



## DOUGHERTY COUNTY

### SOLID WASTE

ALBANY, GEORGIA

MICHAEL MCCOY, DIRECTOR

October 8, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Dougherty County owns and operates its own landfill, the Dougherty County Fleming/Gaissert Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (Permit No. 047-041D(SL)). According to a topographic survey dated July 11, 2002, this landfill had 20.29 years of remaining capacity. The landfill is, and has been since it began operation in the mid-1980s, reserved solely for municipal solid waste generated in Dougherty County. The County Commission intends to maintain this policy of only accepting waste generated within the County. Thus, Dougherty County is assured over 20 years of disposal capacity.

Should this capacity become unavailable, Dougherty County would construct and operate a transfer station at the Dougherty County landfill site and transfer the municipal solid waste to either Allied Services landfill in Taylor County or the Peacan Row Landfill in Lowndes County.

Sincerely,

Michael McCoy

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**Dougherty County/City of Albany Solid Waste Management Plan  
Report of Accomplishments, 1999-2003**

**Amount of Waste Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Modify data collection system to include source of waste.  
**STATUS:** Completed.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** If needed, conduct yard trimming quantity and characterization study.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** The City and County will continue to manage yard trimmings at the City-operated inert landfill and so does not require a yard trimming characterization study at this time. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**Waste Reduction Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Evaluate citizen support and technical and economic feasibility of volume-based rates to maximize source reduction and encourage reuse and recycling.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** Local government has chosen not to explore this option at the present time.

**ACTIVITY:** Hire/assign reduction manager.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue citizen education contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assess adequacy of markets used for recyclables.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

#### **Disposal Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Continue using County landfill.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assign responsibility for landfill to County solid waste management department.

**STATUS:** Completed.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue discussions with other counties in region to determine interest in regional facility, if desired.

**STATUS:** Not Accomplished. Activity will not be included on the new STWP.

**EXPLANATION:** The existing Dougherty County landfill is anticipated to meet the disposal needs of the citizens for at least the next 20 years so no regional disposal options is currently being considered.

**ACTIVITY:** Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements, if landfill is to be expanded.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

#### **Collection Element**

**ACTIVITY:** City Solid Waste Superintendent responsible for collection of Solid Waste in the city limits.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop and implement an internal review process to ensure adequate collection services and expand collection of recyclables.

**STATUS:** Completed. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

## **Public Education and Involvement**

**ACTIVITY:** Assign reduction and/or education manager to assist business and industry with reduction and recycling.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop an information manual for business and industry on implementing and expanding recycling programs.  
**STATUS:** Completed. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for Business.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop a newsletter aimed at the commercial/industrial community.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop a speaker's bureau to highlight successful commercial/industrial reduction programs.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue education contract with keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop programs and material to promote residential recycling, as needed.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assign education manager to implement general public education and recycling programs as well as a program regarding illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor litter and illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct and assess the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Expand public education efforts to inform citizens on composting activities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**Land Limitation Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need of future disposal capacity.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste facilities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**Implementation and Financing Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Develop consolidation plan and operating budget for County solid waste management department.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** The current system of separate City and County solid waste departments meets the needs of the citizens so no consolidation is currently being considered.

**ACTIVITY:** Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Consider regional solid waste management opportunities as they arise.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**Albany-Dougherty County  
Short Term Work Program (FY04 – FY06)**

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>FY 04</b>	<b>FY 05</b>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
<b>Amount of Waste</b>						
Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data and collect as needed.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
<b>Waste Reduction</b>						
Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers in the City of Albany.	X	X	X	City	\$117,530	City Enterprise Funds
Continue to operate drop-off site for recyclables at the Dougherty County landfill.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Continue citizen education contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty	X	X	X	County	\$174,000	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to monitor recycling markets used.	X	X	X	KADB	None	
Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions.	X	X	X	City/County	None	N/A
Continue to coordinate waste reduction activities through KADB.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to mulch pallets and Christmas trees and give away wood chips.	X	X	X	City/County	(1)(3)	City/ County Enterprise Funds
<b>Disposal</b>						
Continue operating County landfill consistent with regulations.	X	X	X	County	\$3,000,000	County Enterprise Funds
Continue disposing of waste at County landfill.	X	X	X	City	(3)	City Enterprise Funds
Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements.		X		County	\$1,800,000	County Enterprise Fund

