



## Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes



Thursday, March 9, 2023, 4-5:30 pm  
County Office Building, 402 McIntire Rd  
Room 235

#### **Attendance:**

SWAAC: Christine Hirsh-Putnam, Peggy Gilges, Victoria Walsh, Betsey Soulsby, Adam Gendell,

SWAAC members absent: Kendall Dix, Margaret Eldridge, Jesse Warren, Annie White, Monty Harris, Teri Strother

Liaisons: Jim Andrews, Donna Price, Phil McKalips, Repp Glaettli

Guests: Craig Wittig from The Recycling Partnership's community grant partnerships.

David Benish, Community Development Dept.

Christine called the meeting to order at 4 pm. In the absence of a quorum, no matters were officially proposed, deliberated or decided, no votes were taken.

#### Presentations:

##### **1. Craig Wittig from The Recycling Partnership's community grant partnerships.**

less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  material delivered to recycling, 40% lack equitable access

tackling recycling behavior

bring more materials into system

Avg household 757#

Offers a cart grant - any size community

Matl Advancement, Grant Dev & Implementation

Behavior, participation, capture

Developing RFP for Drop off infrastructure

All grants come with mandatory education program

New tons, new access

Cart Grants \$15/cart, \$1.00 education - location can choose cart type/manufacturer

actual cart fee \$40 - \$60

cards for annual education

Anti-Contamination Recycling Kit feet on the street

4 consecutive cycles to educate on anti-contamination. Increases more recycling, not much negative feedback

has drop off contamination kit

Info card, Ooops Tags, Top Issue Mailer

Website has DIY Signs for putting on containers

New Socialmedia kit for Drop off

Reports on website: State of Curbside Report, The Bridge of Circularity, West Coast Contamination Initiative Research Report

Matt James - Grant Development Manager for Drop off Recycling  
[mJames@recyclingpartnership.org](mailto:mJames@recyclingpartnership.org)

Rob Taylor, VP, Grants and Community Development (from Cville)

Tons & Access information for Grants

Training for personnel handling solid waste???

Recycling manager program SWANA

**2. AC44 Comprehensive Plan Update SWAAC feedback for Chapter 12 Community Facilities** (planning staff) See Google Doc

How & where to grow,  
supporting local business & industry  
protecting & enhancing natural resources

goals, objectives & Strategies by topics

Specific outcomes or targets to accomplish a goal

Strategy: policy, infrastructure improvement, planning effort

Last plan 2015, update needed to plan for population growth, urban services, housing, infrastructure

align with new and updated State Code

Reflect new initiatives, ensure equity, improve usability

Engagement goals, outreach to more community members, transparent process

4 phases, plan for growth, Draft Policies & Toolkits, Prioritize Action Steps, Finalize & adopt plan currently beginning phase 2 - will be through this calendar year

Phase 1 result - Framework for an Equitable and Resilient both (financially & environmentally) Community

Each topic plan : Transportation, Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, Parks & Rec, Natural, Cultural, Historic and scenic resources, Community Facilities

Developing 'planning toolkits'

Would like comments from SWAAC

Suggested a qualitative objective, 'waste disposal should be listed after 'reduce waste, conserve resources... equity to all areas for services (organic waste - townhouses, apts, etc.)

Multiple people interested in attending the Planning & Vision meeting in April

**3. SMM and Climate Action** (Isabella O'Brien) will send out report summary, will present next month

**Action Items/Followup:**

- April meeting guest: Eric Walter, Black Bear Composting to learn more about the state of compost collection
- Invitation to Matt Page from Lifecycle Organics for the May meeting

#### **County Report Out:**

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#### **Planning and Vision:**

- Last meeting:
- Peggy reported out

#### **Operations:**

- Last meeting:

#### **Education and Outreach:**

- Last meeting on February 9th
- Christine reported out
  - Distributing reusable bags at West Haven, Dollar Tree, etc. with reminder card to put on their dashboard until bringing bag becomes a habit
- School composting update
  - Greer-Greer has successfully implemented composting - K, 1st and 5th graders
  - Mountain View- all 4th graders participated in lesson and are now composting
  - Murray- all students composting during lunch
  - Environmental Club did Ivy tour, made a slide show, sent suggestions for home implementation
  - Hollymead- 4th graders starting in April
- Scheduled to meet March 9th evening (following SWAAC meeting)

#### **New Business and Discussion:**

Meeting adjourned at.

Next SWAAC meeting will be held **in person** Thursday, April, 13th 2023, 4-5:30 in Room 235 of the County Office Building.