



**GREATER TIFT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy  
2008-2018*



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## I. PLANNING PROCESS AND PURPOSE

The 2008-2018 Greater Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), a multi-jurisdictional plan which includes Tift County and the Cities (or municipalities) of Omega, Tifton, and Ty Ty, has been 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 Tift 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 Tift 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 Tift 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

Located in south-central Georgia, Tift County covers 265.05 square miles and in 2007 had an estimated population of 40,344. The county includes three municipalities: Tifton, Omega and Ty Ty. Between 1980 and 2000 Tift County's population increased by 5,545, an increase of 16.9 percent over the twenty year period. Projections in the 2030 Tift County Comprehensive Plan indicate that the 2018 estimated population will increase to 43,371 as shown in Table 1.

Approximately 63 percent of Greater Tift County's residents live in the unincorporated portions of the county. In Tift County, the 2005-2006 Georgia County Guide states that 70.3 percent of Tift County was considered "rural" in 2000. There was an estimated 16,162 housing units in Tift County in 2006, and this number is expected to grow to 8492 by 2018.

The Greater Tift labor force is employed in 13 primary industry sectors. Table 2 shows the changes in the percentage of the labor force working in each sector for the period 1980 – 2000. Despite being a mostly rural county, Tift County's employed residents are working less in agriculture as in the past. The highest percentage of employment in 2000 was in the educational, health and social services sector at 20.6%. The second largest employment sector was

manufacturing at 16.5%, followed by retail trade at 14.3% and arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services at 7.4%. Table 3 shows the percentages for each employment sector for the communities of Omega, Tifton, and Ty Ty.

**Table 1  
Greater Tift Population Trends and Projections**

	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Census	% Change 1980-2000	Estimated 2005	Projected 2010	Projected 2018 @ .65% annual growth	% Change 2010-2018
<b>Government</b>								
Tift County	32,862	34,998	38,407	17%	39,793	41,180	43,371	5.32
Omega	996	912	1,340	35%	1,426	1,512	1,592	5.32
Tifton	13,749	14,215	15,060	10%	15,388	15,716	16,552	5.32
Ty Ty	618	579	716	16%	741	765	806	5.32
Unincorporated	17,499	19,292	21,291	22%	22,238	23,187	24,421	5.32
<b>Adjacent Counties</b>								
Berrien	13,525	14,153	16,235	20%	16,235	17,590		
Colquitt	35,376	36,645	42,053	19%	43,915	43,091		
Cook	13,490	13,456	15,771	17%	16,366	16,369		
Irwin	8,988	8,649	9,931	10%	10,167	10,403		
Turner	9,510	8,703	9,504	0%	9,503	9,501		
South Georgia Region	156,773	165,897	178,436	14%	202,553	196,416		
State of Georgia			8,186,453		9,072,576	9,592,370		

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census <http://www.census.gov>, and South Georgia Regional Development Center <http://www.sgrdc.com>

**Table 2  
Tift County Employment Sector History by Percent**

Type of Industry	1980	1990	2000
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, hunting & mining	8.8%	8.4%	5.4%
Construction	6.3%	5.7%	7%
Manufacturing	22.1%	19.9%	16.5%
Wholesale Trade	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%
Retail Trade	15%	16.8%	14.3%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	4.5%	5.3%	4.3%
Information	NA	NA	1.4%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	3.9%	4.2%	5%
Educational, health and social services	15.7%	17%	20.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	5.5%	0.6%	7.4%
Other Services	4.1%	8.2%	5.3%
Public Administration	6.1%	5.8%	4.9%

Source: The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (<http://www.georgiaplanning.com/dataviews/census2/>) 2006

**Table 3**  
**Omega, Tifton, and Ty Ty Employment by Sector - 2000**

Type	Omega	Tifton	Ty Ty
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, hunting & mining	9.6%	4.2%	4.8%
Construction	8.8%	6.4%	7.1%
Manufacturing	18.2%	13.4%	25.2%
Wholesale Trade	5.5%	3.6%	5.8%
Retail Trade	14.9%	15%	15.2%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7%	3.9%	4.5%
Information	1.2%	0.9%	1.9%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.1%	3.6%	2.3%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	4.5%	5.3%	5.5%
Educational, health and social services	8.4%	23.3%	10.3%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	6.7%	9.3%	5.2%
Other Services	9.6%	5.7%	2.9%
Public Administration	1.4%	5.3%	9.4%

Source: The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (<http://www.georgiaplanning.com/dataviews/census2/>) 2006

### III. WASTE DISPOSAL STREAM ANALYSIS

As noted in Part VI of this plan, all municipal solid waste collected in Greater Tift County is transported and disposed in the Tifton-Tift County subtitle D landfill located at 445 Mitchell Store Road, and inert wastes are disposed in an inert landfill located at 601 Armour Street. As shown in Table 4, during the twelve month period that ended June 30, 2007, Tift County collected and disposed 29,418 tons of MSW in the subtitle D landfill, Tifton collected and disposed 25,321 tons, Omega collected and disposed 752 tons, and Ty Ty generated 327 tons which was collected and disposed in the landfill by a private hauler. The total amount of MSW collected and disposed in Greater Tift County in 2007 was 55,818 tons, or 1.38 tons per capita. In 1992, the estimated tons per capita disposal rate for Tift County was 1.11, or 20% less than the current rate. During this fifteen year period, the increase in the Greater Tift tons per capita rate has averaged 1.5% annually.

According to the latest solid waste data available from the state, these figures compare favorably with the increase in the tons per capita rate experienced statewide. In 2004, the statewide tons per capita rate was 1.37, an increase of 33% from the 1994 statewide rate of 1.03 tons per capita (2004 Solid Waste Management Annual Report). This increase represents an annual growth rate in the statewide tons per capita rate of 2.6%.

The sources of solid waste collected within Tift County are estimated in Table 5. As this table indicates, on average 50% of the MSW collected and disposed in Greater Tift County comes from commercial sources and 50% is derived from residential sources.

**Table 4**  
**Tift County Solid Waste**  
**July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007**

Location	Facility Name	Reporting Year	Source Of Waste	Tonnage Reported
Tift County	Tifton-Tift County Landfill	07/06 - 06/07	Tift County	29418

Tifton	Tifton-Tift Landfill	07/06 - 06/07	City of Tifton	25321
Omega	Tifton-Tift County Landfill	07/06 - 06/07	Omega	752
Ty Ty	Tifton-Tift County Landfill	07/06 - 06/07	Ty Ty	327
<b>Total</b>				<b>55818</b>

Source: Tift County, Cities of Tifton, Omega and Ty Ty

**Waste Sources as a Percentage of Total Waste Generated  
Greater Tift County  
Estimated 2007**

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial /Industrial</u>
Tift County	30%	70%
Tifton	30%	70%
Omega	80%	20%
TyTy	60%	40%

Source: Tift County, Cities of Tifton, Omega and TyTy.

Table 6 provides waste stream composition estimates and projections for selected years through the year 2018. These estimates were calculated using the regional averages for waste amounts and composition for the South Georgia RDC region as determined by the Georgia Statewide Waste Characterization Study. The study's regional composition amounts were calculated based on samples from the Pecan Row Landfill in Valdosta, GA. The projections shown in Table 6 represent the amount and composition of solid waste if the study's regional composition percentages remain the same and the 1992 – 2007 annual increase in the tons per capita rate continues.

