

**GREATER LOWNDES**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, and Remerton*



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## I. PLANNING PROCESS AND PURPOSE

The *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)* was prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated, Section 12-8-20 et seq., also known as the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act. The SWMP provides local governments and citizens of Greater Lowndes an opportunity to ensure future solid waste management needs are anticipated and appropriately planned for. It has been prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management set forth by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

The first section of the Plan includes a waste stream analysis along with a study of the categories of solid waste produced by the Greater Lowndes community. This section categorizes waste generation sectors (residential, commercial, etc.) and how much waste is collected and disposed of from each sector. The second section describes ongoing and needed waste reduction, collection, and disposal activities. The third section evaluates the community's land limitation areas for future siting of waste management facilities and reviews the ongoing and needed educational and public involvement activities. Finally, the plan recommends an implementation strategy to achieve the goals and objectives for effective solid waste management.

The Solid Waste Management Act requires that this Plan:

- Plans for the solid waste needs of the Greater Lowndes community for the next ten years.
- Identifies solid waste handling facilities.
- Identifies areas where a solid waste facility may not be suitable given characteristics of the environment.

## II. PLANNING JURISDICTION

### a) General Information

Lowndes County is located in south-central Georgia and has a land area of 327,040 acres, or about 511 square miles. The County includes five municipalities: Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, and Remerton. The total 2005 population was 96,705 persons. Table 1 shows the historic and projected population growth and projections.

In 2000, Greater Lowndes had 36,551 housing units. By the year 2030, Greater Lowndes is projected to have 54,942 housing units—representing a 50.3 percent increase. The urban/ rural split in population is 54 percent urban and 46 percent rural. Most of the land is well drained and most of the county is well suited for agriculture and forestry uses. The physical landscape is fairly homogenous with no outstanding physical features. Eighty-eight percent of the unincorporated area of Lowndes County is used as cropland, pasture, orchard, and commercial timber. According to the *Greater Lowndes 2030 Community Assessment*, 71 percent of the 60,980 employment base in Lowndes County is in the following economic sectors: Manufacturing, 10.5 percent; State and Local Government, 15.3 percent; Services, 22.2 percent;

and Retail Trade, 23 percent. Table 2 shows the amount employed by occupation using 2000 Census data.

**TABLE 1: HISTORIC POPULATION GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS**

	Beginning Population* 1970	Population 2000	Estimated Population 2005	Projected Population 2030	Average 10-year Historic Growth	Projected 10-year Growth	Annual Historic Population Growth	Annual Projected Population Growth
Greater Lowndes Co.	55,112	92,115	96,705	132,094	19%	13%	1,234	1,333
Unincorporated Area	20,599	44,535	47,217	64,503	29%	17%	798	666
Incorporated Area	34,513	47,580	49,488	67,590	11%	11%	436	667
Valdosta	32,303	43,724	45,205	62,555	11%	11%	381	628
Hahira	1,326	1,626	1,915	2,604	8%	17%	10	33
Lake Park	361	549	560	591	15%	3%	7	2
Dasher*	660	834	807	859	13%	1%	6	1
Remerton	523	847	1,001	981	24%	5%	11	5

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census <http://www.census.gov>, South Georgia Regional Development Center <http://www.sgrdc.com>, and Valdosta State University Langdale College of Business <http://www.valdosta.edu/coba/>  
 \* Please Note: Data for Dasher is available beginning in 1980

**TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION (2000)**

	Lowndes County Number / %	Unincorporated County	City of Valdosta	City of Hahira	City of Lake Park	City of Remerton	City of Dasher
<b>Total Jobs</b>	39,305	18,286	19,071	721	244	538	445
<b>Management, professional, and related occupations</b>	10,590 / 27%	4,552	5,572	127	68	148	123
<b>Service occupations</b>	6,862 / 17%	2,988	3,547	122	34	119	52
<b>Sales and office occupations</b>	11,287 / 29%	5,161	5,486	229	75	200	136
<b>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</b>	231 / 1%	99	118	7	7	0	0
<b>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations</b>	4,059 / 10%	2,473	1,382	78	22	23	81
<b>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations</b>	6,276 / 16%	3,013	2,966	158	38	48	53

Source: Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census (SF3) 2005

**b) Deep South Regional Solid Waste Management Authority**

Lowndes County and The City of Valdosta are both members of the Deep South Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. The Authority was established in 1996 to investigate the feasibility of forming a regional solid waste management system. After several years of discussion and analysis, it was determined that a regional system managed by the local governments was not economically feasible at the time. The member governments then entered into a 50-year contract with Onyx Waste Management Company, which is now Veolia Environmental Services. This contract provides each member government with solid waste services at highly competitive rates.

**III. WASTE DISPOSAL STREAM ANALYSIS**

The amount of solid waste disposed into the Pecan Row landfill by Greater Lowndes County in 2005 was 136,398.77 tons. This amount was reported by Veolia Environmental Services which operates the Pecan Row Landfill where the majority of solid waste from Lowndes County communities is disposed of. Per capita waste disposal in Lowndes County is determined by dividing the amount of waste annually disposed of (136,398.77 tons) by the Lowndes County 2005 estimated population (96,705). This equates to a per capita disposal rate of 1.41 tons per year, or about 7.73 pounds per person per day (1 ton = 2,000 lbs) (See Table 3). In 1992, the estimated per capita disposal rate of 0.82 tons per year or 4.50 pounds per person per day. This was calculated by using the national average of 0.82/person/year divided by the 1991 population of Lowndes County.

**TABLE 3: LOWNDES COUNTY 2005 ESTIMATED WASTE AMOUNT**

<u>Population</u>	<u>Total Tons Per Year</u>	<u>Per Capita Rate Tons Per Year</u>
96,705	136,398.77	1.41

Source: US Census Bureau 2006, Veolia Environmental Services 2006.  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center 2006.

Table 4 shows the amount of waste reported by Veolia Environmental for all collectors in Lowndes County that disposed solid waste at the Pecan Row Landfill. The category for "3rd Party Collections" includes all solid waste collected by Veolia Environmental Services, Milo Sanitation, the City of Nashville and Griffin Waste. This includes all solid waste collected in the unincorporated county, the City of Dasher, and any businesses that are served by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party hauler. The City of Nashville only collected solid waste from 2002 to 2004.

Sources of solid waste collected within Lowndes County are estimated in Table 5. As this table indicates, the majority of waste disposed of in unincorporated Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, and Remerton can be described as residential.

**TABLE 4: MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTED 2000-2005  
(tons)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Greater Lowndes (Total)</b>	114,455.68	118,131.86	161,415.42	138,500.40	136,707.98	136,398.77
<b>Lowndes County Recycling Sites</b>	11041.00	10617.03	25289.93	12531.12	13085.56	13450.72
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Party Collections</b>	76,839.27	80,689.03	107219.38	96255.85	93079.6	90698.8
<b>Valdosta</b>	24,599.79	24,764.02	26,622.39	27100.49	27,705.55	29,538.87
<b>Hahira</b>	1,242.78	1,211.36	1,391.07	1,659.33	1,784.00	1,823.39
<b>Lake Park</b>	140.59	151.35	137.68	153.28	128.45	141.68
<b>Remerton</b>	592.25	699.07	754.97	800.33	924.82	745.31

Source: Veolia Environmental Services 2006.

**TABLE 5: WASTE SOURCES COLLECTED  
GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY  
ESTIMATED 2005**

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial /Industrial</u>
Lowndes County	55	45
Valdosta	50	50
Hahira	88	12
Lake Park	85	15
Remerton	85	15

Source: Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park and Remerton 2006. No data available for Dasher.

Table 6 provides waste composition estimates and projections for selected years through the year 2015. South Georgia regional averages for waste amounts and composition were utilized in calculating the estimates and projections presented in Table 6. These regional composition amounts were taken from samples from the Pecan Row Landfill. To date, contract haulers and county/city officials have begun taking a closer look at the total waste stream. No unusual or difficult to handle waste types have been observed, except for plastic. Assuming that Greater Lowndes County's waste composition is similar to that of the South Georgia region as a whole, local officials will need to target reductions in: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) yard waste; (3) glass; and (4) other recyclable material. In addition, future waste reduction and public education efforts will need to focus on these waste types. The projections shown in Table 6 represent the amount and composition of solid waste if current composition percentages remain the same and 2000-2005 trends continue.

**TABLE 6: LOWNDES COUNTY 2006– 2015 PROJECTED WASTE COMPOSITION  
(Tons per year)**

Waste Type	2006	2009	2012	2015
Paper/Paperboard	48,549	53,633	59,250	65,455
Construction and Demolition	12,886	14,236	15,727	17,374
Glass	7,642	8,442	9,326	10,303
Metals	9,290	10,263	11,338	12,525
Inorganics	3,896	4,304	4,755	5,253
Organic	40,907	45,191	49,924	55,152
Plastic	26,822	29,630	32,734	36,162
<b>Total Tons</b>	<b>149,842</b>	<b>165,534</b>	<b>182,871</b>	<b>202,023</b>

Source: Georgia Statewide Waste Characterization Study; Georgia Department of Community Affairs 2005  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center 2006.

