

**South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan
Ben Hill County & City of Fitzgerald: 1998-2002 Report of Accomplishments**

Activity	Status	Explanation
Collection Ben Hill County mans five collection centers for MSW and co-mingled recyclables	Completed/Ongoing	Greenbox system was phased out between 1997 and 2000
Fitzgerald collects MSW, yard waste, c/d waste, industrial and commercial waste	Completed/Ongoing	Curbside collection of MSW and dumpsters for commercial, industrial and c/d wastes
Monitor effectiveness of collection practices on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Disposal Continue using existing landfill for disposal	Completed	In June of 2003, MSW will be disposed in Pecan Row Landfill under contract with Onyx Waste Services
Post closure monitoring of "old" landfill	Completed/Ongoing	
Waste Reduction One drop-off center in Fitzgerald provides the opportunity for citizens to recycle (Est. reduction 5%/y)	Completed/Ongoing	
Use C/D landfill (Est. reduction 5%/y)	Completed/Ongoing	
Identify and implement incentives to encourage source reduction	Completed/Ongoing	
Establish on-going market identification program	Completed/Ongoing	
Monitor effectiveness of waste reduction programs on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Participate in solid waste related seminars and workshops on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Education & Public Involvement Support educational programs in school system	Completed/Ongoing	
Hold special events, activities and contests annually	Completed/Ongoing	
Encourage source reduction, home composting and recycling programs	Completed/Ongoing	
Actively enforce anti-littering laws	Completed/Ongoing	

Encourage local community groups to take the lead in countywide education/public involvement programs	Completed/Ongoing	
Work with local/regional media regarding public education	Completed/Ongoing	
Develop local recycling directory and update on an on-going basis	Dropped as a priority	No recyclers exist and City had to provide a recycling center
Encourage business, industry, and government to use recycled products	Completed/Ongoing	
Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste service	Completed/Ongoing	
<u>Land Limitation</u> Use land limitations map in future planning efforts	Completed/Ongoing	

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Solid Waste Short Term Work Program 2003-2006

	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06			Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Collection									
Operate five collection centers for county residents	X	X	X	X			Ben Hill County	\$75K/y	General Fund
Continue curbside collection of MSW; yard waste; c/d waste; commercial/industrial waste from dumpsters	X	X	X	X			Fitzgerald		User Fees
Continue and monitor collection practices and make modifications as necessary	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Waste Reduction									
Continue to promote the use of the Fitzgerald recycling center	X	X	X	X			Fitzgerald		General Fund
Continue to use C/D landfill (Estimated Reduction 5%/yr)							County/City	\$10K/y	Enterprise Fund
Identify and implement incentives to encourage source reduction	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Encourage business, industry, and government to use recycled products	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Monitor effectiveness of waste reduction programs on an on-going basis	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Work with local industries to target industrial waste reduction (Est. Reduction 5%/Yr)	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Participate in solid waste related seminars and workshops on an on-going basis	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Disposal									
Construct transfer station and use Pecan Row Landfill in Lowndes County	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$30.65/Ton	General Fund/User fees
Continue closure monitoring at "old" landfill	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$9K/y	Enterprise Fund
Continue use of inert landfill	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$10K/y	Enterprise Fund
Education & Public									

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<u>Involvement</u>									
Work with local/regional media regarding public education	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$2K/y	General Fund
Encourage source reduction, home composting and recycling programs	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$1K/y	General Fund
Encourage community education through schools, community clubs, business, media and government	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$1K/y	General Fund
Actively enforce anti-littering laws	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste service	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$200/y	General Fund
<u>Land Limitation</u>									
Use land limitations map in future planning efforts	X	X	X	X			County/City		

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Mr. Rick Brooks, Director
Planning and Environmental Management Division
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

RE: Re-certification of Ben Hill County- City of Fitzgerald
Adoption Resolutions for Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Brooks: Rick

Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald have completed the re-certification process by adopting their individual 2003-2006 Solid Waste Short Term Work Programs. We have enclosed the adoption resolutions and the units of government look forward to continued eligibility to receive solid waste permits, grants, and loans.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call on me.

Sincerely,



David J. Sutton, AICP
Regional Planning Director

Enclosures

ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE FY 2003 - 2006 BEN HILL COUNTY/ FITZGERALD SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) UPDATE AMENDMENT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Ben Hill County recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan and their Short-Term Work Program; and

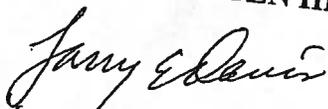
WHEREAS, the proposed updates to the Ben Hill County STWP have been prepared depicting revised federal fiscal years 2003 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the updated short-term work program amendment with modifications was reviewed by them and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt the amended Ben Hill/Fitzgerald element of the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

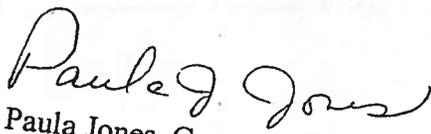
DULY RESOLVED: THIS 12 DAY OF June, 2003.

COUNTY OF BEN HILL



Larry E. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Paula Jones, County Clerk

ADOPTION RESOLUTION R-03-0005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FITZGERALD, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE
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PROGRAM (STWP) UPDATE AMENDMENT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA
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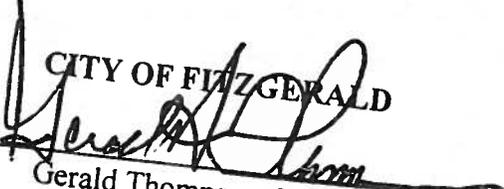
WHEREAS, the City of Fitzgerald recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan and their Short-Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed update to the Ben Hill/Fitzgerald STWP has been prepared depicting revised federal fiscal years 2003 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the updated short-term work program amendment with modifications was reviewed by them and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fitzgerald Mayor and Council does hereby adopt the amended Ben Hill/Fitzgerald element of the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 12th DAY OF May, 2003.

CITY OF FITZGERALD

Gerald Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda T. Saunders, City Clerk



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Laura Meadows
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

April 30, 2003

Mr. John L. Leonard
Executive Director, South Georgia RDC
Post Office Box 1223
Valdosta, Georgia 31603

Dear John,

Our staff has reviewed the short-term work program (STWP) update for Ben Hill County and the city of Fitzgerald. We find the update to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management.

To remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants, and loans, Ben Hill County and the city of Fitzgerald must adopt the STWP update and forward a copy of the adoption resolution to our office as soon as possible.

As soon as we receive notification that the County and city have adopted the STWP update, we will send official notification of their continued eligibility to receive solid waste permits, grants, and loans.

Sincerely,

Rick Brooks, Director
Planning and Environmental Management Division

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

July 3, 2003

Honorable Larry E. Davis
Chair, Ben Hill County Commission
402 A East Pine Street
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750-2547

Dear Chairman Davis:

We have received notification that Ben Hill County has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan update that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Ben Hill County has regained eligibility for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

As you have experienced, in addition to proper and thorough long-range planning, effective solid waste management requires the ability to adapt when circumstances indicate that such action is necessary. Through continued review, and revision when necessary, solid waste planning provides your local government with more control over its destiny and assists you in dealing more effectively with both short-term and long-term management decisions.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please call Mary Harrington in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-3144.

Sincerely,

Mike Beatty
Commissioner

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cc: John L. Leonard, Executive Director, South Georgia RDC