

# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## Solid Waste Plan Stakeholder/Steering Committee Meeting August 16, 2023 2 PM

In Person attendance: Shannon Rossman and Alexa Bixel

Via Zoom attendance: Greg Molter, Shawn McLaughlin, Rachel Swartwood, Lincoln Kaufman, Charles Fritz, Michael Hnatin, and Kristin Perez

### Discussion Items:

#### 1. Administration

- a. MOU update – Shannon Rossman made note that everyone has signed their CO&A. The MOU will be sent out for all the counties to sign.
- b. Reports – Shannon Rossman sent out the quarterly report to all counties to relay to their municipalities. Shannon Rossman mentioned for the counties to send back their confirmation of the report being sent out back to us to file.

#### 2. Data Needs/Mapping

- a. 2021 Data just released – Shannon Rossman mentioned that last week the 2021 Data from DEP on recycling has been released. Shannon Rossman said that our plan would be use the data as a reference, instead of changing our current information in the plan. Shannon Rossman does not want to change graphs at this time since Alexa Bixel has been updating them. Shannon Rossman made note that most of the charts and graphs were updated to look nicer and changed to bar graphs.
- b. Changes to Maps? – No Changes to the Maps were suggested at this meeting.
- c. Special Collection
  - i. Events & locations past examples – Shannon Rossman stated she would like to receive pictures and flyers of any special collection events or past events to include in the plan. Shannon Rossman made mention Alexa Bixel has working on compiling them for the plan.
  - ii. Future Events – Shannon Rossman made mention that Future Events would be good to include the plan as well. It was encouraged for the counties to send pictures or flyers to be included in the plan as well.

#### 3. Overview of Plan Progress

- a. Budgets
  - i. Recycling Budget Information – Shannon Rossman stated that Recycling Budget information is important to include in Plan. As data is relevant to address costs raising in the region. Shannon Rossman mentioned that so far the only recycling budget received was from Union County. Shannon Rossman urged the counties to respond to this request.

- b. SOI – Shannon Rossman made note that Alexa Bixel was trying to collect information on the different rates for Landfills to include in the plan. As it was realized that some information that was given was a mix of commercial and residential rates. Currently, Shannon Rossman and Alexa Bixel are going through and identifying these rates to confirm information. Also, it was reiterated that we would not be completing a new SOI.
- c. Permitting Haulers – Shannon Rossman brought up that Shawn McLaughlin made a good point looking towards permitting haulers. Shannon Rossman stated that for this plan it is not proposed to permit haulers. As there is no reason at this time to permit haulers since haulers are already permitted through DEP. Greg Molter mentioned that he agreed with not permitting haulers. As when Montour permitted haulers, it ended up in a legal battle. Michael Hnatin seconded in agreement to not permitting haulers, as he did not see any gain in it. Shannon Rossman noted the only time she saw gain from permitting haulers was in mandatory trash collections at the municipal level. Mandatory trash collection is not foreseen in the future for the region at the County or level. Shawn McLaughlin made mention that in past time it was standard to have mandatory collection for flow control, however, due to DEP regulations this changed and somewhat halted counties ability to mandate.
- d. Working Draft under review by Stakeholders
  - i. Comments received from Union County and Bloomsburg Borough – Shannon Rossman stated she has only received comments from Union County and the Town of Bloomsburg.
  - ii. Additional comments? – Shannon Rossman noted she still needed comments from Montour, Colombia and Snyder. Shannon Rossman strongly suggested for the counties to make mention of anything they saw they would like changed in the plan or did not agree with. Shannon Rossman made the note that there are still some items that need to be placed into the plan. Shannon Rossman will primarily focus on updating the summary for the plan. In this section, she would like to highlight plans, growth, and ideas. Shannon Rossman also wants to include any county issues in this section and stress the importance of costs raising.

#### 4. Next Steps

- a. Draft Plan end of August, 2023 – Shannon Rossman made mention that we are working towards removing a lot of repeated information from the old plan. Shannon Rossman also discussed the following dates below with the counties present. Shannon Rossman stated that once the document is out there is a plan to get it posted on Lycoming Counties' website. In doing so, Shannon Rossman noted that the counties would be provided with a link they could forward to their municipalities and other interested in partners.
  - i. Continue to make revisions until end of September, 2023
- b. Final Draft Plan must be submitted to DEP by October 26, 2023
  - i. Counties must public notice in newspaper and hold a 90-day comment period
  - ii. Counties must adopt the Regional Plan Revision by February 26, 2024
  - iii. Municipalities must ratify

5. Questions – No questions were mentioned at this meeting.

#### 6. Next Meeting