Table 7 projects the Greater Lowndes population growth, total annual waste, and per capita rate for every year from 2006 to 2016. These projections were calculated through an exponential regression (trend curve) and assume that growth trends from 2000 through 2005 will continue. If the current trend of population growth and waste amounts continue, Greater Lowndes County will experience a twenty (20) percent increase in the per capita waste disposal amount by 2016. Therefore, it will be necessary to expand waste reduction efforts in every community

**TABLE 7: 2006 – 2016 PROJECTED WASTE  
LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Year	Population	Total Per Year	Per Capita Rate (Tons Per Year)
2006	99,591	149,842	1.50
2007	101,126	154,900	1.53
2008	102,686	160,129	1.56
2009	104,269	165,534	1.59
2010	105,877	171,122	1.62
2011	107,510	176,899	1.65
2012	109,168	182,871	1.68
2013	110,851	189,044	1.71
2014	112,561	195,426	1.74
2015	114,296	202,023	1.77
2016	116,059	208,842	1.80

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census 2006, Veolia Environmental Services 2006.  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2006.

According to local officials, minor amounts of business/industrial waste are imported into Lowndes County from other jurisdictions.

#### IV. WASTE REDUCTION

There is a voluntary recycling program of white and brown goods such as appliances, televisions, and computers stored at the Veolia landfill; an annual spring citywide cleanup day; and a recycling center operated in the City of Valdosta. Items that can be recycled at this recycling center include aluminum, cardboard, steel, plastic, newspapers, clear, and brown and green glass. The City of Valdosta picks up recyclable material for businesses and residences as well. Additionally, following each Christmas, trees are ground up and the mulch is given away.

The City of Valdosta maintains two inert landfills as well as a compost site that was created due to debris from a recent hurricane season. Yard trimmings are picked up once a week separately from general solid waste. Lowndes County has five inert landfills. These include the Francis Lake Treatment Plant (closed), Sheavette Road (closed), Foxboro Oxidation Pond (closed), McMillan Road Pit (closed), and the Clyattville Inert Landfill (open). At the Industrial Boulevard Recycling Center, yard waste is mulched and given to the public. Other yard waste is transported to the open inert landfill.

Lowndes County also operates eight recycling centers throughout the county. Each of these centers is equipped with recycling bins for paper, glass, cans, and other common recyclable products. Citizens can bring batteries to these locations as well.

The Cities of Hahira and Dasher do not collect yard trimmings but do prohibit disposal in the general collection thus residents generally burn their yard trimmings. The City of Lake Park has a collection site for yard trimmings and has a contract with Commercial Maintenance Service (CMS) to collect and dispose of yard trimmings. The City of Remerton collects yard trimmings and has a compost yard for such trimmings. Recycling service is provided to residents of Hahira, Dasher and Lake Park through the recycling sites operated by Lowndes County. The City of Remerton does not have a recycling program but is interested in establishing such a program if funding was made available. Please see Map 1 in the General Maps section for recycling facilities in Lowndes County.

All Greater Lowndes communities should be aware that the per capita amount of waste generated has been increasing since 2000 and is projected to continue increasing if waste reduction efforts are not expanded in every community.

#### V. COLLECTION

##### **a) Collection Practices**

All waste in Lowndes County is transported to the Pecan Row Landfill in Lowndes County for disposal. Collection service is generally considered adequate and will meet the County's needs throughout the planning period. The three private haulers in Lowndes County are Veolia Environmental Services, Milo Sanitation and Griffin Waste. Lowndes County pays for residential collection and disposal from the general fund. Commercial/industrial clients pay user fees for collection and disposal.

The City of Valdosta Public Works Department provides door-to-door collection service and assesses a \$16.50/month charge for residential pick-up. The charge for commercial and industrial pick-ups varies and is based on container size and collection frequency. City officials indicate that the existing solid waste program is self-sustaining. As previously stated, the City of Valdosta also collects yard trimmings once a week. Collection service is generally considered good and will adequately meet the City's needs through the planning period. The City of Valdosta is also in the process of entering into an agreement with Care Environmental for the handling of hazardous waste. Care Environmental's Valdosta location acts as a transfer station for hazardous waste.

The City of Hahira collects household garbage and waste materials weekly at curbside. The pickup service is provided through the use of one loader/compactor truck. The Hahira Sanitation Department serves approximately 950 customers. The City of Dasher contracts with Veolia Environmental Services which collects waste at curbside and disposes of the City of Dasher's solid waste. The City of Lake Park collects garbage twice per week at curbside and utilizes the Pecan Row landfill. The City of Remerton collects garbage at curbside and also disposes at Pecan Row.

Throughout the Greater Lowndes community, there are some instances of illegal dumping. Lowndes County Code Enforcement generally receives between fifteen (15) and twenty (20) calls a month for illegal dumping. The City of Valdosta generally does not have a problem with illegal dumping although there are some areas along the Withlacoochee River that experience problems. Generally, the City of Hahira does not have any dumping problems with the exception of tires being dumped off of Hall Street. The Cities of Lake Park, Remerton and Dasher reported no problems with illegal dumping.

The names and addresses of all haulers operating within Lowndes County are as follows:

Milo Sanitation Inc.  
5298 Golf Dr.  
Lake Park, GA 31636

Veolia Environmental Services  
1101 Hawkins St.  
Valdosta, GA 31601

City of Hahira  
102 S. Church St.  
Hahira, GA 31632

City of Valdosta  
216 E Central Ave.  
Valdosta, GA 31603

City of Remerton  
1757 Poplar St.  
Remerton, GA 31601

City of Lake Park  
120 Essa St.  
Lake Park, GA 31636

Griffin Waste  
7976 Webb Rd. N.  
Hahira, GA 31632

**b) Contingency Strategy**

In the event that Lowndes County's collection method was interrupted, the County would seek a contractor to develop a Franchise Agreement for collection of solid waste. Should Valdosta's collection practices be interrupted, the City would seek the help of other large municipalities including the City Albany as well as private assistance. The City of Valdosta could be used as an aid for the Cities of Hahira, Dasher and Lake Park in the event that their service was interrupted.

In the event that the City of Hahira's collection practice is interrupted, Hahira could borrow a truck from another city or contract with a private solid waste collection company. Hahira also has a spare collection truck available if needed. If the City of Dasher's collection method is interrupted, the City would contract with another company. Should the City of Lake Park's collection method be interrupted, it would seek assistance of other cities. If the City of Remerton's collection method became interrupted, the City would borrow a truck from the City of Hahira or contract with a private service provider. All of the aforementioned activities would be operational within thirty (30) days.

In the event that a natural disaster impacted services for all local governments, the local governments would cooperate with other local governments in the region to develop a strategy to address the situation. It is worth mentioning that the current Public Works Director for the City of Valdosta, John Whitehead III, is National Incident Management System (NIMS) certified. The City of Valdosta also has equipment for the collection and disposal of debris due to hurricanes or other storms. All public works officials from Lowndes County are either NIMS certified or will become NIMS certified.

**VI. DISPOSAL**

**a) Disposal Practices**

The majority of solid waste collected in Greater Lowndes County is transported for disposal to Pecan Row Landfill (Lowndes County), which is a permitted Sub-Title D landfill<sup>1</sup>. The Pecan Row landfill has approximately a sixty-five (65) acre waste limit. It is predicted to reach capacity and close by 2010. Veolia Environmental Services, previously known as Oynx, already has a permit for another landfill, the Evergreen Landfill. The Evergreen Landfill will serve as an extension to the Pecan Row landfill and has approximately a 147 acre waste limit. The landfill is expected to open in 2006 for limited operations and will begin accepting all waste in 2010. The landfill is not expected to reach capacity until 2048.

These landfills do not use any thermal treatment technologies, but they do solidify liquids.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 10,774.05 tons of solid waste were disposed in landfills outside of Lowndes County by third party haulers in 2005.

**b) Contingency Strategy**

In the event that the City of Valdosta's current disposal method became interrupted, the City would deliver solid waste to another available landfill such as Atkinson County or the City of Thomasville. The City of Hahira could also use those landfills but is also considering creating a drop off site and contracting with a company to collect waste from this site and dispose it in a landfill. The City of Lake Park would utilize the landfill in the City of Thomasville. The City of Dasher would contract with another collector who would take care of disposal. The City of Remerton would consult other local governments to see how they are handling the problem if they are affected as well, and would consider the landfill in Atkinson County or the Thomasville landfill. These activities would be operational within 30 days. Veolia Environmental Services, which collects waste from county recycling centers, would dispose waste in an alternate landfill owned by the company.

