City Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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4950 Willard, New Haven Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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4948 Willard, Norwich Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1 Goal 2
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4949 Willard, Richmond Township Hall	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2
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<b>Electronics Collection</b>		
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9839 Accepting Electronics at the Transfer Station (Initiative HC-8.1) - evaluate options to collect electronics at the transfer station and roll out to the public one a cost effective R2 licensed and certified processor is identified	2018, Ongoing	Goal 2 Goal 5
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5404 Refer residents to organizations that accept and recycle e-waste for no charge	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2
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<b>Grants/Funding</b>		
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9844 Expansion to Other Communities (Initiative HC-16.1) - offer financial assistance to all political subdivisions for the first 5 years of the planning period per criteria of the new grant program	2018 - 2023	N/A
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8293 Recycling Incentive Grant - provide financial assistance to the city of Norwalk to aid with the curbside recycling program	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 1
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<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>		
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4964 District will annually evaluate whether opportunities for partnerships exist to allow offering HHW collection events	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 5
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4967 Improve HHW Management Education (Initiative HC-4.2) - update website and HHW publications to include proper disposal practices and list of companies to manage HHW	2018, Ongoing	Goal 5
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8288 Promote Reducing HHW Generation (Initiative HC-4.1) - reduce the amount of usable HHW residents dispose of by enhancing education and awareness	2018, Ongoing	Goal 5
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**Lead-Acid Battery Programs**

4966 Continue to accept LABs at the Huron County Transfer Station for free. Also maintain list of facilities that accept LABs and include information on LAB disposal in education materials	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 5
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**Other Facilities (1)**

4952 Huron County Transfer Facility/Landfill - own and operate the Huron County Transfer Facility	Existing, Ongoing	N/A
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**Other Programs**

9845 District Accounting and Consolidation (Initiative HC-17.1) - evaluate option of consolidating all District operations, the transfer station, and post-closure of the landfill into the District	2019, Ongoing	N/A
9838 Organics Waste Management Technical Assistance (Initiative HC-3.1) - work with Huron County Jail on implementing food waste or yard waste composting	2018, 2022	Goal 2 Goal 5
4951 Punch Card Program - allows residents in townships that do not have access to curbside waste and recycling collection services to deliver materials to the transfer station 5 times annually at no cost	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2

**Other Residential/Commercial Recycling**

4958 Continue to accept appliances at the Huron County Transfer Station. Appliances containing Freon will be accepted for a fee	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2
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**Residential Sector Education and Awareness**

9830 Curbside Recycling Promotion (Initiative HC-1.1) - targeted promotional activities to residents with curbside recycling	2018, Ongoing	Goal 4
9831 Curbside Recycling Technical Assistance (Initiative HC-1.2) - provide technical assistance to communities interested in implementing curbside recycling	2018, Ongoing	Goal 4
4955 Environmental Education - continue providing presentations to students, youth groups, and civic groups	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4954 Environmental Events Program - continue interacting with the community through special events	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4956 Establish Quantitative goals and Measure Improvements (Initiative HC-10.1) - education specialist will increase annual presentations/number of students reached, evaluate progress, and review with District Director	2018, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
9840 Improve and Promote Website (Initiative HC-9.1) - expand the current content and promote website by encouraging cities, villages, and townships to include links to the District's website on their websites	2018, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4

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9841 Outreach to Local Newspapers and Other Media Sources (initiative HC-9.2) - work with local newspapers to identify opportunities to publish articles on waste related topics and provide press releases about upcoming events	2018, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
9848 Promotion of Punch Card System (Initiative HC-19.1) - include information on website, compile list of non-participating townships, and promote punch cards via email and/or direct mailing	2018, ongoing	N/A
8290 Public Awareness - continue to use a variety of methods to reach residents including website, regular column entries in newspaper, cable and television ads, press releases, and brochures	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
4971 Recycling Assistance Program - maintain list of recycling options for used oil, lead-acid batteries, and other materials and distribute at various locations	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 3 Goal 4
<b>Scrap Tire Programs</b>		
4959 Continue to accept scrap tires at the Huron County Transfer Station for a fee. Hold biannual collection events in off-numbered years when grant funding is available.	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 5
<b>Yard Waste Programs</b>		
4960 Huron County Composting Facility - own and operate the Class IV composting facility. Currently, yard waste delivered to the site is transported to a third-party yard waste facility. District reserves right to operate it as a compost or transfer site	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2 Goal 4
4961 Registered composting facilities and yard waste collection programs	Existing, Ongoing	Goal 2 Goal 5