



## Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



Thursday, May 9, 2024, 4-5:30 pm  
County Office Building, 402 McIntire Rd  
Room 235

### **Draft SWAAC Meeting Minutes**

Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

#### **Attendance:**

SWAAC: Christine Hirsh-Putnam, Peggy Gilges, Victoria Walsh, Betsey Soulsby, Kendall Dix, Teri Strother, Adam Gendell, Joe Sakos, Mike Kruse, Kaleigh Reno

SWAAC members absent: Adam,

Guests: Chuck Delanoy, John

Liaisons: Jim Andrews, Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Jamie Powers, Isabella O'Brian, Phil McKalips

#### **Review agenda and approve**

Review [April minutes](#) and approve

**Legislative Priorities** -Discussion led by Joe and Kendall

**Adjourn**

Announcement from Phil - Ivy closed June 8 & 10

NOPE has taken over composting hauling. They outcompete Black Bear on the contract so the material from Ivy MUC and MRC will be hauled by NOPE to Panorama.

Teri met with Zach at UVA who has nonprofit funding to create products from plastic. Zach is a student and interested in the SWAAC. He could be a good speaker for the group.

Jamie - Conference sustainability network meeting. Businesses working to create a zero-waste Charlotte NC.

Jamie - Plastic Bag tax - FAS creating a plan to use funds. Litter clean-up program. Figuring out which roads need it most. Equity consideration as well. Could be funding for education programs as well.

Discussion on littering from car and truck drivers and how to reach people with an anti-littering message.. Trash cans at bus stops is a good idea.

AC44 - County may engage the public in the fall.

## **Work Plan Reports**

### Hauler requirements - Peggy, Victoria, Chuck

Isabella isn't getting much info from Vendors

How is waste divided by waste, recyclables, compostables?

GFL isn't reporting. UVA isn't reporting since Sonny Beale left

DEQ doesn't require info on materials going into landfills. Organic waste?

We don't have a benchmark or good info so it's hard to know if new initiatives are effective.

How to plan for more recycling and more compostables in new multi-family developments and apartments. Space needs to be set aside for Recycling and Composting containers.

GFL said they would not report unless every hauler has to report.

Phil - "State law says a county can take over waste management, with 5 years notice to each waste hauler."

### Composting - Teri and Kayleigh

Want to align with the climate action plan. Doing meetings, sending emails, exploring ideas.

### Recycled Paper Purchasing

\$42.38 for non recycled paper from Amazon

\$50.86 for 30% recycled paper from BW Wilson

\$60.22 for 100% recycling from BW Wilson

Will meet with Allison at procurement again to further brainstorm

Could we tie recycled paper purchasing with County climate goals?

What if we spend the same amount on paper but buy recycled paper and use less?

Emphasize long term costs of inaction.

Government and Schools should be setting an example for the community.

According to research by the Alliance for Environmental Innovation, one ton (40 boxes) of 100% recycled copy paper saves the equivalent of:

- 24 trees
- 7,000 gallons of water
- 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity
- 60 pounds of air pollution

when compared to non recycled copy paper

### Legislative Priorities

Discussion to determine priorities

Joe agreed to meet with our local delegates about SMM related legislation from last year's GA and places for the 2025 GA session

**Adjourn**