**VII. LAND LIMITATION**

Map 2 illustrates the areas in Lowndes County which are considered unsuitable for locating solid waste handling facilities. This map includes analysis of floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds, steep slopes, and areas having poor soil characteristics. Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(c) requires that new solid waste landfill units or lateral expansions of existing units shall not be within 10,000 feet of any public use or private use airport runway end used by turbojet aircraft or within 5,000 feet of any public use or private use airport runway end used by only piston type aircraft. Map 2 illustrates this area as well. DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(d) stipulates that any solid waste landfill located in the 100-year flood plain shall not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the flood plain, or result in a washout of solid waste so as to pose a threat to human health or the environment. Map 3 locates all 100-year flood planes within Lowndes County.

The environmental limitations are also identified and mapped on Hydrologic Atlas 20, Groundwater Pollution Susceptibility maps prepared by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and Georgia Geologic Survey. These maps are available for inspection at the offices of the South Georgia RDC. The Department of Natural Resources maps also identify local land use and regulatory limitations, such as built-up areas (municipalities), proximity to airports, proximity to National Historic sites, and jurisdictional boundaries.

Lowndes County is located in the Southern Coastal Plain physiographic province of Georgia. The County's land surface is characterized by gently rolling topography. Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta have mapped floodplains. Flood hazards typically occur in late winter and early spring. In addition to floodplains, wetlands are also located throughout Lowndes County.

A wetlands inventory prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service depicts the general location of wetland areas within Lowndes County. Developing parcels that are within those depicted areas, or suspected of having wetlands, should have detailed wetlands delineation survey

performed and follow all applicable requirements under Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Lowndes County Land Development Ordinance-Water Protection regulations.

Typical of coastal plain areas, the majority of Lowndes County water is derived from the Floridian aquifer. This aquifer consists of confined limestone, dolostone, and calcareous sand. Underlying the Floridian are the Claiborne and Clayton aquifers. The Floridian aquifer is principally recharged immediately south of the Fall Line, which stretches across central Georgia from Columbus to Augusta. Most sedimentary rock formations of the Coastal Plain begin at the ground surface just south of the Fall Line. As a result this is where most aquifer water originates. Recharge can also occur at other points where the aquifer up dips to become closer to the surface allowing water from streams, sink holes, and ponds to permeate through more shallow ground into the aquifer. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey have mapped the generalized location of groundwater recharge areas within Lowndes County. These maps are included in the *Greater Lowndes 2030 Community Assessment*. Because pollutants can spread uncontrollably throughout the aquifer, development of any kind in recharge areas should be limited.

All Greater Lowndes units of government have zoning ordinances, subdivision ordinances and actively enforce the State Construction Codes. Developed areas in Lowndes County consist of the Cities of Valdosta and Remerton and in smaller scale the Cities of Hahira and Lake Park. The City of Valdosta has one National Historic District Lowndes County is served by one regional airport. Moody Air Force Base is in Lowndes County.

The *Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan* should be consulted by local governments in combination with the Land Limitations Map should a location of any solid waste facilities be considered for anywhere in Lowndes County. Appendix D of the Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan details the County's natural resources and provides further information regarding sensitive environmental areas.

#### **a) Plan Consistency**

In order for EPD to issue or renew a permit for a solid waste handling facility, the facility or facility expansion must be consistent with a local government solid waste management plan. To determine whether or not a proposed facility is consistent with the plan, local governments will review the proposal in accordance to a specified procedure.

Currently, there are no formally adopted procedures for reviewing a proposal's consistency with the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*. However, in order to meet EPD requirements, new proposals must have a public hearing. Local governments should adopt their own procedure to determine whether or not a proposal is consistent with the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*. The procedure should examine how the proposed facility will impact current solid waste facilities and how it will impact current collection and disposal capability.

## VIII. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public information and education are the keys to any successful waste reduction program. An on-going public relations program to create awareness of solid waste issues and encourage maximum participation in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts has been initiated by Lowndes County. The County has also supported the Lowndes County School System with environmental education programs. The County continues to enforce anti-littering laws and supports local beautification programs. All local governments annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste management services.

The Deep South Solid Waste Authority is in the process of establishing a grant program to encourage local governments to establish recycling programs within their community. These programs would be focused on residential recycling programs. Additionally the Authority looks to establish a scrap-tire recycling/reuse program. Such efforts will help target several specific sectors of the waste stream and help Greater Lowndes reduce its per capita solid waste disposal.

Another opportunity to continue waste reduction efforts are the clean-up days in Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta. The City of Valdosta's clean-up day occurs every spring. The Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful (KLVB) Organization should be utilized to help the community reach the goals identified in this plan. KLVB is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing sustainable solutions to improve the physical and visual aspects of community environments that individuals can directly impact through their own actions in the areas of litter prevention, beautification and community improvement and waste reduction. This group has organized clean-up days in Lowndes County, among other activities to achieve, the above-mentioned goals.

Charitable organizations can also play an important role in reducing organic waste. The local food bank operated by America's Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc. helps prevent an increased proportion of organic waste in the waste stream by preventing the waste of food. Goodwill, the Salvation Army, and several local churches also collect clothing. Several churches collect clothing solely for families that loose homes because of fires or become displaced for various reasons. Often neglected when considering waste reduction measures, local charities benefit not only citizens assisted by their activities but also can have a positive impact on waste reduction measures.

## IX. GOALS AND STRATEGIES

The following goal statements represent the future direction for Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton in addressing solid waste management. A series of strategy statements is identified under each goal. The strategy statements address more specific issues and suggest courses of action for dealing with these issues. Accompanying each strategy statement is a narrative, which further explains the purpose of the objective statement and, in some instances, provides examples. Local officials are confident that all the strategies outlined will allow each local government to successfully achieve the stated goals.

**GOAL I – AMOUNT OF WASTE**

**To determine the amount and composition of the solid waste generated within the county in order to have sound information upon which to base solid waste management decisions and to determine if statewide and local goals have been met.**

*Strategy I-1: Implement an on-going program of waste measurement and analysis.*

In accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended, Lowndes County weighs waste amounts collected and disposed. With waste amounts (in tons) being documented, fiscal year 2005 will serve as the base year for countywide waste reduction efforts.

**GOAL II – WASTE REDUCTION**

**To ensure that the current per capita disposal rate of MSW does not continue to grow and is reduced by as much as possible given the availability of funds.**

*Strategy II-1: Continue local recycling programs to reduce the amount of: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) yard waste; (3) glass; and (4) other recyclable materials.*

As mentioned previously, in an effort to reduce the per capita waste disposal amount, Lowndes County operates recycling drop-off sites for the following recyclables:

- Newspaper and magazines
- Bi-metal cans
- Aluminum cans
- Glass
- Plastic

Lowndes County has also diverted plastic chemical (agricultural) containers from the landfill. The City of Valdosta has established a voluntary recycling program to collect recyclables such as paper, aluminum, glass, plastic and yard waste. In addition, The City of Valdosta will continue collecting corrugated cardboard from several of the city's commercial and industrial establishments. Upon collection, Greater Lowndes will transport recyclables to local and regional markets.

Other municipalities will organize public recycling efforts when funds are available. Due to the high composition of waste that is paper and paperboard; initial recycling efforts should make an emphasis on recycling such items.

*Strategy II-2: Coordinate waste reduction and recycling efforts on a countywide basis.*

Coordination efforts should be incorporated into local education and public involvement efforts. For example, the City of Lake Park could remind its residents through its newsletter that recycling sites are available in the County.

*Strategy II-3: Continue to use the inert landfill in Lowndes County and investigate the feasibility of implementing a county-operated composting operation.*

In an effort to reduce the amount of yard waste and other inert waste sent to the Pecan Row Landfill, each local government will continue operating inert landfills. In order to obtain waste reduction credit, the diverted yard waste will need to be processed and reused in the form of mulch, compost, or some other product. The City of Hahira will consider establishing an inert landfill as they presently do not have one.

*Strategy II-4: Establish an active program of market identification and analysis.*

In order to ensure that markets exist for recyclables, Lowndes County will closely monitor market conditions and trends on an on-going basis. To assist in this effort, the county will enlist the assistance of the City of Valdosta, volunteers, and civic organizations. In addition, the South Georgia Regional Development Center will be called upon to assist in identifying and developing regional markets for recyclables.

### **GOAL III – COLLECTION**

**To ensure the efficient and effective collection of solid waste, recyclable, and combustible materials within Greater Lowndes.**

*Strategy III-1: Continue existing collection practices and make modifications as necessary to support additional waste reduction and recycling programs.*

For the duration of the planning period the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park and Remerton will continue collecting solid waste via a door-to-door collection service and Lowndes County and Dasher will utilize their contract with Veolia Environmental and Lowndes County's recycling sites. Throughout the planning period, Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta will closely monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of each collection system.

The City of Lake Park may want to consider purchasing a new collection truck as the current vehicle is outdated.