**Table 6: Greater Tift County 2008– 2018 Projected Waste Composition  
(Tons per year)**

<u>Waste Type</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2018</u>
Paper/Paperboard	18,029	19,153	20,884	22,834
Construction and Demolition	4800	5099	5560	6080
Glass	2847	3025	3298	3605
Metals	3461	3677	4009	4383
Inorganic	1451	1541	1681	1838
Organic	15,238	16,188	17,651	19,299
Plastic	9992	10,616	11,576	12,655
<b>Total Tons</b>	<b>55,818</b>	<b>59,299</b>	<b>64,659</b>	<b>70,694</b>

Source: Georgia Statewide Waste Characterization Study; Georgia Department of Community Affairs 2005  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2007.

Table 7 projects the Greater Tift population growth, total annual waste, and annual tons per capita rate for each year from 2008 to 2018. Based on these projections, Greater Tift County will experience a 17.7% increase in the per capita waste disposal rate by 2018. Therefore, it will be necessary to expand waste reduction efforts in each community.

**Table 7: 2007 – 2018 Projected Waste (Tons)  
Greater Tift County**

Year	Population	Total Per Year	Per Capita Rate (Tons Per Year)
2007	40,344	55,818	1.38
2008	40,622	56,871	1.40
2009	40,903	58,082	1.42
2010	41,180	59,299	1.44
2011	41,488	60,572	1.46
2012	41,717	62,158	1.49
2013	41,988	63,402	1.51
2014	42,261	64,659	1.53
2015	42,536	65,931	1.55
2016	42,812	67,642	1.58
2017	43,091	68,946	1.60
2018	43,371	70,694	1.63

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census 2006  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2007.

#### IV. WASTE REDUCTION

In an effort to reduce waste, Tift County opened five manned recycling centers. All recycling services are free to both citizens and businesses. The **Tifton-Tift Recycling Center** is located at 7750 Magnolia-Industrial Blvd, and items accepted at this site include: all recyclables. (See page 14, Goal 2, for a complete list of all recyclables collected in the planning area.) The **South Central Site** is located at 9 Pecan Street just off South Central Ave. and right behind the Community Center, all recycling services are free to both citizens and businesses. Items accepted at this site are household junk (discarded appliances, mattresses, toys, bikes, fences, ground material, furniture, etc), metal items, yard debris, all recyclables, household garbage in pre-paid, authorized colored bags, waste motor oil, and waste coolant. The **Whiddon Mill/Carpenter Road Site** is located at 1949 Whiddon Mill Road on the south west corner of Whiddon Mill and Carpenter Roads. Items accepted at this site are yard debris, all recyclables, and household garbage in pre-paid, authorized colored bags. The **Northside Site** is located on Hwy 125 north behind the Northside Fire Station (4117 Hwy 125 N). Items accepted at this site are yard debris, all recyclables, and household garbage in pre-paid, authorized colored bags. The **Inert Landfill Site** is located at 601 Armour Street just off Hwy 82 East. Items accepted at this site are yard debris, all recyclables, and household garbage in pre-paid, authorized colored bags. Also, recyclable materials are collected from approximately 470 commercial/business customers and 486 office size bins throughout Tifton and unincorporated Tift County. There are 35 recycling bins placed throughout the county at various businesses with 10 at recycling sites. Other recycling containers are available for placement at businesses upon request at no charge. The county and cities do not allow yard trimmings to be mixed with MSW for disposal at the subtitle D landfills. The City picks up curbside with a gravel machine or a leaf machine weekly. The County residents either bring their yard trimmings to the inert landfill (which is free), a site which accepts yard trimmings, or must acquire a burn permit to burn. Tifton/Tift County mulches 95 percent of its inert materials and also recycles crushed concrete for roads. The cities of Omega and Ty Ty do not have any waste reduction programs in place for the management of

yard trimmings. Tifton/Tift County are continuously seeking out waste reduction programs, but there are none set in stone at this time.

As Table 6 indicates, Greater Tift County's projected waste composition will require that local officials target reductions in: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) construction and demolition waste; (3) plastic; (4) glass; and (5) metals. In addition, future waste reduction and public education efforts will need to focus on these waste types. 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. Efforts will be made to continue and where possible implement additional local recycling programs to reduce the amount of: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) construction and demolition waste; (3) plastic; (4) glass; and (5) metals. Currently there are no source reduction programs in the planning area.

Charitable and civic organizations can also play an important role in reducing organic waste. For example, churches that collect clothing from individuals allow citizens who need clothing to reuse clothing and prevent it from entering into the waste stream. 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.

## V. COLLECTION

Tifton/Tift County Sanitation provides waste collection for all residents and commercial entities in both the unincorporated areas of the county and in the City of Tifton. This is paid for with user fees by those who take advantage of the service. The City of Ty Ty contracts their waste collection out to a third party which services 305 residence and 3 commercial entities while the City of Omega provides their own collection service to approximately 500 residence, also paid for with user fees. The City/County offers 5 staffed drop-off centers to county residents who do not have curb side garbage services (as listed on page 6). The City has mandated curbside collection, either by can or bag which can be purchased at city hall for \$2.50 per bag. Collection is done on a once per week basis; customers are supplied with a 95 gallon container, collection is done with both automated and rear loading garbage trucks. Businesses are offered both 95 gallon containers for curbside pickup or bulk dumpster service with pickup as requested. This also includes roll-off services. There are 231 business containers with 975 dumpster customers. Businesses pay \$2.25 per cubic yard for dumping. City residents pay \$21 for household waste, yard debris, etc (inside Tifton city limits only). The unincorporated areas of the county pay only \$12.52 per container for household waste.

The county and the cities do not allow yard trimmings to be mixed with MSW for disposal at the Subtitle D landfills. Tifton – Tift County mulches 95% of its inert materials and also recycles crushed concrete for roads. The City of Omega collects loose yard waste which is curbside with its own truck and crew, and disposes it into the Tifton-Tift County's inert landfill. TyTy contracts with a private hauler but they do not pick up yard trimmings. TyTy residents must acquire a burn permit from the forestry department to burn yard trimmings. Yard debris is picked up in the City of Tifton loose at curb side only once a week. The County residents are required to bring their yard debris to the inert landfill at no fee.

All communities within Greater Tift County have contracts with Tift/Tift County Sanitation for residential solid waste collection and disposal, billed to the communities on a per container basis. The City of Tifton bills 4,904 residents in Tifton and 3,793 residents in the unincorporated Tift County. The county is billed for the collection and disposal costs by the City of Tifton, and the county in turn adds the cost to the property owners' annual property tax bills. As for commercial waste collection, businesses in the unincorporated county contract on an individual basis with Tifton – Tift County.

The City of Omega provides their own collection service and the City of TyTy contracts their waste collection to a private hauler, with revenues and expenses accounted for in an enterprise funds. The Tifton–Tift County governments own the Tifton-Tift County Landfill and contracts for residential curbside and commercial waste collection and disposal on a per container basis, and revenues and expenses are accounted for in an enterprise fund. They also offer commercial dumpsters, sanitation dumpsters and roll off containers. In each of these communities, officials feel that the current collection services are adequate to meet the needs of their citizens and their community through the planning period.

