



# Solid Waste Management Fund Update

York County Board of Supervisors  
Work Session  
March 4, 2025

# Solid Waste Management Fund



- Self-supporting Enterprise fund
- User Fees intended to cover cost of operations
- Typically not supported by tax dollars

# Primary Services

- Transfer Station Operations
- Curbside Garbage and Recycling Collections
- Drop off Sites for Garbage and Recycling
- VPPSA Programs



# History

- Last briefing – March 2024
- Rate increase in FY25 to cover operating cost increases
- Assess effects of rate increase
- Report Back prior to FY26 for any additional adjustments needed

# Citizen Input and Education

- FlashVote Survey
- County Outreach
- Regional Outreach



**York County** Your Guide to What You Can and Can't Recycle

**Accepted for Curbside Recycling**  
Empty and rinse containers, wipe or scrape out food, drain liquids. Never bag recyclables.

<b>Cardboard &amp; Paper</b> Clean, Dry, Folded	<b>Metal Cans</b> Empty & Rinsed	<b>Plastic Bottles &amp; Jugs</b> Empty & Rinsed	<b>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</b> Empty & Rinsed
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**These Recyclables Can be Dropped Off**

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**Keep These Out of the Recycling Container**

<b>Plastic Bags</b> Return to store	<b>Food Waste</b>	<b>Scrap Metal</b>	<b>Tanglers</b>	<b>Diapers</b>	<b>Styrofoam</b>
<b>Greasy Containers</b>	<b>Yard Waste</b> Leaves, Clippings, Debris	<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>	<b>Pet Food Bags</b>	<b>Hangers</b>	<b>Clothes</b> Donate

# Results

## FlashVote Survey -

- 88.3% participate in curbside
- Respondents generally support recycling services

## Education Efforts

- Local
- Regional



# York County Education & Outreach

- Citizen News Weekly/Quarterly
- Local News Media/County Videos
- Did you Know – Recycling Do's & Don't's
- Waste Management and County web pages are kept current and have specific information as to what is accepted and not accepted in the program.
- Budget Short
- Social Media
- Yorktown Market Days – Go Green Market
- Beautiful York County Calendars (annual)
- Utility Bill Inserts
- Curbside Collection Audits (TBD)

## Household Chemical *and* Computer Recycling Collections



**2025**

Schedule &  
Procedures



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# Regional Education & Outreach

“Start Smart/Recycle Right” Campaign - regional education campaign designed to increase awareness of accepted materials and processes as a way to reduce contamination.

- Placards for recycling cart lids
- Recycling route audits – “Feet on the Street”; education materials intended to drive change in recycling behaviors
- Waste Wizard (See Norfolk’s example)
- Education Campaign