*Strategy III-2: Ensure contingency strategies are in place to guarantee continued collection.*

The County and City of Valdosta in cooperation with the local and state Emergency Management Agency have prepared a "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan" to deal with wastes generated from natural disasters (floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.) The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan was completed in June of 2005 and will be updated every five years thereafter.

Additionally, all Lowndes County officials working in public works should become NIMS certified.

#### **GOAL IV – DISPOSAL**

**To ensure that solid waste management and disposal facilities serving Lowndes County meet regulatory requirements and are in place when needed to support and facilitate effective solid waste handling programs today and for the subsequent ten-year period.**

*Strategy IV-1: Continue using private vendor contracts for disposal at the Pecan Row Landfill through 2010. Use the Evergreen extension after closure of Pecan Row.*

*Strategy IV-2: Ensure contingency strategies are in place to guarantee continued disposal*

The County and Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Dasher and Lake Park currently contract with Veolia Environmental at the Pecan Row Landfill, and are developing a contingency strategy for alternative disposal on an interim basis. Disposal options include Crisp County Landfill, and Atkinson County Landfill.

*Strategy IV-3: Continue to monitor the former Lowndes County Landfill according to post-closure regulations.*

#### **GOAL V - LAND LIMITATION**

**To ensure that proposed solid waste handling facilities are sited in areas suitable for such developments, are compatible with surrounding uses, and are not considered for location in areas which have been identified as having environmental or other land use limitations.**

*Strategy V-1: Identify land areas within Lowndes County which are unsuitable for siting solid waste handling facilities.*

The Land Limitations Map identifies areas unsuitable for siting solid waste handling facilities. This map was constructed by the South Georgia Regional Development Center using data for floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds, steep slopes, and areas having poor soil characteristics. This map, along with the Future Development Map and Zoning Ordinance Maps, will be consulted by local officials as the need arises and in future planning efforts.

*Strategy V-2: Adopt a local procedure for determining whether or not a proposed solid waste handling or C&D facility is consistent with the goals and strategies of the Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan.*

Prior to filing for a solid waste handling or C&D permit the applicant should submit to the local government(s) having jurisdiction over the proposed site a written statement documenting the following:

- How the proposed facility or facility expansion will meet the specific goals and/or needs identified in the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*, specifically what will be:
  - The impact upon the collection capability within the planning area; and
  - The impact upon disposal capacity identified in the planning area; and
  - The impact to the waste reduction and recycling efforts within the planning area.

- How the proposed facility or facility expansion and its operation will impact the county and cities.
- Any proposed solid waste handling facility will not negatively impact the natural and cultural environment and/or negatively impact public health and safety.
- Operational hours, vehicle traffic, etc., are all issues that should be addressed.
- That the proposed facility or facility expansion is sited in an area deemed suitable according to the criteria listed in the solid waste management plan; and
- That the proposed facility or facility expansion is sited in a location that is consistent with local zoning ordinances.

*Strategy V-3: Continue to amend and update the Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and the local land development regulations and zoning ordinances.*

#### **GOAL VI - EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**To help the residents of Lowndes County achieve an awareness and understanding of the social and environmental issues, problems, concerns, and needs associated with solid waste management; especially in terms of littering, waste reduction, recycling, disposal of household hazardous waste, composting, processing, and energy recovery; and to increase support for effective solid waste management.**

*Strategy VI-1: Implement an on-going public relations program to create an awareness of solid waste issues and encourage maximum participation in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts.*

Public information and education are the keys to any successful waste reduction program. Greater Lowndes officials and volunteers will assume the lead role in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts. Local efforts may focus on the following:

- Conduct solid waste educational programs in the school system and the "Recycle as a Family" concept;
- Hold annual events, activities, and contests throughout the year;
- Strongly encourage source reduction and use of local recycling facilities;
- Enlist the support and participation of local church congregations, as well as civic organizations, garden clubs, and community groups;
- Utilize the local and regional media to the fullest extent possible to "get the word out" regarding the benefits of waste reduction and participation in local programs;
- Continue to enforce anti-littering laws and support local beautification efforts.
- Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste management services.

X. GENERAL MAPS

- Map 1:** **Lowndes County Recycling Centers** – Illustrates the eight recycling centers in Greater Lowndes County. See Attachment 1.
- Map 2:** **Lowndes County Water Resource Protection Districts Ordinance (WRPDO) Overlay Map** – Shows the 100-year floodplain, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, and protected river corridors, which are included in the Water Resource Protection Districts Ordinance for each local government. See Attachment 2.
- Map 3:** **Lowndes County Flood Plains** – Illustrates the flood plain areas within Greater Lowndes County. See Attachment 3.

XI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

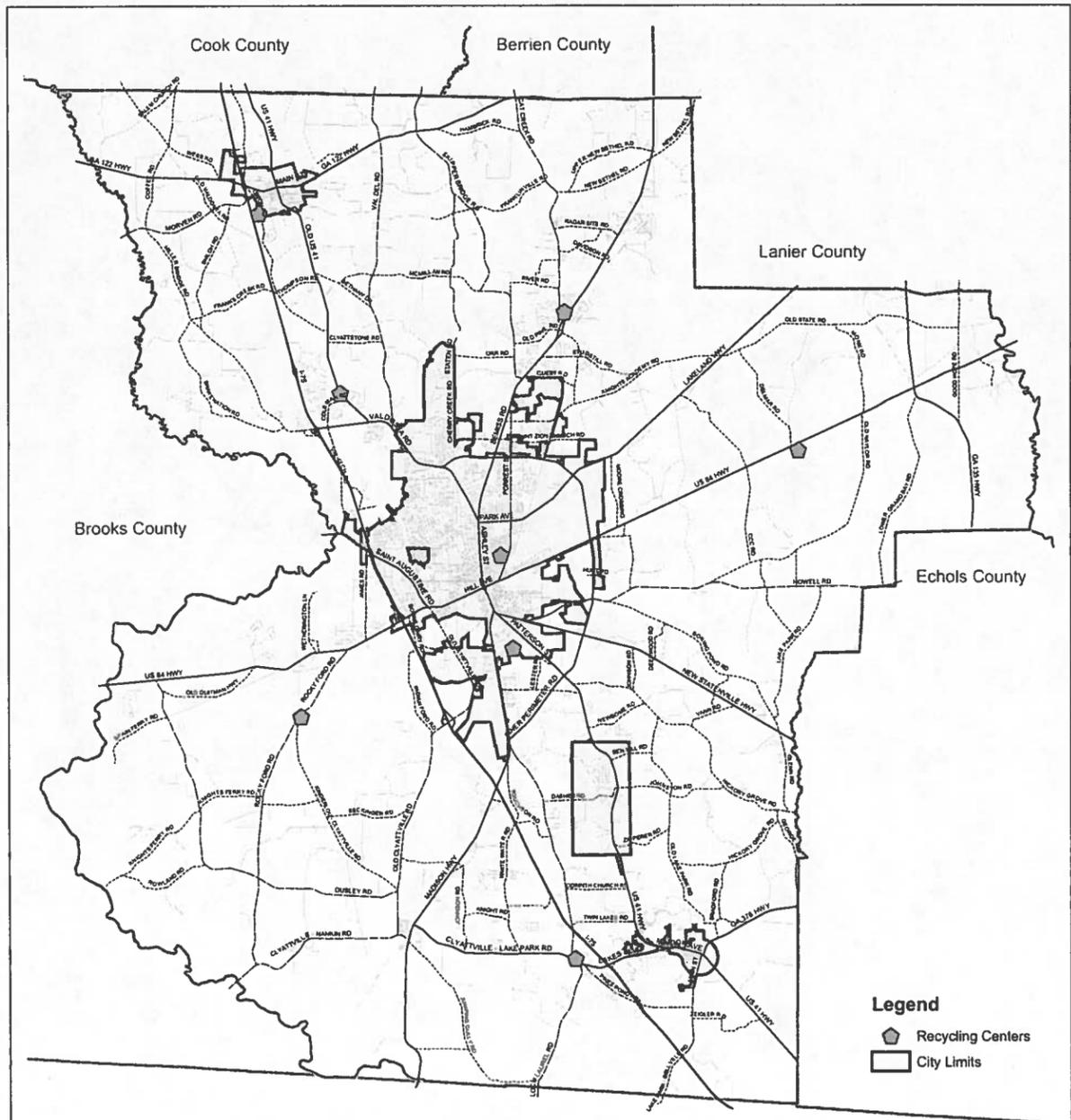
Table 8 outlines the overall work program which Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, and Remerton will follow through FY 2016 to achieve the outlined solid waste management goals. Specific actions and programs are listed, by year, along with responsible parties, estimated costs, and potential funding sources.

