

HARRISON TOWNSHIP

MASTER PLAN

RECYCLING ELEMENT

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The Municipal Land Use Law permits the inclusion of “A recycling plan element which incorporates the State Recycling Plan goals, including provisions for the collection, disposition and recycling of recyclable materials within any development proposal for the construction of 50 or more single-family residential housing or 25 or more units of multi-family residential housing and any commercial or industrial development proposal for the utilization of 1,000 square feet or more of land.”

The concept of a disposable environment as we have come to think of the environment is no longer a reality. Each community has to become self sufficient and responsible for managing the by-products of its community members. Recycling begins as an individual task and expands to encompass all members of the community. As a result, members of that community must participate in the forms of recycling.

State and local governments have initiated regulations to enforce the collection of specific materials to be recycled. Schools have begun to promote environmental issues such as recycling ;through various educational programs. The various regulations and programs need to be expanded to involve everyone’s participation and support.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has established a Solid Waste Policy Guideline to address solid waste management issues. The Emergency Solid Waste Task Force Report ;under Governor Florio recommended regionalization of solid waste disposal and recycling facilities.; There are 22 Solid Waste Management Districts in the State of New Jersey. Each District was required to achieve a 60 percent recycling rate by 1995.

In addition to efforts by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Gloucester County ahs also been actively pursuing recycling efforts. On November 4, 1987, the Gloucester County Freeholders adopted a mandatory residential and commercial recycling plan. The program, to include a commercial and institutional recycling plan, was certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on May 6, 1988. The Gloucester County Freeholders adopted a resolution on November 2, 1997 recognizing the South Jersey Clean Builders Program and recommending the Gloucester County Recycling Plan to include construction and demolition materials.

RESIDENTIAL

Municipal Government Service Objectives

Harrison Township has an active residential recycling program. The municipality instituted a recycling program in 1988. The first items to be recycled were primarily glass, aluminum cans and newspaper. The program has been expanded as a result of the success of early recycling efforts. The program is administered through the Recycling Coordinator. Residents currently recycle:

- Glass bottles, jugs, and jars (flint, amber and green), plastic bottles, jugs and jars (1-PET, 2-HDPE, 3-PVC), paper (newspaper, corrugated cardboard, chipboard, office paper, magazines, books, etc.), aluminum and steel food, beverage and aerosol containers.
- Metal and appliances (with or without Ozone depleting compounds).
- Motor oil and oil filters are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Tires are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Rechargeable and button batteries are collected at the Township Buildings.
- Concrete and asphalt is recommended to be recycled at commercial recycling facilities.
- Vegetative / Wood (grass, leaves, branches, stumps, etc.) are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant.

COMMERCIAL

Harrison Township has an active commercial and institutional recycling program. The municipality instituted a recycling program in 1988. The first items to be recycled were primarily glass, aluminum cans, and newspaper. The program has been expanded as a result of the success of early recycling efforts. The program is administered through the Recycling Coordinator. The offices that are not serviced by the municipality may contract with a private hauler. These offices must report to the Township the number of tons of trash and recyclables collected. The offices submit a report themselves or the private hauler can submit a report on their behalf. Commercial and institutional properties currently recycle:

- Glass bottles, jugs, and jars (flint, amber and green), plastic bottles, jugs and jars (1-PET, 2-HDPE, 3-PVC), paper (newspaper, corrugated cardboard, chipboard, office paper, magazines, books, etc.), aluminum and steel (food, beverage and aerosol) containers.
 - Metal and appliances (with or without Ozone depleting compounds).
 - Motor oil and oil filters are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant or such locations as may be designated.
 - Tires are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant or such locations as may be designated..
 - **Wet cell batteries are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant or such locations as may be designated.**
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- Rechargeable and button batteries are collected at the Township Buildings or such locations as may be designated..
- Concrete and asphalt is recommended to be recycled at commercial recycling facilities.
- Vegetative / Wood (grass, leaves, branches, stumps, etc.) are collected at the Township Sewage Treatment Plant or such locations as may be designated.

IMPLEMENTATION

It is recommended that all multi-family housing development containing 25 dwelling units or more and all commercial and industrial developments provide a plan for the collection, disposition and recycling of the following materials:

- Glass
- Plastic
- Aluminum and steel food and beverage containers
- Steel aerosol containers
- Paper
- Metal and Appliances
- Wet cell batteries
- Rechargeable and button batteries
- Tires
- Motor oil and oil filters

It is recommended that the Land Development Ordinance include standards for the development of recycling plans which include:

- Provisions to ensure that waste storage areas are adequate in size and complexity to handle all recyclable wastes.
 - Provisions to insure that all storage areas are visually screened from public views.
 - A requirement that an applicant for development provide confirmation that either the Township or a private hauler is responsible for waste removal.
 - A requirement that all development proposals must include a report which details the amount and types of waste that are anticipated to be generated on a daily and weekly basis.
 - A requirement that construction and demolition materials shall be recycled from the developer or contractor.
 - A requirement that plans for solid waste and recycling collection shall be approved by the Municipal Recycling Coordinator.
 - A requirement that a developer must provide recycling containers to each unit they are developing that can be collected by the Township.
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