The names and addresses of the MSW haulers operating in Tift County are listed below:

Veolia Pecan Row Landfill- (Hauler)  
1101 Hawkins Road  
Valdosta, GA 31601

Golden Environmental-(Hauler)  
21 Farmers Market Road  
Tifton, GA 31794

#### Contingency Strategy

As noted, Tift County and Tifton provide their own joint service for waste collection and disposal. The City of Omega provides their own waste collection and disposal service, while Ty Ty contracts with a third party. In the event that the Tifton-Tift County service was no longer operational and available, both Tifton and Tift County would opt to use either a public or a contracted private hauler according to availability. If neither hauling service were operational, the terms of the collection agreements would allow each local government to contract with other public or private haulers. If a temporary hauler is needed, the local governments would seek the aid of other local governments in the area that own their own trucks for collection. Arrangements for interim collection could be completed within thirty days.

In the event of a disaster which generates significant volumes of waste and/or special wastes, the Tift County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) details the procedures that will be taken to ensure the collection, recycling, disposal, and public notification of alternative programs for the commercial and residential waste generated from the disaster which includes the

municipalities of Tifton, Omega, and Ty Ty. If it is necessary to outsource to a private hauler, Tifton/Tift County would have a special called meeting to approve.

Illegal dumping is a problem in Tifton/Tift County. Enforcement of these issues is complaint driven. Surveys are collected from the County/City code enforcement on cases made and cited and on cases made and not cited. Omega and TyTy also call Tift County Code Enforcement for illegal dumping and depend on their services for enforcement.

## VI. DISPOSAL

As of 2007 and before, municipal solid waste from Tift County is being transported to a subtitle D landfill: Tifton-Tift County, located in Tift County. The Tifton-Tift County landfill is owned and operated by Tifton-Tift County government.

The Tifton/Tift County Subtitle D landfill has an approximate one hundred eighty (180) acre waste limit, and is predicted to have 75 years of capacity. Subtitle D speaks for itself for what is accepted at a subtitle D landfill. Accepted items are Solid Waste means all putrescible and non-putrescible wastes, including without limitation, garbage, rubbish, refuse, ashes, waste paper and cardboard; discarded or abandoned vehicles or parts thereof; sewage sludge, septic tank and cesspool pumpings or other sludges; commercial, industrial, demolition and construction waste; discarded home and industrial appliances; asphalt, broken concrete and bricks; manure, vegetable or animal solid and semi-solid wastes, dead animals; infectious waste as defined in ORS 459.386; and other such wastes, including without limitation cleanup materials contaminated with hazardous substances, commingled recyclable material, petroleum contaminated soil, special waste, source-separated recyclable material, land clearing debris and yard debris.

These landfills do not use any thermal treatment technologies.

### Contingency Strategy

As noted, the Subtitle D landfill serving Greater Tift County has substantial amounts of capacity remaining before alternative disposal sites must be located. In the event the site was closed or unavailable, both Pecan Row landfill, (which is located at Pecan Road at 2995 Wetherington Lane, Valdosta, GA) and Sunset Drive landfill (which is located at 88 Landfill Drive, Thomasville, Ga.) have expressed interest in serving the communities. In the event the existing site was closed or unavailable, there are permitted sites available for emergency disposal in Tift County, Cook County, and Atkinson County. Arrangements for interim disposal services could be completed within thirty days.

In the event of a disaster which generates significant volumes of waste and/or special wastes, the Tift County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) details the procedures that will be taken to ensure the collection, recycling, disposal, and public notification of alternative programs for the commercial and residential waste generated from the disaster.

There is no imported or exported waste into the MSW landfill of Tifton/Tift County. There are no other types of disposal facilities in the planning area such as thermal treatment or incinerators.

See Appendices for the capacity assurance letter.

## VII. LAND LIMITATIONS

Map 2 illustrates the areas in Tift County which are considered unsuitable for locating solid waste handling facilities, based on flood plains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds, steep slopes, and areas having poor soil characteristics. DNR rules stipulate 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 the 100-year flood plain in Tift County.

### **Basic Limitations for the Siting of Solid Waste Handling Facilities**

Specifically, the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules outline basic limitations for the siting of solid waste handling facilities:

#### **Natural Environmental Limitations:**

**Water supply watersheds:** DNR Rule 391-3-16-.01 (7)(c)1 requires that at any location within a small water supply watershed, new solid waste landfills must have synthetic liners and leachate collection systems.

**Groundwater Recharge Areas:** DNR Rule 391-3-16-.02(3)(a) requires that in significant groundwater recharge areas, DNR shall not issue permits for new solid waste landfills not having synthetic liners and leachate collection systems.

**Wetlands:** DNR Rule 391-3-16-.03(3)(e) establishes that solid waste landfills may constitute an unacceptable use of a wetland.

**River Corridors:** DNR Rule 391-3-16-.04(4)(h) prohibits the development of new solid waste landfills within protected river corridors.

**Protected Mountains:** DNR Rule 391-3-16-.05(4)(l) prohibits the development of new solid waste landfills in areas designated as protected mountains.

**Criteria for siting:** The following items are criteria for siting solid waste facilities under DNR Rules. Local governments preparing plans should consult with DNR for the most current applicable rules.

**Zoning:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(a) requires that the site must conform to all local zoning/land use ordinances, and that written verification of such be submitted to EPD. **Airport safety:** 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. **Flood Plains:** 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 floodplain, or result in a washout of solid waste so as to pose a threat to human health or the environment. **Wetlands:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(e) prohibits the development of solid waste landfills in wetlands, as defined by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided by the applicant to EPD that use of such wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all other applicable state and

federal laws and rules. **Fault areas:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(f) requires that new landfill units and lateral expansions of existing landfills shall not be located within 200 feet of a fault that has had displacement in the Holocene Epoch unless the owner or operator demonstrates to EPD that an alternative setback distance of less than 200 feet will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the landfill unit and will be protective of human health and the environment.

**Seismic impact zones:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(g) prohibits the development of new landfill units and lateral expansions in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates to EPD that all containment structures, including liners, leachate collection systems, and surface water control systems are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site. **Unstable areas:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(h) requires owners or operators of new landfill units, existing landfill units, and lateral expansions located in unstable areas to demonstrate that engineering measures have been incorporated in the landfill unit's design to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the landfill unit will not be disrupted.

**Significant groundwater recharge areas:** DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(j) requires new solid waste landfills or expansions of existing facilities within two miles of significant groundwater recharge areas to have liners and leachate collection systems, with the exception of facilities accepting waste generated from outside the County in which the facility is located. In that case, the facility must be totally outside of any area designated as a significant groundwater recharge area.

"Hazardous wastes," as that term is defined by O.C.G.A. §12-8-62(10), as may be amended from time to time, are prohibited.

The environmental limitations are also identified and mapped on Hydrologic Atlas 18, 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.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey have also mapped the generalized location of groundwater recharge areas within Tift County. These maps are included in the *Greater Tift County 2030 Community Assessment*. Because pollutants can spread uncontrollably throughout the aquifer, development of any kind in recharge areas should be limited.

Unincorporated Tift County and the City of Tifton, Omega and TyTy are served by zoning ordinances. The EMS director for Tifton/Tift County maintains the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), which includes a disaster debris element.

The *Greater Tift County 2020 Community Assessment*, part of the *Greater Tift County 2020 Comprehensive Plan*, also contains an excellent discussion of the County's natural resources. The *Greater Tift County 2020 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 in Tift County. Appendix D of the *Greater Tift County Comprehensive Plan* details

the County's natural resources and provides further information regarding sensitive environmental areas.

### 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's solid waste management plan. To determine whether or not a proposed facility is consistent with the plan, local governments must review the proposal in accordance with a specified procedure.