**Albany-Dougherty County  
Short Term Work Program (FY04 – FY06)**

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<b>Collection</b>						
Continue collecting solid waste within the City of Albany.	X	X	X	City	\$6,863,971	City Enterprise Fund
Continue to encourage citizens outside the City of Albany to bring solid waste to the landfill or contract directly with private collectors.	X	X	X	County	None	N/A
<b>Public Education and Involvement</b>						
Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.	X	X	X	County	\$174,000	County Enterprise Funds
Conduct survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for Business/Industry.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to generate a tabloid aimed at the commercial/industrial community	X	X	X	KADB	None	N/A
Continue operating a speaker's bureau and highlight successful commercial/industrial community	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to develop new programs and material to promote residential recycling, as needed.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Monitor litter and illegal disposal.	X	X	X	KADB/City/County	(1)(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Conduct and assess the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.	X	X	X	KADB/City	(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.	X	X	X	KADB/City	(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Continue public education efforts to inform citizens on composting activities.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
<b>Land Limitation</b>						
Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need for future disposal capacity.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Funds

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Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste management facilities.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Funds
Define a process to determine the consistency of a proposed solid waste management handling facility with the County's solid waste management plan.		X		City/County	None	N/A
<b>Implementation and Financing</b>						
Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.	X	X	X	City/County	N/A	Depends on services
Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.	X	X	X	City/County	None	N/A
Consider regional solid waste management opportunities as they arise.	X	X	X	City/County	None	N/A
(1) Cost included in the County's \$3 million enterprise fund. (2) Cost included in the KADB's \$174,000 annual budget. (3) Costs included in the City's \$6.9 million enterprise fund.						

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Special Instructions to Recipient

Ms Martin,  
 The Albany/Dougherty County SWMP was updated in 2003. I have no record of any amendments.

Mary

**Albany-Dougherty County**  
**Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Strategy Report (FY 93 - FY 98)**  
**Report of Accomplishments**

ELEMENT	YEAR	COMPLETED		FUTURE STATUS
		Y/N	Reason if Not	
<b>Amount of Waste</b>				
1. Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities, and modify system to include source of waste.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
2. Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
3. Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data information.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
4. Gather more detailed information from Oxford landfill and establish reporting procedures at the facility.		N	Oxford is privately owned. City does not use Oxford facility.	Delete
5. If needed, conduct yard trimming quantity and characterization study.	97	Y		Ongoing
<b>Waste Reduction</b>				
1. Evaluate citizen support and technical and economic feasibility of volume-based rates to maximize source reduction and encourage reuse and recycling.	93-98	N		Collect Data
2. Hire/assign reduction manager.	93-98	N	Currently reduction being addressed through KADB education.	Ongoing
3. Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers while curbside recycling is being implemented.	93-98	Y/N	Multiple recycling drop-off sites being explored. Curbside not being implemented.	Ongoing Delete
4. Commence pilot curbside collection of recyclable (Phase I).	93-98	N	Economically unfeasible.	Delete
5. Monitor success of pilot program and commence Phase II of curbside program.			Addressed in #4	Delete
6. Commence Phase III of curbside program.			Addressed in #4	Delete
7. Implement county-wide collection (Phase IV) of recyclable.	93-98	N	Curbside economically unfeasible. Addressed through 3 Drop-off sites.	Delete

ELEMENT	YEAR	COMPLETED		FUTURE STATUS
		Y/N	Reason if Not	
<b>Waste Reduction (continued)</b>				
8. Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful (see Education Element).	93-98	Y		Ongoing
9. Begin development of yard trimmings composting facility.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
10. Assess adequacy of markets used during early years of program implementation and need for public processing facility.	93-98	Y	Recyclables presently being marketed/processing facility economically unfeasible.	Market search ongoing Delete processing facility
11. Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
<b>Disposal</b>				
1. Continue using County landfill.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
2. Support expansion of Oxford landfill in compliance with environmental standards.	93-98	N	Unpopular with citizens.	Delete
3. Assign responsibility for landfill to County solid waste management department.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
4. Continue discussions with other counties in region to determine interest in regional facility, if desired.	93-98	N	Dougherty County landfill being utilized.	Expect to use Dougherty County landfill until full capacity is reached.
5. Comply with Subtitle D requirements by October 1, 1993.	93	Y		Ongoing
6. Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements, if landfill is to be expanded.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
7. Divert yard trimmings from County landfill to yard trimmings composting facility.	93-98	N	Yard trimmings mulched and sold to P & G for fuel.	Delete