TABLE 8: SOLID WASTE PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR: Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton For Fiscal Years 2007 - 2016 (ending June 30)													
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	Fiscal Year										RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ESTIMATED COST (Yearly)	FUNDING SOURCE
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
<b>Goal 2: Waste Reduction</b>													
A. Implement an on-going program of waste measurement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	General Fund
B. Implement local recycling programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	N/A	Cities/County/Grant/Private
C. Coordinate recycling programs in entire county	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	General Fund
D. Continue use of and develop inert landfills	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	N/A	Cities/County/Grant
E. Implement county-wide composting operation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Cities/County/Grant
F. Establish active program to ensure market for recyclables.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Cities/County/Grant/Private
G. Continue current system of disposal of white and brown goods as well as tires	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	N/A	General Fund
<b>Goal 3: Collection</b>													
A. Continue and improve current collection practices	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Lowndes \$600,000; Valdosta \$2,400,000; Hahira \$87,000; Lake Park \$15,000; Dasher \$15,000; Remerton \$23,000	Cities/County
B. Update the pre-disaster mitigation plan concerning solid waste				X						X	County	Staff Time	General Fund
C. Purchase new collection truck				X							Lake Park	\$35,000+	City/Grant

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Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton  
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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	Fiscal Year										RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ESTIMATED COST (Yearly)	FUNDING SOURCE
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
D. NIMS certify all Public Works officials	X	X	X	X							Lowndes County	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>Goal 4: Disposal</b>													
A. Continue to use private sector vendor contracts for disposal at Pecan Row and eventually, Evergreen.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Lowndes \$400,000; Valdosta \$400,000; Hahira \$24,000; Lake Park \$8,000; Dasher \$8,000; Remerton \$13,000	General Fund
B. Continue development of alternate disposal strategies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	General Fund
C. Continue to monitor closed landfill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>Goal 5: Land Limitation</b>													
A. Use Land Limitations Maps in Future Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County GLPC	Staff Time	General Fund
B. Continue to update land ordinances, zoning and Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County GLPC	Staff Time	General Fund
C. Adopt local Plan Consistency Procedures	X										Cities/County	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>Goal 6: Education and Public Involvement</b>													
A. Implement Public Relations Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	General Fund

**Attachment 1:**  
Lowndes County Recycling Centers



**Legend**  
 ◐ Recycling Centers  
 □ City Limits



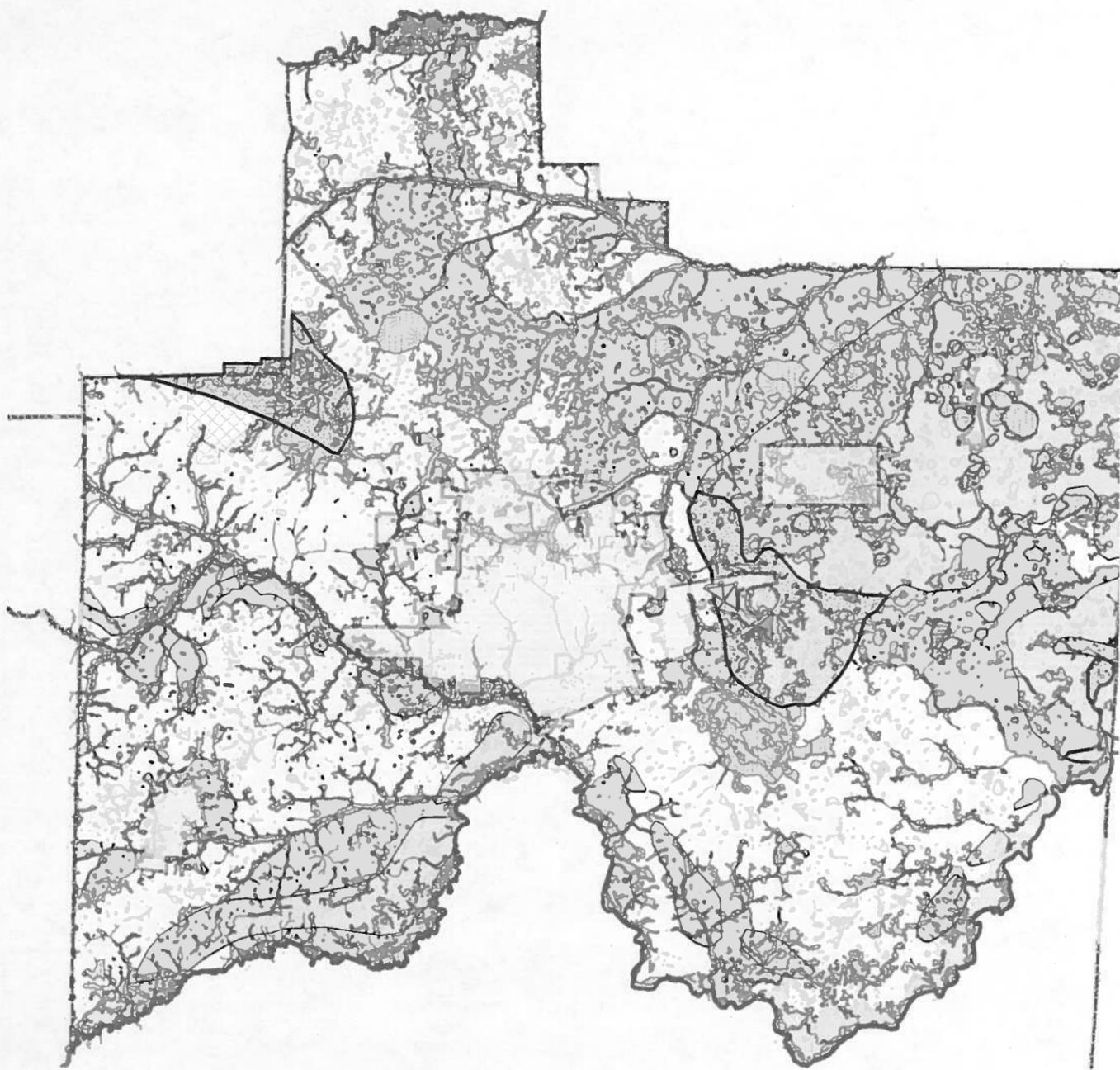
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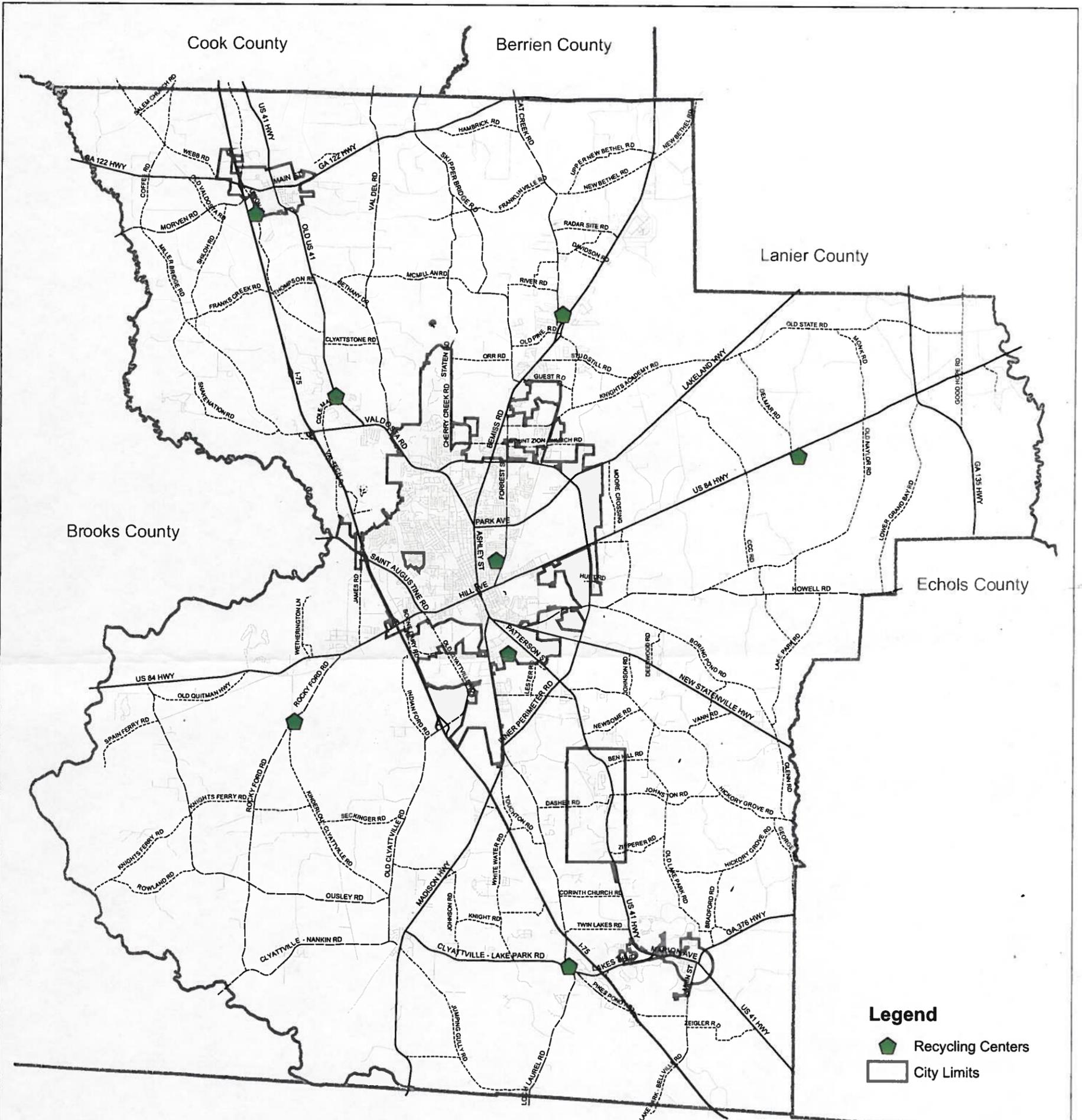
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**MAP 1 : LOWNDES COUNTY  
 RECYCLING CENTERS**