Under Georgia law, an application for a permit to locate a solid waste handling facility is a trigger for the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) review process, as prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. In addition to following the DRI review procedures, in order to meet EPD requirements, Tift County will hold a public hearing to gather local input. In considering whether a proposal is consistent with the *Greater Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan*, the county will examine how the proposed facility will impact current solid waste facilities, how it will impact current collection and disposal capability, and the effect any proposed facility will have on greater Tift County's waste reduction goals which is in negotiation.

## VIII. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Keeping the public informed and educating students to the value of recycling and waste reduction 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 will be initiated by Tift County. The recycling coordinator is responsible for: educational outreach, Keep Tift Beautiful, program implementation, and Tree Preservation Board. The county is also promoting litter pick up, educational outreach in public schools as well as private sectors, Christmas tree recycling, the Great American Cleanup, and all city events are litter free. Tifton/Tift County is also affiliated with Keep Georgia Beautiful as well as Keep America Beautiful. The county and cities will also support the Tift County School System with environmental education programs. The county and cities enforce anti-littering laws and support local beautification programs. All local governments annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste management services. There is also a website available for the Tifton/Tift County landfill on the City of Tifton's website. The Keep Tift Beautiful program provides educational outreach to all of Tift County and the municipalities of the city of Tifton, Omega, and Ty Ty.

## IX. GOALS AND STRATEGIES

The following goal statements represent the future direction for Tift County and the Cities of Tifton, Omega and TyTy 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: Monitor and analyze the waste measurement results currently being collected.*

In accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended, the Tifton-Tift County Landfill from Greater Tift County. With waste amounts (in tons) being documented, 2006 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 and where possible implement additional local recycling programs to reduce the amount of: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) construction and demolition waste; (3) plastic; (4) glass; and (5) metals.*

As mentioned previously, in an effort to reduce the per capita waste disposal amount, Tift County currently operates five (5) recycling drop-off site for the following recyclables:

- Newspaper and magazines
- Bi-metal cans
- Aluminum cans
- Glass
- Plastic
- Steel
- Oil, Antifreeze
- Electronic Recycling

The county plans to extend services and hours for all five. Other municipalities will organize public recycling efforts when funds are available.

*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. Such efforts could include regular meetings of community leaders and civic clubs to address ways to educate the citizens in waste reduction methods, and the value of recycling.

### **GOAL III – COLLECTION**

**To ensure the efficient and cost effective collection of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials within Greater Tift.**

*Strategy III-1: Continue to provide service for collection and disposal at Tifton-Tift County Landfill and make modifications as necessary to support additional waste reduction and recycling programs.*

Throughout the planning period, each local government will continue to utilize contracts with third party haulers for the collection of solid waste. Each local government will monitor their respective systems to ensure that collection is being managed properly.

*Strategy III-2: Ensure contingency strategies are in place for the interim collection of solid waste in the event the primary collection option becomes interrupted.*

The *Greater Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan* contains a contingency strategy for collection.

*Strategy III-3: Ensure contingency strategies are in place for the collection, recycling, disposal, and public notification of alternative programs for the commercial and residential waste generated from a disaster.*

The *Tift County Local Emergency Operations Plan* will be reviewed and updated to ensure that procedures are in place for handling waste generated from a disaster.

#### **GOAL IV – DISPOSAL**

**To ensure that solid waste management and disposal facilities serving Tift 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 to use contracts for collection and disposal at Tifton-Tift County Landfill and make modifications as necessary to support additional waste reduction and recycling programs.*

*Strategy IV-2: Ensure contingency strategies are in place for the interim disposal of solid waste in the event the primary disposal option becomes interrupted.*

The *Greater Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan* contains a contingency strategy for the disposal of solid waste.

*Strategy IV-3: Ensure contingency strategies are in place for the collection, recycling, disposal, and public notification of alternative programs for the commercial and residential waste generated from a disaster.*

The *Tift County Local Emergency Operations Plan* will be reviewed and updated to ensure that procedures are in place for handling waste generated from a disaster.

*Strategy IV-4: Investigate the feasibility of Tift County and the cities of Tifton, Omega and TyTy becoming members of the Deep South Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Authority, and thereby accessing the advantages of membership, including reduced tipping fees, guaranteed disposal services, and participation in the Authority's grant program.*

The Deep South Authority was established in 1996 to investigate the feasibility of implementing a regional solid waste management system. Through a master agreement negotiated between the Authority and Veolia Environmental Services, the member governments (Lowndes County, Valdosta, Lanier County, Lakeland, Berrien County, and Nashville) have the option to enter into long-term contracts with VES for solid waste disposal services at highly discounted rates, and participation in an Authority sponsored grant program financed by per ton royalty fees on waste disposed into the Evergreen landfill.

*Strategy IV-5: Continue to monitor the closed Phase I Tifton-Tift 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 Tift 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: Implement a local process based on current DRI review guidelines to determine whether a proposed solid waste handling or C&D facility is consistent with the goals and strategies of the Greater Tift 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 Tift County 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 Tift County 2018 Comprehensive Plan, and the local land development regulations and zoning ordinances.*

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

**To help the residents of Tift 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 Tift 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: Tift County Recycling Center** – Shows the location of the recycling center in Greater Tift County.

**Map 2: Tift 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.

**Map 3: Tift County Flood Plains** – Illustrates the floodplains within Greater Tift County.

### XI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Table 8 outlines the overall work program which Tift County and the Cities of Tifton, Omega and TyTy will follow through FY 2018 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**  
**Tift County and the Cities of Tifton, Omega and TyTy**  
**For Fiscal Years 2008 - 2018 (ending June 30)**

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	Fiscal Year											RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
<i>Goals 1 and 2: Waste Measurement and Reduction</i>														
A. Monitor and analyze waste measurement results being collected	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund
B. Continue and implement additional local recycling programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	N/A	Enterprise Fund/Grant/Volunteer
C. Coordinate waste reduction and recycling programs countywide	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund
D. Continue operation of recycling center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	\$450,000	Enterprise Fund
<i>Goal 3: Collection</i>														

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	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
A. Continue to use contracts for collection and disposal at Tifton/Tift County landfill.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County		Enterprise Funds
B. Update the LEOP plan concerning disaster waste collection and disposal	X				X							X	County EMA	Staff Time	General Fund Grants
C. Monitor vendor performance and continuously update contingency plans	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County		Enterprise Fund
<b>Goal 4: Disposal</b>															
A. Continue to use contracts for collection and disposal at Tifton/Tift County landfill.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County		Enterprise Funds
B. Monitor vendor performance and continuously update contingency plans	X	X	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	X	X	County	Staff Time	Enterprise 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	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund
B. Implement plan consistency review process	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund
C. Continue to update land and zoning ordinances and Greater Tift Comprehensive Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund

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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	Fiscal Year											RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST	FUNDING SOURCE	
	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
<i>Goal 6: Education and Public Involvement</i>															
A. Implement Public Relations Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Cities/County	Staff Time	Enterprise Fund, Grants, Volunteer

**Mission Statement**

The Tifton – Tift County Landfill is a state of the art facility for the disposal of municipal solid waste: burying the most waste in the least amount of space, in the most efficient and safe manner while providing responsive, high quality and customer friendly industrial waste collection to all of Tift County.

**Vision Statement**

A team of appropriately skilled and trained professionals focused on and finding better ways of implementing the Mission according to a strategic plan while complying with government regulations.