ELEMENT	YEAR	COMPLETED		FUTURE STATUS
		Y/N	Reason if Not	
<b>Collection</b>				
1. Assign oversight responsibility for solid waste collection to a collection manager in City .	93-98	N	Assigned to City.	Delete
2. Begin countywide collection of solid waste.	93-98	N	No ordinance in place.	Unknown
3. Develop and implement an internal review process to ensure adequate collection services and expand collection of recyclable.	93-98	Y		Internal review process in place... presently expanding collection sites
<b>Public Education and Involvement</b>				
1. Assign reduction and/or education manager to assist business and industry with reduction and recycling.	93-98	Y		Assigned to KADB
2. Conduct a survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.	93-98	Y		Survey annually by KADB
3. Develop an information manual for business and industry on implementing and expanding recycling programs.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
4. Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for business/industry.	93-98	Y		Annually
5. Develop a newsletter aimed at the commercial/industrial community.	93-98	Y		Annually
6. Develop a speakers bureau of highlight successful commercial/industrial recycling programs.	93-98	Y		Annually
7. Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
8. Develop programs and materials to promote residential recycling, as needed.	93-98	Y		Ongoing

ELEMENT	YEAR	COMPLETE		FUTURE STATUS
		Y/N	Reason if Not	
9. Assign education manager to implement general public education and recycling programs, as well as a program regarding illegal disposal.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
10. Monitor littering and illegal disposal.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
11. Conduct an assessment of the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
12. Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
13. Expand public education efforts to inform citizens on composting activities.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
<b>Land Limitations</b>				
1. Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need for future disposal capacity.		N	Will be completed in 1998	
2. Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste management facilities.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
<b>Implementation and Financing</b>				
1. Develop consolidation plan and operating budget for County solid waste management department.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
2. Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
3. Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.	93-98	Y		Ongoing
4. Consider regional solid waste management opportunities as they arise.	93-98	Y		Ongoing

**Albany-Dougherty County**  
**Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Strategy Report (FY 99 – FY 03)**

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>FY 99</b>	<b>FY 00</b>	<b>FY 01</b>	<b>FY 02</b>	<b>FY 03</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
<b>Amount of Waste</b>								
1. Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities, and modify system to include source or waste.	X	X	X	X	X	Dougherty County	3,000,000.00 yr.	Enterprise Fund
2. Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.	X	X	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	Enterprise Fund
3. Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data.	X	X	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	Enterprise Fund
4. If needed, conduct yard trimming quantity and characterization study.	X	X	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	Enterprise Fund
<b>Waste Reduction</b>								
1. Evaluate citizen support and technical and economic feasibility of volume-based rates to maximize source reduction and encourage reuse and recycling.	X	X	X	X	X	City		Enterprise Fund
2. Hire/assign reduction manager.								
3. Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers.	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$115,000.00 yr.	Enterprise Fund
4. Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful (see Education Element).	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	Education (7)	Enterprise Fund
5. Continue operation of yard trimmings composting site at Do. Co. Landfill.	X	X	X	X	X	County	Amt. of Waste (1)	Enterprise Fund
6. Continue to assess adequacy of recycling markets. Used	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	None	
7. Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions	X	X	X	X	X	City/County		Enterprise Fund

ELEMENT	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
<b>Disposal</b>								
1. Continue using County landfill	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	Amt. of Waste (1) Collection (1)	Enterprise Funds
2. Continue discussions with other counties in region to determine interest in regional facility, if desired.								
3. Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements, if landfill is to be expanded.	X	X	X	X	X	County	Amt. of Waste (1)	Enterprise Fund
4. Yard trimmings are composted at the Dougherty County Landfill composting site.	X	X	X	X	X	County	Amt. of Waste (1)	Procter & Gamble
<b>Collection</b>								
1. City Solid Waste Superintendent responsible for collection of Solid Waste in city limits	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$6,405,000.00 yr.	Enterprise Fund
2. Begin countywide collection of solid waste.								
3. Develop and implement an internal review process to ensure adequate collection services and expand collection of recyclables.	X	X	X	X	X	City	(1)	Enterprise Fund
<b>Public Education and Involvement</b>								
1. Assign reduction and / or education manager to assist business and industry with reduction and recycling.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
2. Conduct a survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
3. Develop an information manual for business and industry on implementing and expanding recycling programs.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund