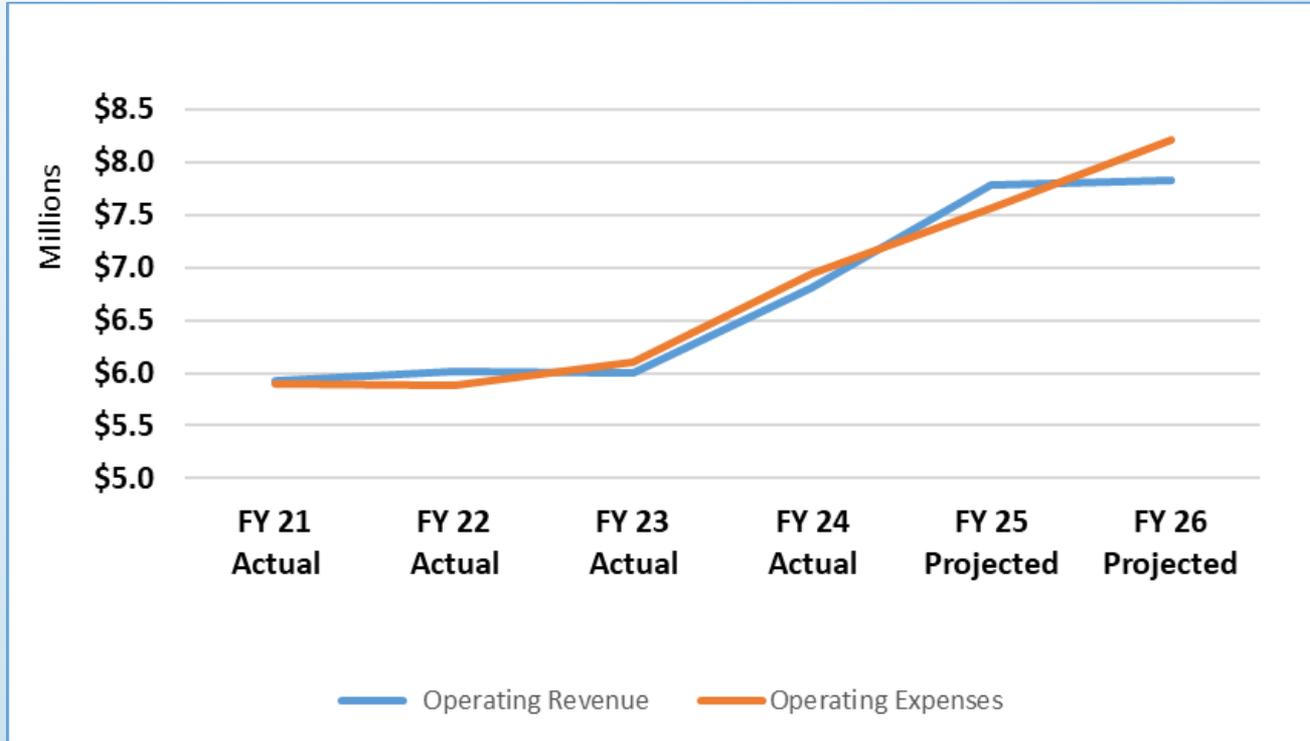
# Current Bi-Monthly Rates

SERVICE	FY 25 RATE
Garbage and Recycling	\$68.00
Garbage Only	\$48.00
Recycling Only	\$26.00
Low Income (Garbage & Recycling)	\$35.00
Senior (Garbage & Recycling)	\$45.00
Extra Charge for Private /Long Lane	\$36.00
Extra Charge for Back Yard Service	\$28.00
Extra Charge for Additional Container	\$24.00

# Customer Levels after FY 25 Rate Increase

Service	Participants FY 24	Participants FY 25 After Rate Change	Increase/ (Decrease)
Garbage & Recycling	17,100	16,592	(508)
Garbage Only	830	1,375	545

# Solid Waste Revenue & Expense Trend



# Financial Challenges

- Annual Increases tied to CPI for both garbage and recycling contracts
- Increased Operational Costs – All Programs
- Growing Participation in Senior Discount Rate

# Senior Rate Participation

Senior Discount	FY 24	FY 25 After Rate Change	Increase
Number of Participants	2,392	3,133	741
Discount Value	\$127,346	\$429,238	\$301,893

# Fund Forecasting

	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Projected	FY 26 Projected
<b>Revenue</b>			
Operating Revenue	\$ 6,206,833	\$ 8,250,910	\$ 8,303,460
Less: Senior Discounts	(127,345)	(432,354)	(436,680)
Less: Low Income Discounts	(16,958)	(34,056)	(34,380)
General Fund Transfer	750,000	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,812,530</b>	<b>\$ 7,784,500</b>	<b>\$ 7,832,400</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,938,678</b>	<b>\$ 7,569,683</b>	<b>\$ 8,208,336</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (126,148)</b>	<b>\$ 214,817</b>	<b>\$ (375,936)</b>

# Proposed FY 26 Rate Structure

Service Type	FY 25 Rate	FY 26 Proposed Rate
Garbage and Recycling	\$68.00	\$70.00
Garbage Only	\$48.00	\$50.00
Recycling Only	\$26.00	\$28.00
Low Income (Garbage & Recycling)	\$35.00	\$37.00
Senior (Garbage & Recycling)	\$45.00	\$52.00
Extra Charge for Private /Long Lane	\$36.00	\$38.00
Extra Charge for Back Yard Service	\$28.00	\$30.00
Extra Charge for Additional Container	\$24.00	\$26.00

# Next Steps

- Include fee recommendations in County Administrators Proposed FY 26 Budget
- Continue Community Outreach
- Curbside trash contract expires FY 26; will require User Fees to be reassessed for FY27





# Questions?



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