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Division of Solid Waste Department  
City of Tifton**

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**Division Description**

*The landfill division provides for the disposal (Subtitle "D") landfill for municipal solid waste. This service is provided for all of Tift County. The landfill is a state-of-the-art facility complying with all Local, State, and Federal regulations. We also provide an Inert Landfill facility where wood waste is processed into mulch. Concrete, asphalt, and similar materials are processed in to crush material to be used throughout the City and County.*

*We also provide for the collection of waste produced by industrial and commercial waste generators through a roll-off container service operated county wide.*

## **Tifton-Tift County Landfill General Information Sheet**

Howard Burrous, Superintendent of Landfill  
Office Phone: (229) 528-6222  
Fax: (229) 528-4255  
E-Mail: hburrous@tifton.net

Buddy Franklin: Landfill Supervisor

Mailing Address: Tifton- Tift County Landfill  
C/O City of Tifton  
P. O. Box 229  
Tifton, GA 31793

Physical Address: 445 Mitchell Store Road  
Tifton, GA 31794

Directions: Take U.S. Highway 319 South out of Tifton approximately 5 miles. Turn left just past Little River Bridge on Mitchell Store Road. Proceed approximately 3 miles. Landfill is located on the left.

The Inert Landfill is located off U.S. Highway 82 East of Tifton. Take U.S. Highway east to Armour Street. Turn left. Proceed 200 yards and entrance to the Inert Landfill is on the right.

We have several services that are offered to the commercial/ business community. They are as follows:

- 1) We provide a MSW Landfill for the disposal of municipal solid waste for all resident of Tift County.
- 2) We provide an Inert Landfill for the disposal of wood waste which is processed into mulch. We also provide for the disposal and processing of concrete, asphalt, and similar material at the Inert Landfill.
- 3) We provide for the collection of industrial customers and large commercial waste generators through a roll-off or compactor service. This service is operated countywide

**Tifton-Tift County Sanitation  
Division of Solid Waste Department  
City of Tifton**

**Mission Statement**

*“The Tifton-Tift County Sanitation Department is a progressive organization providing professional high quality, efficient, and customer friendly residential and commercial municipal solid waste collection to all of Tift County with the goal of being self supporting.”*

**Vision Statement**

*“A team of appropriately skilled and trained Professionals focused on and finding better ways of implementing the Mission according to a strategic plan.”*

**Division Description**

*The Sanitation Division provides once a week curbside collection of residential garbage and yard debris inside the City and once a week curbside collection of residential garbage only in the unincorporated areas of Tift County. We collect household junk curbside inside the City at regular intervals for an additional fee and once per year at no charge to residents.*

*We also provide regularly scheduled commercial dumpster service county-wide.*

## Tifton-Tift County Sanitation General Information Sheet

Allen Craft, Superintendent of Sanitation  
Office Phone: (229) 391-3975 Fax: (229) 556-7424  
E-Mail: [acraft@tifton.net](mailto:acraft@tifton.net)

J. W. Griggs, Supervisor

Scott Dixon, Residential Crew Leader

Dee Tucker, Yard Debris Crew Leader

Mailing Address: Tifton- Tift County Sanitation C/O City of Tifton P. O.  
Box 229 Tifton, GA 31793

Physical Address: 1000 Armour Road Tifton, GA31794

Directions: U.S. Hwy. 82 East out of Tifton. Take a left on Goff Street. North on Goff Street cross railroad tracks and take the next right on Armour Road. The City Complex is on the left.

We have several services that are offered to the community. They are as follows:

- 1) We offer county wide weekly curbside residential garbage collection in 95 gallon cans.
- 2) We offer county wide dumpster service. Dumpsters can be serviced as scheduled by customer or on a call in basis.
- 3) We offer weekly yard debris collection within the City of Tifton.
- 4) We offer collection household junk within the City of Tifton. The services are funded with Solid Waste Management fees.

**Tifton-Tift County Recycling  
Division of Solid Waste Department  
City of Tifton**

**Mission Statement**

*"The Tifton-Tift County Recycling Division is an environmentally conscious organization providing professional high quality, efficient, and customer friendly residential and commercial collection, processing and marketing of recyclable materials to all of Tift County with a goal of becoming self-supporting."*

**Vision Statement**

*"A team of appropriately skilled and trained professionals focused on and finding better ways of implementing the Mission according to a strategic plan."*

**Division Description**

*The Recycling Division provides for collection of residential recyclables at manned drop-off sites in the City and the unincorporated areas of Tift County and provides regularly scheduled commercial recyclable collection. In addition, the Division processes and markets all materials collected to offset the cost of operation.*

## Tifton-Tift County Recycling General Information Sheet

Bert D. Crowe, Superintendent of Recycling Office Phone: (229) 391-3947 Fax: (229) 556-7424 E-Mail: bcrowe@tifton.net

Gerald Green, Plant Supervisor Plant Phone: (229) 382-1475 Fax: (229) 556-7424

Mailing Address: Tifton- Tift County Recycling C/O City of Tifton P.  
O. Box 229 Tifton, GA 31793

Physical Address: 7750 Magnolia-Industrial Blvd. Tifton, GA 31794

Directions: Interstate 75 to Georgia exit 59 (Southwell Blvd.) turn east thru red light @ us highway 41. Remain on Southwell Blvd until you reach Magnolia- Industrial Blvd. Road is to the right just past Tifton Aluminum plant and just before the water tower. Proceed down Mag-Ind. until you cross the RR tracks. Plant is on the right just past the track.

We have several services that are offered to the commercial/ business community. They are as follows:

- 1) Drop off sites are available for all county residence.
- 2) We offer either trailer or rear loader pick up of all cardboard produced by the business. (This includes cardboard cores)
- 3) We offer the pick up of all paper office waste on site and provide collection containers.
- 4) We offer pick up and destruction of documents if contained. We follow up with a letter of destruction complete with date picked up, date destroyed, and if provided a listing of description listed on the containers.
- 5) We offer the pick up of selected plastics (need to check material for marketability prior to pick up)
- 6) We offer free drop off of all iron or steel material at our Plant location or at the South Central collection site.
- 7) We would also like to include the fact that ALL RECYCLING SERVICES are FREE to the businesses of the Tift area. Please feel free to call and inquire about our services.

Quote from Bert Crowe " If you can't measure it, you can't put a cost on it".

## **What We Recycle At Tifton-Tift County Recycling**

Cardboard and Paper Office waste (See Attached List)

Cardboard Cores

Plastics (PET, HDPE, Shrink Wrap, Polystyrene, and others upon request and marketability)

Glass: all colors

Aluminum Cans

Steel or Tin Cans

## **What We Offer to the Community**

All services are free to the community at large.

We provide drop off sites through the county for recyclables.

We provide assorted containers and scheduled pick up depending on volume of product

We offer letters of destruction of documents for your records

We offer letters of appreciation from Tifton/Tift County Recycling and Keep Tift Beautiful (KTB) as to your contribution to the community.

## **How You Benefit**

Less use of dumpsters/garbage receptacles saving money on waste disposal

Less expense to the municipal saving potential of increase tax burdens

Ability to contribute to protecting the environment and providing healthier communities for yourself, your employees, and Tifton/Tift County as a whole

Tifton-Tift County Recycling wants to thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve your business, and for your contributions to the Tifton/Tift County community as a whole.

