

**Solid Waste and Recycling Board**

**(SWRB)**

**Mission/Purpose**

**Represent the community as a whole and as individual representatives of the solid waste districts; to advise the council and county staff in determining appropriate levels of public solid waste management services for residential, commercial and industrial taxpayers and governmental entities within the county; to recommend appropriate funding levels for provision of services in the aforementioned sectors; and to support and promote source reduction, recycling and composting and means of diverting and managing the solid waste stream within the county.**

**Powers and duties**

**I. Review and recommend to Council the County Solid Waste Management Plan.**

**II. Develop and recommend to Council service level plans for each of the five unincorporated solid waste districts within the County.**

**III. Review and approve the annual solid waste and recycling budget**

**IV. Seek development of public/private partnership and facilitate intergovernmental contracting for provision of services where appropriate;**

**V. Cooperate with the state department of health and environmental control, office of waste reduction and recycling, as well as other public and private agencies having programs directed toward solid waste management programs; and**

**VI. Review and make recommendations concerning development of any new public or private solid waste management facilities, programs or changes in existing solid waste management facilities or programs to ensure such programs or changes are consistent with the comprehensive solid waste management plan of the county.**

**Strategic Goals**

**I. Support the County staff in the pursuit of the State goal to reduce, on a countywide per capita basis, the amount of municipal solid waste being generated to 3.5 pounds per day.**

**II. . Support the County staff in the pursuit of the State goal to recycle, on a countywide basis, at least thirty-five percent, calculated by weight, of the municipal solid waste stream.**

**FY 2012 SWRB Objectives:**

- 1. The SWRB will assist County staff with the study of waste disposal options and make a recommendation to Council regarding the disposal contract with Waste Management at the Hickory Hill Landfill.**
  - a. Contract extension**
  - b. Transfer Station**
  - c. Identify any other alternatives**
- 2. The SWRB will assist County staff with developing a plan to increase visibility of the SWRB in the community and provide opportunities for public forums in the various solid waste districts. The goal of these forums is to educate the public on the solid waste issues facing Beaufort County and provide the opportunity for the public to participate in our processes.**
- 3. The SWRB will assist County staff with the study of waste collection methods in Beaufort County and make a recommendation to Council for waste collection methodology in the various solid waste districts.**
- 4. The SWRB will assist and advise County staff in soliciting volunteers within each solid waste district to educate citizens on the benefits of recycling and waste diversion. The goal is to increase the recycling rate through education and outreach.**