



The Solid Waste Management Plan Explained

What is the Solid Waste Management Plan?

The Solid Waste Management Plan is prepared in accordance with DEQ requirements and State regulation 9 VAC 20-130-10 et seq. which must address solid waste planning in an approved Planning Unit or Region. (The City of Manassas is an approved Planning Unit.)

The plan sets forth solid waste management goals and objectives for a 20-year period and describes the planning and regulatory concepts to be employed by the adopting locality to meet those goals and objectives.

What are the Goals and Objectives of the Plan?

The City of Manassas has developed and adopted this Solid Waste Management Plan with the following goals in mind:

- Maintain Federal and State Laws and Regulations
- Meet the needs of its citizens
- Programs should be environmentally sound
- Empower citizens to become informed and active participants
- Work to enforce the City's Solid Waste Code
- Seek new opportunities for improvements and expansion of the trash and recycling program

When did City Council last review the Solid Waste Management Plan?

The new draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan for the City was reviewed and approved by City Council on March 22, 2021. The last time the plan was updated and approved by City Council was August 5, 2010. The original solid waste plan was adopted by the City of Manassas on July 23, 1991.

In keeping with the regulation; the plan must be updated every five years by the adopting region. In order to meet State regulations; update letters were sent on March 3, 2015 and May 13, 2020.

What updates, revisions or inclusions are in the new draft?

The new draft includes updates and revisions of information previously presented in the 2010 Solid Waste Management Plan.

Updates/Revisions

- Goals and Objectives
- Program Timeline
- Demographics
- Maps
- Population Projections
- Statistical Information
- Budget Information

The new draft also incorporates more information about the ways in which the City of Manassas plans and manages solid waste. It also includes the various programs and events used to inform and educate residents about litter, trash disposal, recycling, drop-off collections, and emergency operations.

New Information

Litter

- Keep Manassas Beautiful
- Litter Prevention Plan
- Didlake Contract
- Litter Audits

Trash Disposal

- American Disposal Contract
- Solid Waste Code
- Violation Warning
- Information Flyers

Recycling

- Recycling Rate Reporting
- Leaf Collection
- Composting
- Educational Events
- Information Flyers

Drop-off Collections

- Special Use Permit – Manassas Transfer Station
- RecycleFest
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
- Electronics Drop-off
- Document Shredding
- Drop-off program outreach materials

Emergency Operation

- Debris Management Plan

Public Engagement Process

The City's Citizen Advisory Committee on Solid Waste (CAC) advises City Council on matters regarding solid waste and recycling within the City. The CAC reviewed and discussed a draft of the Plan on February 19, 2020, prior to posting on the City's website for public input. Comments received from the CAC were reviewed and incorporated into the document as appropriate.

The City of Manassas posted a draft version of the updated Solid Waste Management Plan to the City's website for review and comment by the public on March 1, 2020. The comment period ended on October 30, 2020. A total of 13 comments were received, compiled and included in the current revision of the draft.

Conclusion

The new draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan met the requirements set for solid waste management by the State, and provides a link to other planning documents for the City including the Comprehensive Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. It also includes new programs and outreach activities to help keep our residents safe, informed and engaged through the City's Refuse and Recycling Program.

The final step in the process was for City Council to conduct a public hearing for any final citizen comment and to adopt the plan. The public hearing was scheduled for March 22, 2021 and approved by Council.