



COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

UPDATE



EVERY FIVE YEARS

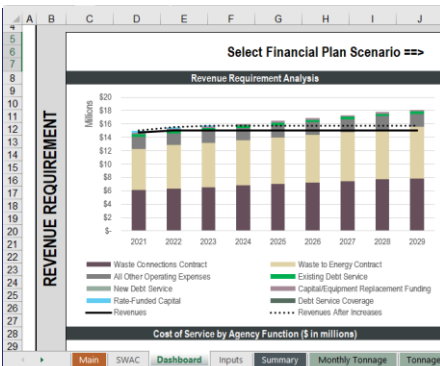
The Department of Ecology requires every County to revise their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) every five years. We will be publishing a newsletter to update our stakeholders on the progress during this process.

GREAT WEST ENGINEERING

Spokane County has selected Great West Engineering, Inc as the consultants to update the SWMP. The estimated timeline for this project is January 2020 to August 2021.

SUBCOMMITTEE

During the January SWAC meeting, several members volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to provide input and direction for the SWMP. All subcommittee meetings are open to the public.



HIGHLIGHT:

Work is coming to completion on a newly configured rate model for Spokane County. New features incorporated into this Excel-based tool will allow Spokane County to accurately forecast revenues and expenses with a long-term view and incorporate transfer station metrics when calculating future rates.

OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

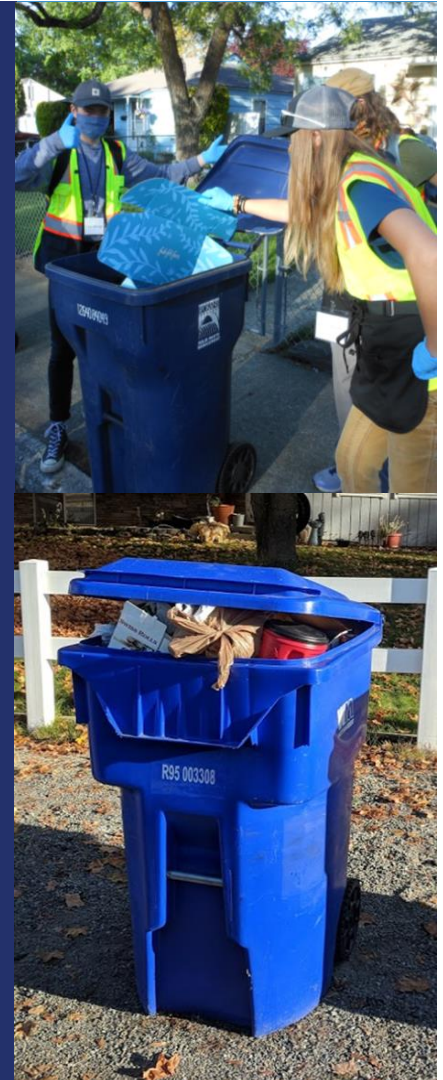
The Spokane County Regional Solid Waste System continues to pursue education and outreach opportunities while working through the SWMP update. The County was awarded a \$147,000 grant from The Recycling Partnership to conduct recycling cart tagging on 30 routes within the County. The three waste haulers who offer curbside recycling within the County--The City of Spokane, Sunshine Disposal and Recycling, and Waste Management--have been committed partners throughout this endeavor and have worked together to produce a consistent message about what should and shouldn't be deposited in curbside recycling bins.

Routes that will receive cart tags are located throughout the County, including Airway Heights, Deer Park, Mead, Otis Orchards, Spokane, Wandermere, the West Plains and others.

To learn more about this project, follow the below link to an article posted in the Spokesman Review in late April.

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/apr/28/recycling-project-aims-to-help-spokane-focus-on-pu/>

Questions and comments can also be directed toward Lindsay Chapman, County Solid Waste Project Manager, at lichapman@spokanecounty.org.



GOALS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

One of the tasks within the overall Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan update is to revise the goals and necessary recommended actions that will be pursued by the Regional Solid Waste System over the next five years. Through brainstorming sessions and conversations with stakeholders, an initial list of goals and recommended actions has been developed. This draft list of goals and recommended actions can be found in the SWAC Subcommittee Meeting #3 Notes on the following webpage: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/2032/Spokane-County-ComprehensiveSolid-Waste->

If anyone would like to discuss the goals and recommended actions or provide any feedback, whether additions or edits, please reach out to Lindsay Chapman (lichapman@spokanecounty.org).

MEETINGS AND RECORDS:

- We are currently reaching out to our member jurisdictions and industry stakeholders to ask for input on elements of the Plan and the update process.
- The next SWAC meeting will be held on July 15th from 3-5pm. An email with an agenda and materials for discussion will be sent by Danette Dobbins a few days prior. Please contact Danette if you are interested in attending.
- All scheduled meetings, meeting minutes and related documents associated with the SWMP update can be found at:

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/2032/Spokane-County-ComprehensiveSolid-Waste->

- Are you interested in being part of the listserv for meeting updates? Please send an email of intent to Danette Dobbins at DDobbins@spokanecounty.org.