**Attachment 2:**  
Lowndes County Water Resource Protection Districts  
Ordinance (WRPDO) Overlay Map



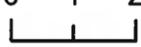


**Legend**

-  Recycling Centers
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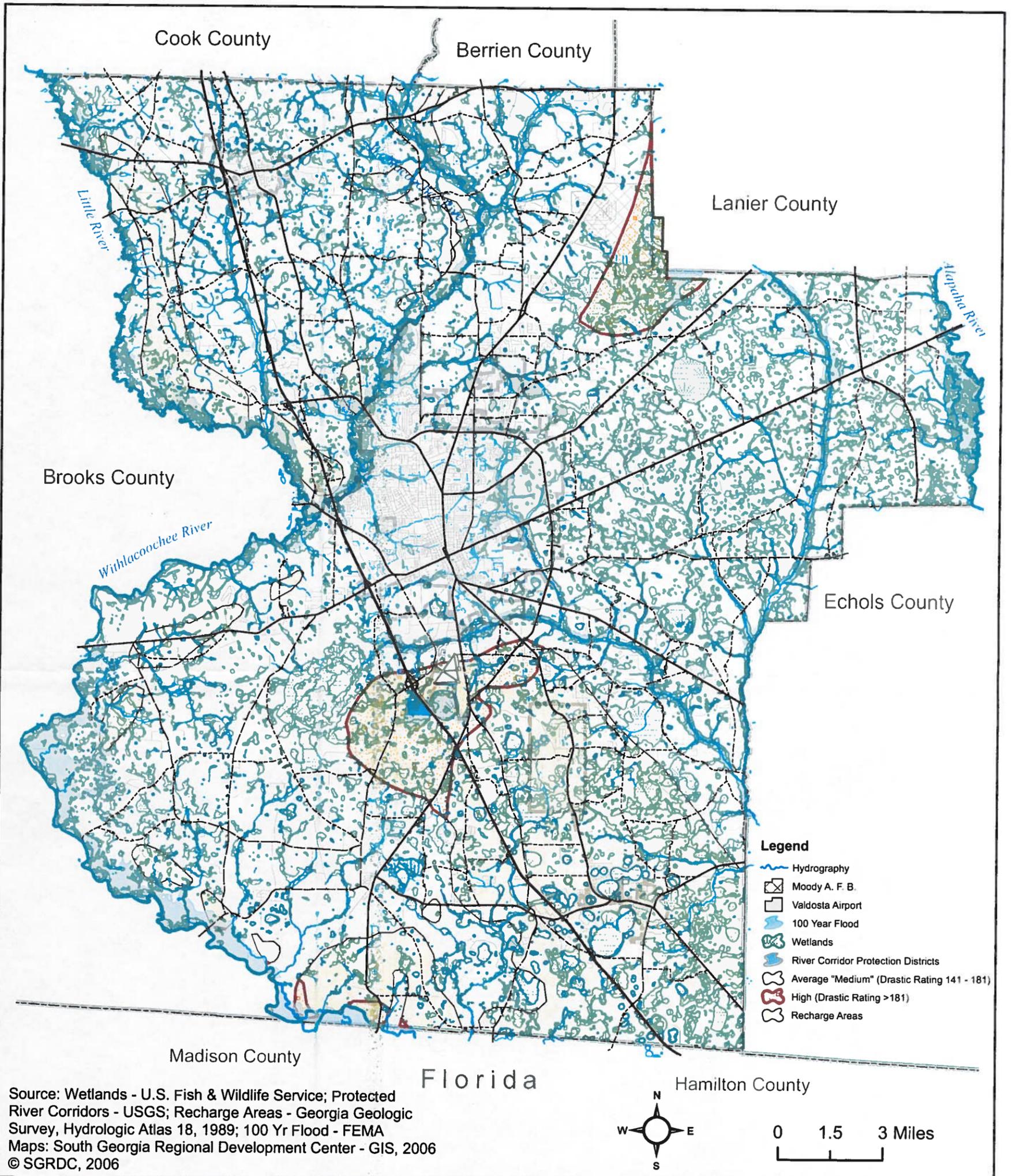


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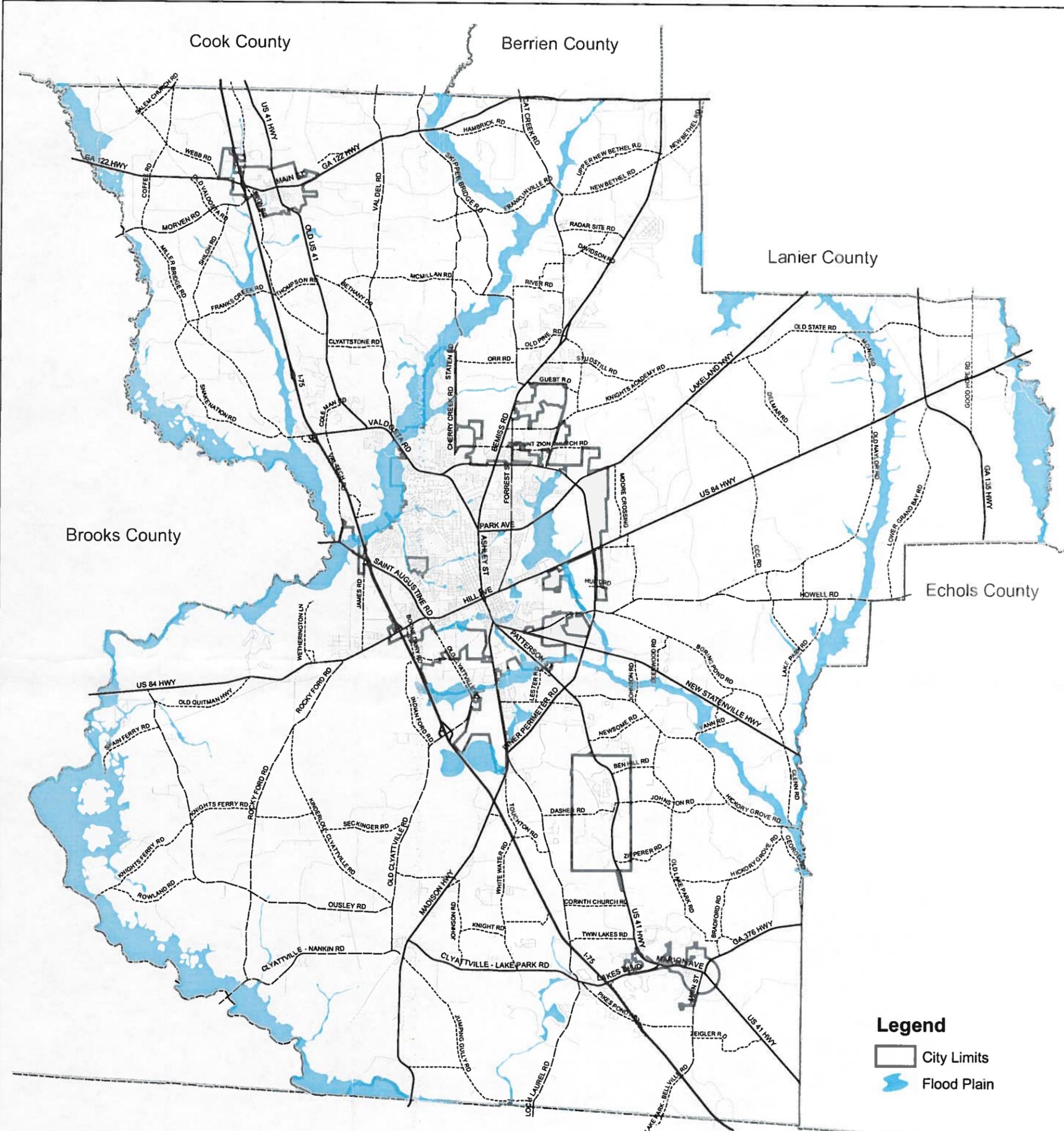
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**MAP 2 : LOWNDES COUNTY  
 WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICTS  
 ORDINANCE (WRPDO) OVERLAY MAP**