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<b>Public Education and Involvement (continued)</b>								
4. Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for business/industry.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
5. Develop a newsletter aimed at the commercial/industrial community.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
6. Develop a speaker's bureau and highlight successful commercial/industrial community.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
7. Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.	X	X	X	X	X	City /County	\$120,588.00 yr.	Enterprise Fund
8. Develop programs and material to promote residential recycling, as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
9. Assign education manager to implement general public education and recycling programs, as well as a program regarding illegal disposal.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB	(7)	Enterprise Fund
10. Monitor littering and illegal disposal.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB/City	Collection (1) Education (7)	Enterprise Fund
11. Conduct and assessment of the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB/City	Collection (1) Education (7)	Enterprise Fund
12. Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.	X	X	X	X	X	KADB/City	Collection (1) Education (7)	Enterprise Fund
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<b>Land Limitations</b>								
1. Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need for future disposal capacity.	X					Planning & Development Services	N/A	N/A
2. Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste management facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	N/A	N/A
<b>Implementation and Financing</b>								
1. Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	City/County		Enterprise Fund
2. Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.	X	X	X	X	X	City/County		Enterprise Fund

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**Short Term Work Program  
January 2003 through June 2006**

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>FY 04</b>	<b>FY 05</b>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
<b>Amount of Waste</b>						
Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data and collect as needed.	X	X	X	Dougherty County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
<b>Waste Reduction</b>						
Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers in the City of Albany.	X	X	X	City	\$117,530	City Enterprise Funds
Continue to operate drop-off site for recyclables at the Dougherty County landfill.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Fund
Continue citizen education contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty	X	X	X	County	\$174,000	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to monitor recycling markets used.	X	X	X	KADB	None	
Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions.	X	X	X	City/County	None	
Continue to coordinate waste reduction activities through KADB.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to mulch pallets and Christmas trees and give away wood chips.	X	X	X	City/County	(1)(3)	City/ County Enterprise Funds
<b>Disposal</b>						
Continue operating County landfill consistent with regulations.	X	X	X	County	\$3,000,000	County Enterprise Funds
Continue disposing of waste at County landfill.	X	X	X	City	(3)	City Enterprise Funds
Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements.		X		County	\$1,800,000	County Enterprise Fund

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January 2003 through June 2006**

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<b>Collection</b>						
Continue collecting solid waste within the City of Albany.	X	X	X	City	\$6,863,971	City Enterprise Fund
Continue to encourage citizens outside the City of Albany to bring solid waste to the landfill or contract directly with private collectors.	X	X	X	County	None	
<b>Public Education and Involvement</b>						
Continue contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.	X	X	X	County	\$174,000	County Enterprise Funds
Conduct survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for Business/Industry.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to generate a tabloid aimed at the commercial/industrial community	X	X	X	KADB	None	
Continue operating a speaker's bureau and highlight successful commercial/industrial community	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Continue to develop new programs and material to promote residential recycling, as needed.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
Monitor litter and illegal disposal.	X	X	X	KADB/City/ County	(1)(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Conduct and assess the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.	X	X	X	KADB/City	(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.	X	X	X	KADB/City	(2)(3)	City/County Enterprise Funds
Continue public education efforts to inform citizens on composting activities.	X	X	X	KADB	(2)	County Enterprise Funds
<b>Land Limitation</b>						
Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need for future disposal capacity.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Funds

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Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste management facilities.	X	X	X	County	(1)	County Enterprise Funds
Define a process to determine the consistency of a proposed solid waste management handling facility with the County's solid waste management plan.		X		City/County	None	
<b>Implementation and Financing</b>						
Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.	X	X	X	City/County	N/A	Depends on services
Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.	X	X	X	City/County	None	
Consider regional solid waste management opportunities as they arise.	X	X	X	City/County	None	
(1) Cost included in the County's \$3 million enterprise fund.						
(2) Cost included in the KADB's \$174,000 annual budget.						
(3) Costs included in the City's \$6.9 million enterprise fund.						

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**Amount of Waste Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Manage ongoing data collection system at disposal facilities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Modify data collection system to include source of waste.  
**STATUS:** Completed.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Determine need for more detailed waste characterization data.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** If needed, conduct yard trimming quantity and characterization study.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**EXPLANATION:** The City and County will continue to manage yard trimmings at the City-operated inert landfill and so does not require a yard trimming characterization study at this time. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**Waste Reduction Element**

**ACTIVITY:** Evaluate citizen support and technical and economic feasibility of volume-based rates to maximize source reduction and encourage reuse and recycling.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**EXPLANATION:** Local government has chosen not to explore this option at the present time.