# **Paper/Office Waste Recycling**

## **What can and can't be recycled in our paper process?**

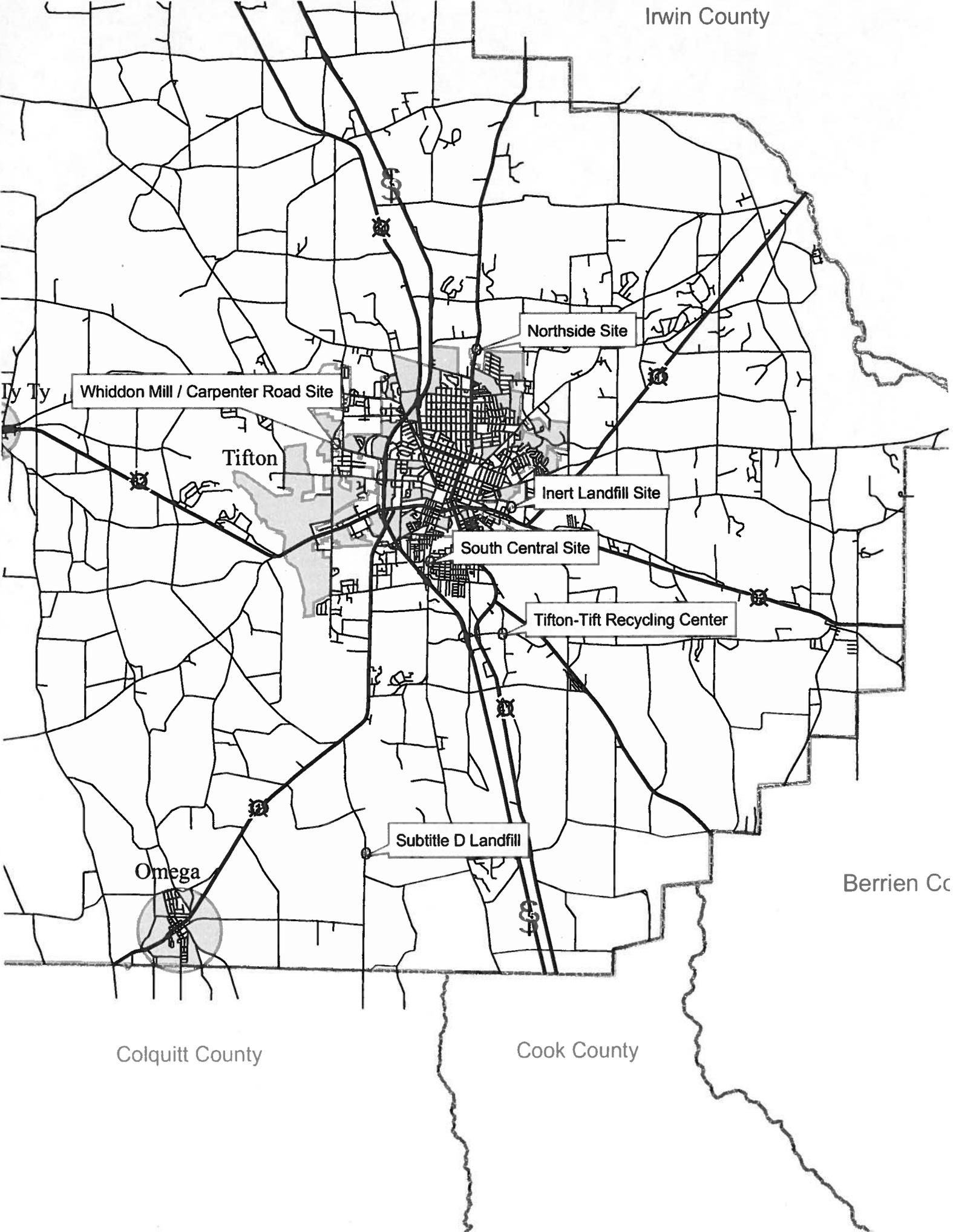
### **Yes:**

Cardboard, Newspaper, Magazines, Brochures, Printed or Typed reports, Used Files, Photocopy paper and Wrappers, Paper Binder Dividers, Bond Stock, Letterhead/Forms, Computer Printouts, Envelopes (even windows), Index Cards/ Sheets, Invoices, Manila Folders, Phone Books, Writing Paper, Drawing or Note Paper, Register Rolls or Tapes, Wrapping Paper, Construction Paper, Shredded Paper, Packing Paper Etc.

### **No:**

Plastics, Carbon Paper, Self Carbonized Paper, Food Scraps/Wrappers, Typewriter Ribbons, Styrofoam, Sticky Tape, Adhesive Labels, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels, Cellophane, Rubber Bands, Metal Binder Fasteners, Dead Flowers, Waxed Cardboard.