**Attachment 3:**  
Lowndes County Flood Plains



Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 1983  
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### MAP 3 : LOWNDES COUNTY FLOOD PLAINS





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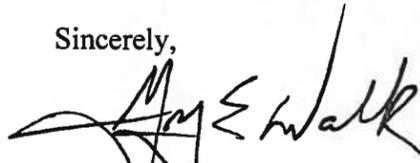
August 17, 2006

Mr. Glenn Ritchie  
Planner, South Georgia Regional Development Authority  
P.O. Box 1223  
327 West Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31603

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lowndes County from 2006 to 2016. The Georgia EPD permit number for VEOLIA ES EVERGREEN LANDFILL, INC. is 092-022D (MSWL). This assurance is based upon Lowndes County, including the incorporated areas, disposing of approximately 140,000 tons of waste at this facility on an annual basis. We thank Lowndes County for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



Greg E. Walk  
Area Manager



SOLID WASTE  
NORTH AMERICA

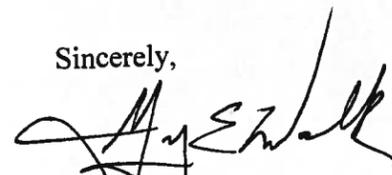
August 17, 2006

Mr. Glenn Ritchie  
Planner, South Georgia Regional Development Center  
P.O. Box 1223  
327 West Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31603

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

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Sincerely,



Greg E. Walk  
Area Manager



As required by the State Department of Community Affairs, the draft Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan will enter a period of review and comment beginning **July 31, 2006**.

The public is invited to attend the following meetings regarding the Plan's adoption:

<i>Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan Adoption Timeline</i>		
MEETING DATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	AGENDA ITEM
July 31, 2006	Planning Commission — 6:30 pm (Following the regular agenda items, which begin at 5:30 pm) Lowndes County Commission Building (325 W. Savannah Avenue)	General Public Hearing
August 1	City of Lake Park City Hall — 7:30 pm	Transmittal of DRAFT Comprehensive Plan to SGRDC/DCA
August 3	City of Remerton City Hall - 5:00 pm	
August 3	City of Hahira Courthouse - 7:30 pm	
August 7	City of Dasher City Hall - 6:00 pm	
August 8	Lowndes County Commission Building — 5:30 pm	
August 10	City of Valdosta City Hall — 5:30 pm	
60-day Review/Public Comment Period for Comp Plan		
October 2	City of Dasher City Hall - 6:00 pm	Adoption of Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan
October 3	City of Lake Park City Hall — 7:30 pm	
October 5	City of Remerton City Hall - 5:00 pm	
October 5	City of Hahira Courthouse - 7:30 pm	
October 19	City of Valdosta City Hall — 5:30 pm	
October 24	Lowndes County Commission Building — 5:30 pm	

The DRAFT plan will be available for review and comment on the Greater Lowndes 2030 Website ([www.sgrdc.com/glpc/glpc.htm](http://www.sgrdc.com/glpc/glpc.htm)) or at the South Georgia Regional Development Center  
327 W. Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31601

The public is encouraged to direct questions or comments to:  
Anne-Marie Wolff, Comprehensive Planner  
at the South Georgia RDC (229) 333-5277 ext 123 or [awolff@sgrdc.com](mailto:awolff@sgrdc.com)

The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission also announces the update of the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)*.

The public is invited to attend the following public meetings regarding this plan:

**1st General Public Hearing – August 1, 2006 at 5:30 pm  
at the South Georgia RDC (327 W. Savannah Avenue)**

The purpose of this hearing will be to inform the public about the purpose of the SWMP, the process utilized in preparing the SWMP, and to elicit community input on needs and goals.

**2nd General Public Hearing – August 31, 2006 at 5:30 pm  
at the South Georgia RDC (327 W. Savannah Avenue)**

The purpose of this hearing will be to brief the community on the contents of the draft SWMP; to provide an opportunity for residents to make suggestions, additions, or revisions; and to inform the community of when the draft SWMP will be submitted to the DCA for formal review.

Following the August 31, 2006 meeting,

the DRAFT Solid Waste Management Plan will enter a 60-day review period during which time the public is encouraged to submit questions or comments to:  
Anne-Marie Wolff, Comprehensive Planner at the South Georgia RDC (229) 333-5277 ext 123  
or [awolff@sgrdc.com](mailto:awolff@sgrdc.com)

**GREATER LOWNDES 2030...  
A ROADMAP FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE**



Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management  
Plan Update

1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing

5:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
South Georgia Regional Development Center  
327 W. Savannah Ave.

MINUTES

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No one from the public attended.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.



Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management  
Plan Update

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Public Hearing

5:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
South Georgia Regional Development Center  
327 W. Savannah Ave.

MINUTES

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No one from the public attended.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.

LOWNDES COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES 2030*  
*SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN*

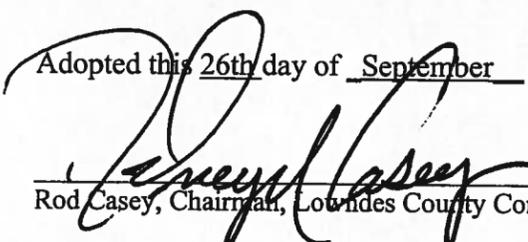
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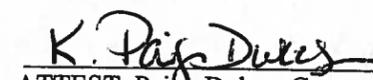
WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners does hereby transmit the *Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 26th day of September 2006.

  
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Rod Casey, Chairman, Lowndes County Commission

  
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ATTEST: Paige Dukes, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-18**

**CITY OF VALDOSTA**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

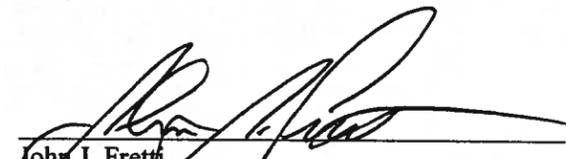
**WHEREAS**, the City of Valdosta Mayor-Council has completed the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*; and

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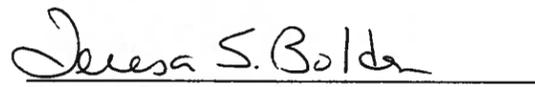
**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Valdosta Mayor-Council does hereby transmit the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2006.

  
John J. Fretti  
Mayor, City of Valdosta

ATTEST:

  
Teresa S. Bolden  
City Clerk, City of Valdosta



**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES*  
*SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

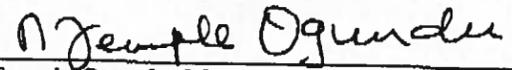
**WHEREAS**, the City of Hahira Mayor-Council has completed the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*; and

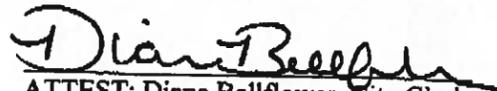
**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Hahira Mayor-Council does hereby transmit the *Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

  
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Temple Ogundu, Mayor-Pro-Tem, City of Hahira

  
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ATTEST: Diane Bellflower, City Clerk

**CITY OF LAKE PARK**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Park Mayor-Council has completed the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Lake Park Mayor-Council does hereby transmit the *Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2006.



Keith Sandlin, Mayor, City of Lake Park



ATTEST: Ann Peterson, City Clerk

**CITY OF DASHER**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES*  
*SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

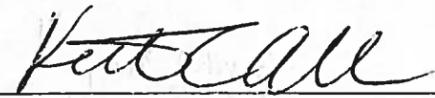
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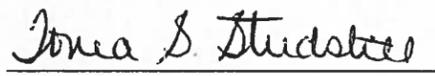
**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Dasher Mayor-Council does hereby transmit the *Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2006.

  
Kenny Allen, Mayor, City of Dasher

  
ATTEST: Tonia Studstill, City Clerk

**CITY OF REMERTON**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT *GREATER LOWNDES  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

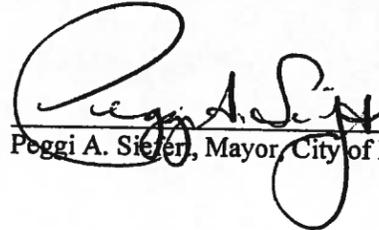
**WHEREAS**, the City of Remerton Mayor-Council has completed the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Remerton Mayor-Council does hereby transmit the *Solid Waste Management Plan* to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

  
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Peggi A. Siefer, Mayor, City of Remerton

  
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ATTEST: Fonda Messer, City Clerk



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*Updated Plans sent 12/28/06*

November 8, 2006

Mr. Randy Hartmann, Director  
Office of Environmental Management  
Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

RE: *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan*

Dear Mr. Hartmann,

Enclosed, please find the draft *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* for Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton. This document can also be found on the SGRDC Website: [www.sgrdc.com](http://www.sgrdc.com). These communities are participating in a joint Solid Waste Management Plan update, which is scheduled for adoption prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

In accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards, a final public hearing was held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to brief the community on the contents of the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* and provide an opportunity for final suggestions. Since this meeting, all comments have been addressed and each governing body has voted unanimously to transmit these documents to the SGRDC for review (please see attached transmittal resolutions).

