



Solid Waste Planning

What is the purpose of the Solid Waste Plan? The purpose of the Solid Waste Plan is to protect human health and the environment, while also efficiently conserving, managing and planning for waste that is generated.

How is it funded? The planning is funded through local contributions.

How often is it updated? The SWP is updated every 5 years.

Is it mandatory? The regional SWP must be updated and maintained on a 5-year basis. TJPDC writes plans for the Counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Fluvanna; the City of Charlottesville; and the towns of Scottsville and Stanardsville.



Yes. Each locality must have a plan per the Virginia code – the regional plan fulfills this requirement for localities in the Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Planning Unit (TJ-SWPU).

How is it developed? TJPDC works with local committees and has public meetings and workshops to develop the SWP.

How is it adopted? Once the initial preparation work is completed by the TJPDC and the member localities, the DEQ approves the final SWP. The TJPDC adopts the regional plan at one of its meetings.

What is the benefit for the localities?

- General human health is improved, as well as the environment
- Waste is diverted from landfills and a higher percentage of municipal solid waste is recycled
- Increases the markets for reusing and recycling

What else does the PDC do to support solid waste planning efforts for the member localities? TJPDC has a member on the Solid Waste Alternative Albemarle County Committee and their main function is to be a bridge between the counties to collaborate on SWR issues in general. Every year, they collect recycling data from the local businesses, recycling companies, and haulers and report that to VDEQ. That is mandatory. The committee discusses ways to better increase residents' participation in recycling specifically in Albemarle County but also in the whole region. They meet once a month with residents and businesses and they also try to impact policy by bringing items to the Albemarle County board.



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