Irwin County



Whiddon Mill / Carpenter Road Site

Northside Site

Tifton

Inert Landfill Site

South Central Site

Tifton-Tift Recycling Center

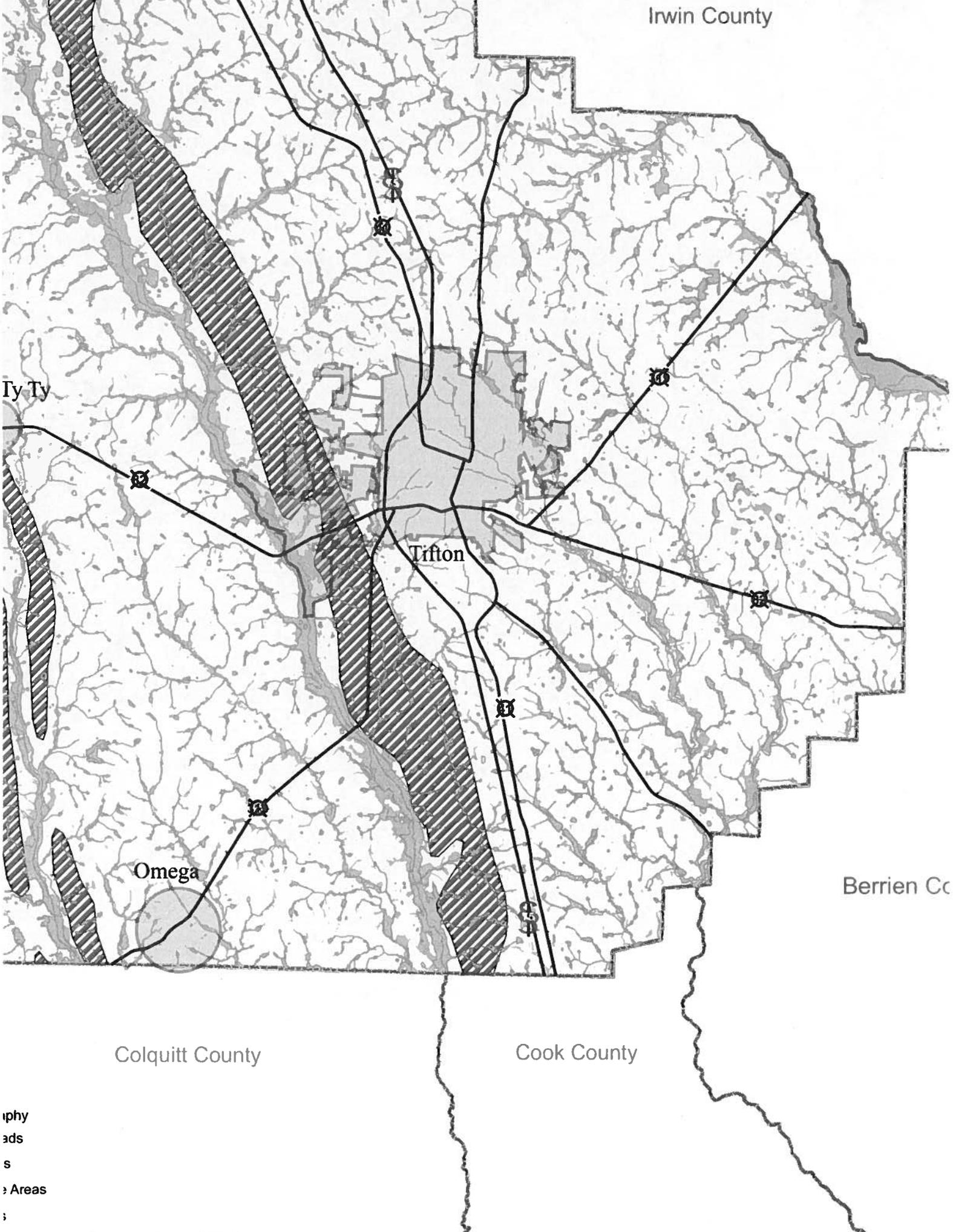
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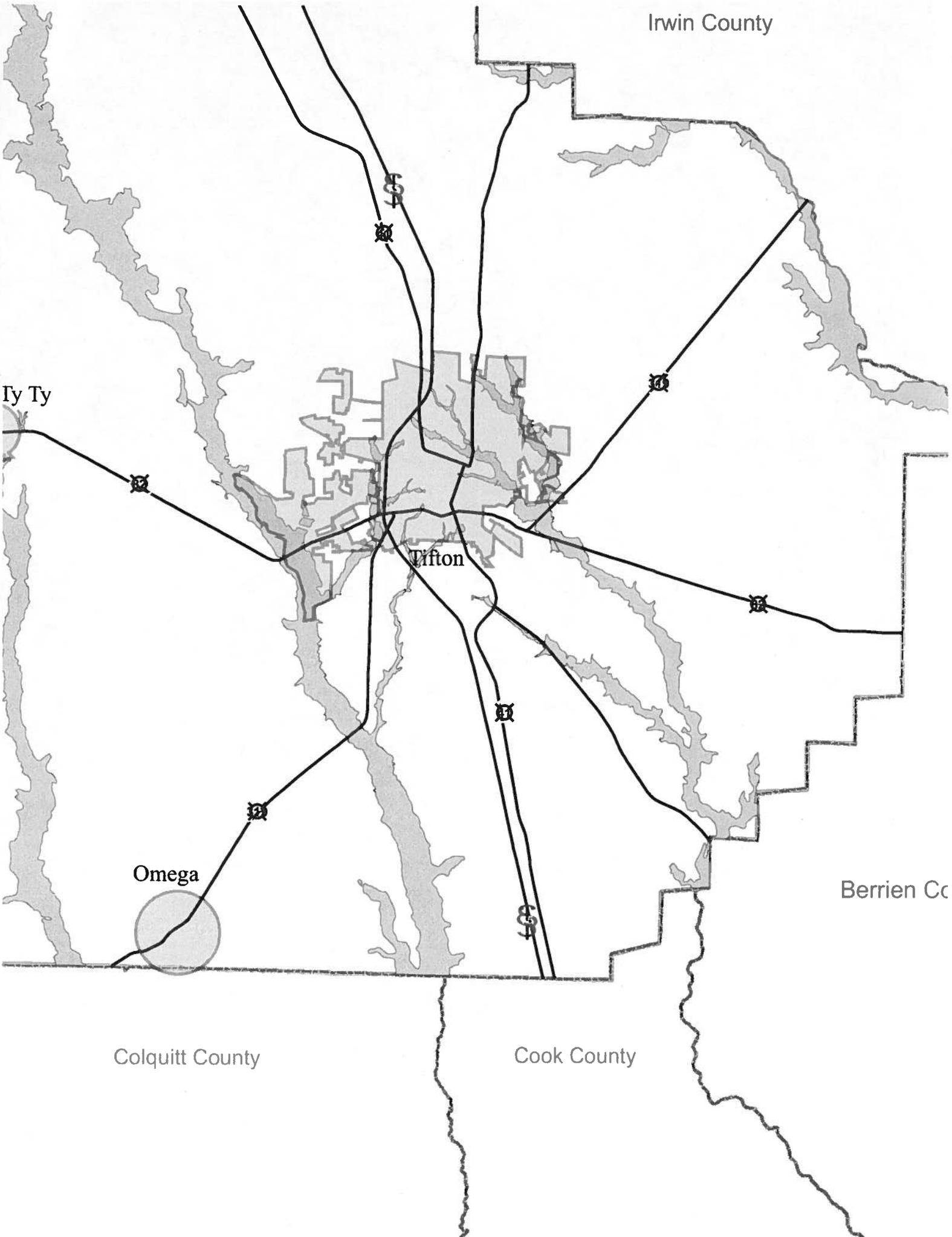
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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

### **TIFTON, TIFT COUNTY, OMEGA & TYTY**

Tifton, Tift County, Omega and TyTy will hold a public hearing at 11:00 am on Friday, June 27, 2008. The hearing will be held at the Welcome Station, located at 504 Main St. Tifton, Georgia 31793.

The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain citizens input on the joint Solid Waste Management Plan.

Persons with special needs should contact the Solid Waste Director, Ricky Hobby at 229-391-3975 prior to June 25, 2008.

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Public Hearing

June 27, 2008

Shawn H. Davidson	SGRDC
Bert D. Gowk	COT
Shirley Boyett	City of Ty Ty
Yolanda M. Baker	City of Omega

SWMP  
Public Hearing

July 28, 2008

Sherry H Davidson

SGRDC

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**TIFTON, TIFT COUNTY, OMEGA & TYTY**

Tifton, Tift County, Omega and TyTy will hold a public hearing at 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 31, 2008. The hearing will be held at the Welcome Station, located at 504 Main St. Tifton, Georgia 31793.

The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain citizens input on the joint Solid Waste Management Plan.

Persons with special needs should contact the Solid Waste Director, Ricky Hobby at 229-391-3975 prior to July 30, 2008.

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Ricky Hobby, Solid Waste Director



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Tifton, Georgia 31793

**LANDFILL CAPACITY ASSURANCE LETTER**

<http://www.tifton.net>

Tifton-Tift County Landfill  
445 Mitchell Store Road  
Tifton, GA 31794

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Jamie Cater City  
of Tifton Mayor

Mr. Grady Thompson County  
Commission Chairman

Dear Sirs,

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Tifton and Tift County from 2008 to 2018 for unincorporated Tift County Georgia, the municipalities of Tifton Georgia, Omega Georgia, and TyTy Georgia. The Georgia EPD permit number for this facility is 137-007D (SL). This assurance is based upon Tifton and Tift County disposing of approximately 70,694 tons of waste at this facility on an annual basis. The City of Tifton currently has additional permits pending with Georgia EPD for additional waste disposal capacity at the Tifton-Tift County Landfill.