The SGRDC respectfully transmits the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* to the Department of Community Affairs for its review. Additionally, all interested parties have been notified of the availability of this document for review and comment.

We are confident this submittal exceeds the requirements set forth in the Minimum Planning Standards and look forward to receiving your comments. Please contact me should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ritchie  
Comprehensive Planner

Enclosures



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December 28, 2006

Mr. Kenny Dove  
Office of Environmental Management  
Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

Dear Mr. Dove:

Enclosed, please find the draft *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* for Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton. As we discussed earlier, we have made some revisions to the plan since we originally sent the document to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs due to comments and suggestions. We are looking forward to first adoptions to occur in mid-January to ensure a timely adoption of the plan by all local governments by February 28, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (229) 333-5277 or email me at [gritchie@sgrdc.com](mailto:gritchie@sgrdc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Ritchie".

Glenn Ritchie  
Comprehensive Planner

Enclosures

cc: Brannyn Allen, SGRDC  
Sherry Davidson, SGRDC



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Mike Beatty  
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GOVERNOR

June 15, 2007

Honorable Kenny Allen  
Mayor, City of Dasher  
3683 U.S. Highway 41 South  
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

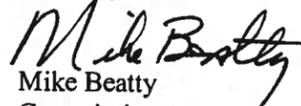
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Sincerely,

  
Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

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



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January 9, 2007

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

Dear John:

Our staff has reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan for Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, and Remerton, received by our office on December 28, 2006. We are unable to approve the plan at this time because the DRAFT Solid Waste Management Plan does not follow the guidelines presented in the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. The one improvement that must be made before the plan can be approved is:

- The Implementation Schedule outlining when particular projects and programs will be implemented must listed year by year (Please review Chapter 110-4-3-.04 (6) for other specific requirements).

A properly written Solid Waste Management Plan will keep the County and Cities within the legal parameters created by the Georgia legislature. Please forward these comments and the enclosed information to Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, and Remerton. When the required change is addressed we will complete review of the Solid Waste Management Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kenny Dove at (404) 679-3144 or at [kdove@dca.state.ga.us](mailto:kdove@dca.state.ga.us).

Sincerely,

Mike Gleaton, Director  
Planning and Environmental Management Division

MG/kd



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June 15, 2007

Honorable John Fretti  
Mayor, City of Valdosta  
Post Office Box 1125  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603

Dear Mayor Fretti:

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June 15, 2007

Honorable Peggy Siefert  
Mayor, City of Remerton  
1757 Poplar Street  
Remerton, Georgia 31601

Dear Mayor Siefert:

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Commissioner

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June 15, 2007

Honorable Rodney N. Casey  
Chairman, Lowndes County Commission  
Post Office Box 1349  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603

Dear Chairman Casey:

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June 15, 2007

Honorable Walter K. Sandlin  
Mayor, City of Lake Park  
120 North Essa Street  
Lake Park, Georgia 31636

Dear Mayor Sandlin:

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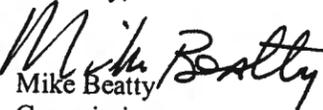
Honorable Wayne Bullard  
Mayor, City of Hahira  
102 South Church Street  
Hahira, Georgia 31632

Dear Mayor Bullard:

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March 15, 2007

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

Dear John:

Our staff has reviewed the 2007-2016 Solid Waste Management Plan for Lowndes County and the cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, and Remerton. We find the plan to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management.

To regain eligibility for solid waste permits, grants, and loans, Lowndes County and the cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, and Remerton must adopt the 2007-2016 Solid Waste Management Plan and forward a copy of the notice of adoption to our office as soon as possible.

As soon as we receive notification that the County and cities have adopted the 2007-2016 Solid Waste Management Plan we will send official notification of its regained eligibility for solid waste permits, grants, and loans.

Sincerely,

Mike Gleaton, Director  
Planning and Environmental Management Division

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A RESOLUTION

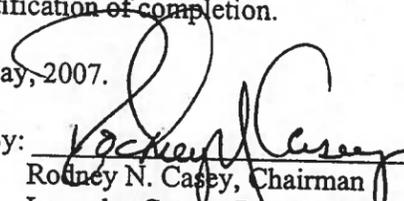
A RESOLUTION OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

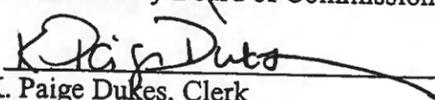
WHEREAS, the Lowndes County Commissioners recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan;

WHEREAS, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the proposed solid waste management plan 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 Lowndes County Commission do hereby adopt the Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management Plan and amend 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.

It is so resolved, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2007.

By:   
Rodney N. Casey, Chairman  
Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
K. Paige Dukes, Clerk  
Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DASHER, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dasher Council recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the proposed solid waste management plan 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 City of Dasher Council do hereby adopt the Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management Plan and amend 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.

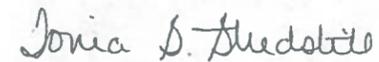
DULY RESOLVED: THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2007.

CITY OF DASHER



Kenny Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tonia Studstill, City Clerk

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF REMERTON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Remerton recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan; and

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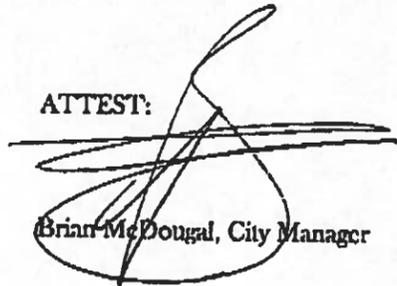
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Remerton Mayor and City Council do hereby adopt the Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management Plan and amend the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2007.

CITY OF REMERTON

*Sue Chaney, Mayor Pro-Tem*  
~~Peggy Siefert, Mayor~~

ATTEST:

  
Brian McDougal, City Manager

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hahira recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hahira Mayor and City Council do hereby adopt the Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management Plan and amend 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 5th DAY OF April, 2007.**

**CITY OF HAHIRA**

*Wayne Bullard*

Wayne Bullard, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Diane Bellflower, City Clerk

*Diane Bellflower*

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE PARK, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE GREATER LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Park recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Lake Park Mayor and City Council do hereby adopt the Greater Lowndes County Solid Waste Management Plan and amend 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 3rd DAY OF April, 2007.

**CITY OF LAKE PARK**



Walter K. Sandlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Peterson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11

CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA  
ADOPTION RESOLUTION

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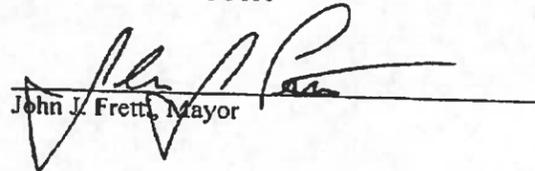
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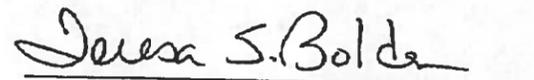
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Valdosta Mayor and Council do hereby adopt the *Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan* and amend the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

DULY RESOLVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2007.

CITY OF VALDOSTA

  
John J. Fretti, Mayor

ATTEST

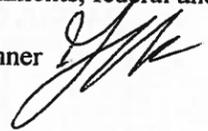
  
Teresa S. Bolden  
City Clerk



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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All potentially affected local governments, federal and state agencies, and local authorities

**FROM:** Glenn Ritchie, Comprehensive Planner 

**DATE:** November 9, 2006

**RE:** NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES –  
Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan

Pursuant to the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (effective January 1, 2004), a draft version of the Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan has been transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center (SGRDC) for review. The document was submitted by Lowndes County and the Cities of Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher and Remerton. The Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan helps to ensure an adequate collection and disposal capability, enumerates solid waste handling facilities as to size and type, and identifies those sites that are not suitable for solid waste handling facilities based on environmental and land use factors.

Copies of the Greater Lowndes Solid Waste Management Plan are available online on the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission website (<http://www.sgrdc.com/GLPC/GLPC.htm>) and at the South Georgia Regional Development Center. Additional hardcopies may be distributed upon request via USPS mail or email.

Pursuant to the Minimum Standards, this notice is being mailed to all potentially affected governments, Regional Development Centers, federal and state agencies, and local authorities. The SGRDC invites all interested parties to submit written comments regarding these documents via fax, email, or USPS mail to:

**CONTACT PERSON:** Glenn Ritchie, Comprehensive Planner  
327 W. Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31601

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (229) 333-5277

**FAX NUMBER:** (229) 333-5312

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [gritchie@sgrdc.com](mailto:gritchie@sgrdc.com)

**COMMENTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 9, 2006**

Please contact us should you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue in further detail.

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Valdosta, GA 31601  
Phone 229 333 5277  
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