

**ORANGE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
INPUT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT**

The Board of Commissioners welcomes input from various advisory boards and commissions in preparation for its annual planning retreat. Please complete the following information, limited to the front and back of this form. Other background materials may be provided as a supplement to, but not as a substitute for, this form.

Board/Commission Name:

Solid Waste Advisory Board

Person to address the BOCC at Retreat (if requested by BOCC) and contact information:

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Primary County Staff Contact:

Gayle Wilson, Solid Waste Management Director

How many times per month does this board/commission meet, including any special meetings and sub-committee meetings?

At least monthly except July

Brief Statement of Board/Commission's Assigned Charge and Responsibilities.

"... to advise the County's Governing Board on matters related to the [solid waste] System and the Solid Waste Management Plan and Policies." (Section 7, page 10, Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Management, August 7, 1999)

What are your Board/Commission's most important accomplishments?

for 2010

- **Public Meetings;**
 - **April 2010 – Hosted Dr. L. Cercio Presentation on Plasma Arc Technology**
 - **September 2010 – Sponsored Public Meeting on Solid Waste Plan**
- **Served as Nexus for Solid Waste Planning Group (SWAB and County and Town Staff and Elected Officials) that guided**

- development of the Solid Waste Plan (approved by Carrboro and Chapel Hill to date).
- Evaluation of county-wide convenience center development and operations leading to Work Group recommendation.
- Resolutions to BOCC regarding:
 - Recycling of Cooking Oil and Lights Containing Mercury (March 2010)
 - Imperative that Recycling Coordinator Position be Filled (April 2010)
- Hosted Kara Millonzi (UNC School of Government) discussion on Public Solid Waste Authorities.
- Initiated Review of Current Interlocal Agreement with respect to whether or not the need for such an agreement still exists, and what elements should be in any new agreement (in response to BOCC Request); recommendation pending.
- Continued evaluations of alternatives to present and new-term plans for solid waste disposal methods for Orange County (in response to BOCC Request); process recommendation pending.
- Continued guidance to BOCC and Orange County Solid Waste Management Staff as requested.

List of Specific Tasks, Events, or Functions Performed or Sponsored Annually.

- SWAB meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month (ad hoc sub-committees meet as needed) to consider matters/issues brought before it by BOCC; individual governments (Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough), and Solid Waste Staff.
- There are no specific events or functions sponsored annually.

Describe this board/commission's activities/accomplishments in carrying out BOCC goal(s)/priorities, if applicable.

SWAB responds to matters brought to it from BOCC and as noted above, these have included:

- development (in conjunction with the Work Group) of the Solid Waste Plan (to be submitted to NCDHENR once approved by Towns' and County's elected officials),
- review of the Interlocal Agreement,
- evaluation of county-wide solid waste convenience center operations, and
- various aspects of alternative means to handle the solid waste disposal issues for Orange County.

If your board/commission played the role of an Element Lead Advisory Board involved in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan preparation process, please indicate your board's activities/accomplishments as they may relate to the

Comprehensive Plan's goals or objectives.

(The Element Lead Advisory Boards include: Planning Board, EDC, OUTBoard, Commission for the Environment, Historic Preservation Commission, Agriculture Preservation Board, Affordable Housing Board, Recreation and Parks Advisory Council)

Not Applicable

Identify any activities this board/commission expects to carry out in 2011 as they relate to established BOCC goals and priorities.

If applicable, is there a fiscal impact (i.e., funding, staff time, other resources) associated with these proposed activities (please list).

As requested by BOCC complete evaluation and recommendations to BOCC regarding:

- **Any issues associated with finalization of the Solid Waste Plan for submission in 2011 as well as initiating work on the plan due 2012.**
- **Advising elected boards on Interlocal Agreement development**
- **Evaluation of alternative means to handle solid waste disposal issues for Orange County.**
- **Intergovernmental issues associated with initial planning for close-out of existing solid waste landfill.**
- **Any other issues brought by BOCC and town governments.**

These activities may have fiscal impacts in terms of:

- **Funding – minimal unless additional technical resources are needed to evaluate alternative means for solid waste disposal per BOCC vote December 2009. Development of any new interlocal agreement by BOCC and municipalities may require legal assistance.**
- **Staff Time – will be required to provide SWAB with technical input and analyses.**
- **Other Resources – none identified at this time.**

What are the concerns or emerging issues your board has identified for the upcoming year that it plans to address, or wishes to bring to the Commissioners' attention?

SWAB encourages close review and revision of the current Interlocal Agreement on the part of county and municipal elected officials and staff to assure the continued viability of the County's Solid Waste Enterprise,