We look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

Ricky Hobby  
Solid Waste Director

**G. "JAMIE" CATER, JR.**  
MAYOR

**W. JOE LEWIS**  
VICE-MAYOR  
DISTRICT 4

**MARIANNA KEESEE**  
DISTRICT 1

**DAVE HETZEL**  
DISTRICT 2

**ROOSEVELT RUSSELL**  
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**TIFT COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT TIFT COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

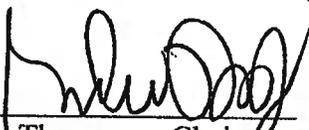
**WHEREAS**, the Tift County Chairman and Commissioners have completed the Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

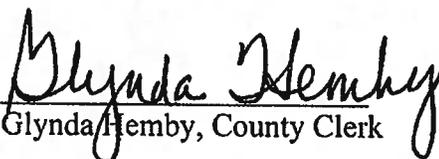
**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on June 27, 2008 and July 28, 2008.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Tift County Chairman and Commissioners do 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 11 day of Aug. 2008.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Grady Thompson, Chairman

  
Attest: Glynda Hemby, County Clerk

**CITY OF OMEGA**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT TIFT COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO: 2008-007

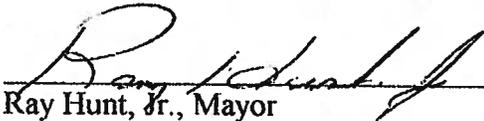
**WHEREAS**, the City of Omega Mayor and Council have completed the Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on June 27, 2008 and July 31, 2008.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Omega Mayor and Council do 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 2008.

  
Ray Hunt, Jr., Mayor

  
Attest: Yolanda M. Baker, City Clerk

CITY OF TIFTON  
RESOLUTION 2008- 38

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT TIFT COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

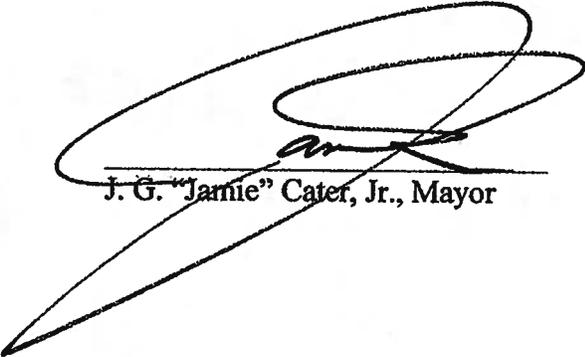
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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Tifton Mayor and Council do hereby transmit the Solid Waste Management Plan to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.



J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rona Martin, City Clerk

**CITY OF TY TY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT TIFT COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

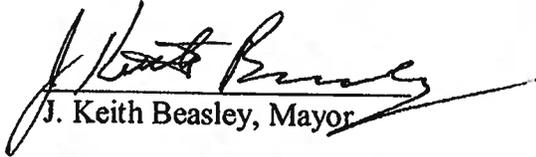
**WHEREAS**, the City of Ty Ty Mayor and Council have completed the Tift County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

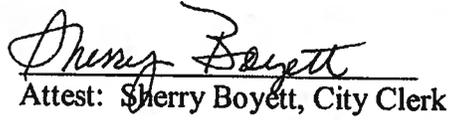
**WHEREAS**, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public hearings were held on June 27, 2008 and July 31, 2008.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City of Ty Ty Mayor and Council do 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 2008.

  
J. Keith Beasley, Mayor

  
Attest: Sherry Boyett, City Clerk

2008-57



**TIFT COUNTY, GEORGIA  
ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, Tift County 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 and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Planning and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tift County Chairman and Commissioners do hereby adopt the *Greater Tift 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 3 day of February 2009.

TIFT COUNTY

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Grady Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glynda Hemby", written over a horizontal line.

Glynda Hemby, County Clerk

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**CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA**

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION 2009- 06**

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

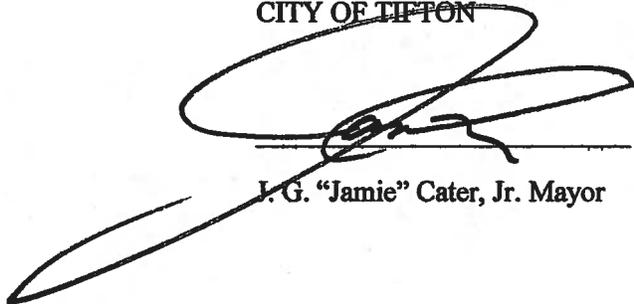
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Tifton Mayor and Council do hereby adopt the *Greater Tift Solid Waste Management Plan* and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community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

DULY RESOLVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2009.

CITY OF TIFTON



J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST



Rona Martin, City Clerk



**CITY OF TY TY, GEORGIA  
ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

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

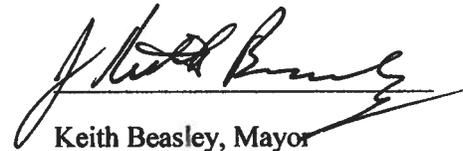
**WHEREAS**, the City of Ty Ty recognizes the need to amend their solid waste management plan;  
and

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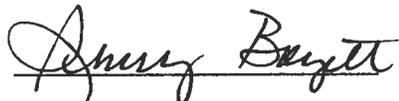
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Ty Ty Mayor and Council do hereby adopt the *Greater Tift Solid Waste Management Plan* and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

**DULY RESOLVED** this 2 day of February 2009.

CITY OF TY TY

  
Keith Beasley, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Sherry Boyette, City Clerk



**CITY OF OMEGA, GEORGIA  
ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Omega 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 and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Planning and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Omega Mayor and Council do hereby adopt the *Greater Tift 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 6th day of January 2009.

CITY OF OMEGA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Hunt Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ray Hunt Jr., Mayor

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yolanda M. Baker".

Yolanda M. Baker, City Clerk

RESOLUTION #2009-002

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Governor

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Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

March 18, 2009

Honorable Ray Hunt Jr.  
Mayor, City of Omega  
P.O. Box 6  
Omega, Georgia 31775-0006

Dear Mayor Hunt:

We have received notification that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy have readopted the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy remain eligible 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 Karen Vickers in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-3152.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

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Cc: Sherry Davidson, Community and Economic Development Program Manager/Planning  
Director, South Georgia RDC



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March 18, 2009

Honorable Grady Thompson, Chairman  
Tift County Commission  
P.O. Box 826  
Tifton, Georgia 31793-0826

Dear Chairman Thompson:

We have received notification that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy have readopted the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

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Sincerely,

  
Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

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Director, South Georgia RDC



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Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

March 18, 2009

Honorable J.G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Tifton  
P.O. Box 229  
Tifton, Georgia 31793-3886

Dear Mayor Cater:

We have received notification that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy have readopted the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

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Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

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March 18, 2009

Honorable Keith Beasley  
Mayor, City of TyTy  
P.O. Box 99  
Tifton, Georgia 31795-0099

Dear Mayor Beasley:

We have received notification that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy have readopted the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

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Commissioner

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Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

November 7, 2008

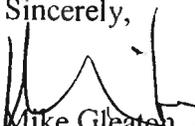
Mr. John L. Leonard  
Executive Director  
South Georgia RDC  
P.O. Box 1223  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603-1223

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Our staff has reviewed the revised information for the 2008–2018 Solid Waste Management Plan for Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy. The revisions have brought the plan into compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. To maintain eligibility for solid waste permits, grants, and loans, Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy must adopt the 2008–2018 Solid Waste Management Plan as soon as possible.

In order to complete the planning cycle, please forward a copy of the adoption resolutions along with a copy of the revised adopted Solid Waste Management Plan to our office. Once we receive these documents, we will send notification to Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and TyTy of their renewed eligibility for solid waste grants, loans, and permits.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Gleaton, Assistant Commissioner  
Planning and Environmental Division

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Cc: Sherry Davidson, South Georgia Regional Development Center



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