**ACTIVITY:** Hire/assign reduction manager.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue to operate existing recycling drop-off centers.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue citizen education contract with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assess adequacy of markets used for recyclables.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor and review progress toward goals and evaluate desirability of bans and mandatory actions.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

#### Disposal Element

**ACTIVITY:** Continue using County landfill.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assign responsibility for landfill to County solid waste management department. ?

**STATUS:** Completed.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue discussions with other counties in region to determine interest in regional facility, if desired.

**STATUS:** Not Accomplished. Activity will not be included on the new STWP.

**EXPLANATION:** The existing Dougherty County landfill is anticipated to meet the disposal needs of the citizens for at least the next 20 years so no regional disposal options is currently being considered.

**ACTIVITY:** Construct landfill expansion with Subtitle D liner requirements, if landfill is to be expanded.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

*what happened to yard trims?*

#### Collection Element

**ACTIVITY:** City Solid Waste Superintendent responsible for collection of Solid Waste in the city limits.

**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop and implement an internal review process to ensure adequate collection services and expand collection of recyclables.

**STATUS:** Completed. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**Public Education and Involvement**

**ACTIVITY:** Assign reduction and/or education manager to assist business and industry with reduction and recycling.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct survey of business and industry to determine current level of recycling and future needs.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop an information manual for business and industry on implementing and expanding recycling programs.  
**STATUS:** Completed. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct waste audits and "how to workshops" for Business.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop a newsletter aimed at the commercial/industrial community.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop a speaker's bureau to highlight successful commercial/industrial reduction programs.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Continue education contract with keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop programs and material to promote residential recycling, as needed.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Assign education manager to implement general public education and recycling programs as well as a program regarding illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** KADB Executive Director executes these duties at this time.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor litter and illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Conduct and assess the extent and nature of illegal disposal within Albany-Dougherty County.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Develop and implement public education and enforcement programs concerning illegal disposal.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Expand public education efforts to inform citizens on composting activities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

#### Land Limitation Element

**ACTIVITY:** Review and update land limitation maps in anticipation of need of future disposal capacity.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Monitor local, state and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste facilities.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

#### Implementation and Financing Element

**ACTIVITY:** Develop consolidation plan and operating budget for County solid waste management department.  
**STATUS:** Not accomplished. This activity will not be repeated on the new STWP.  
**EXPLANATION:** The current system of separate City and County solid waste departments meets the needs of the citizens so no consolidation is currently being considered.

**ACTIVITY:** Contract with private sector to provide services, as needed.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Fund all activities through an enterprise fund.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

**ACTIVITY:** Consider regional solid waste management opportunities as they arise.  
**STATUS:** Underway. Repeated on the new STWP.

TO: MARY HARRINGTON

FROM: MICHAEL MEECOY

DATE: 9/11/03

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MARY,

HERE IS MY CAPACITY ASSURANCE LETTER.  
TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.

Dougherty County owns and operates its own landfill, the Dougherty County Fleming/Gaissert Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (Permit No. 047-041D(SL)). According to a topographic survey dated July 11, 2002, this landfill had 20.29 years of remaining capacity. The landfill is, and has been since it began operation in the mid-1980s, reserved solely for municipal solid waste generated in Dougherty County. The County Commission intends to maintain this policy of only accepting waste generated within the County. Thus, Dougherty County is assured over 20 years of disposal capacity.

Should this capacity become unavailable, Dougherty County would construct and operate a transfer station at the Dougherty County landfill site and transfer the municipal solid waste to either Allied Services landfill in Taylor County or the Pecan Row Landfill in Lowndes County.



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Laura Meadows  
COMMISSIONER

September 27, 2002

Roy E. Barnes  
GOVERNOR

Mr. Daniel Whigham  
Superintendent, Sanitation Department  
P.O. Box 447  
Albany 31702

Dear Mr. Whigham,

In response to your request to Rick Brooks for information on writing a Solid Waste Management Plan I have enclosed two documents. The first is a copy of Chapter 110-4-3, the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. The second is the Guidance document written by DCA staff in 1991. Since no changes have occurred with regard to the solid waste planning law, the guidance information is still accurate.

To reiterate what Rick said, you may do the full solid waste plan update for Albany/Dougherty County in 2003, but the city/county will be required to do another full update in 2006. Rick also said that we can expect a letter from the planning authority stating the intention to write the full update in 2003 while also acknowledging that another full update will be due in 2006.

If you have any questions or if I can be of other assistance, call me at (404) 679-3144.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Harrington

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