

Appendix S Siting Strategy

Siting Strategies for Facilities

A siting strategy was included in the existing approved District Plan. The strategy in the existing Plan will remain in effect.

The District has adopted rules under the authority of ORC 343.01(G)(2) stating that any person, municipal corporation, township or other political subdivision that plans to construct, enlarge, or modify any solid waste facility for the disposal, transfer or composting of solid waste must submit general plans and specifications for the proposed improvement to the District Board of Directors. The District Board of Directors must approve the facility as complying with the solid waste management plan or amended plan of the District before the facility is constructed, enlarged, or modified. The rule requiring that plans be submitted does not establish design standards for solid waste facilities.

The District does not, as a part of this plan, intend to site any additional District owned or operated facilities for the transfer, disposal, or composting of municipal solid waste. (The District may, under certain circumstances, site a yard waste compost facility.) The following addresses the possibility that another party wishes to site a facility for the disposal or transfer of municipal solid waste in Darke County.

The Darke County Solid Waste Management District siting rules require the submission and approval of plans for the construction of solid waste facilities. The District Board of Directors shall have the discretion to approve or disapprove general plans and specifications under the siting rules. If the Board decides that it will facilitate the review process, the Board may appoint a Siting Committee within sixty days of receipt of plans and specifications. The Siting Committee may include the individuals listed herein, in addition to any other individuals that the Board determines would provide information relevant to the criteria listed in the new siting rules. The Board may designate a Committee Chair, who will be responsible to facilitate the work of the siting Committee and to prepare a report to the Board if requested.

The Siting Committee may include a representative of the County Commissioners, a representative of the County Board of Health, a representative of the Darke County Planning Commission. If a location proposed for the facility is within a township, the Board may appoint at least one trustee from the proposed host township. If the location is proposed within a municipality, at least one municipal official from that municipality may be appointed to the Siting Committee. The use of a consultant and/or support for the committee by District staff or other county staff may be considered.

The purpose of the Siting Committee is to assemble and organize information relevant to the Board's determination under the proposed siting rule and to forward that information to the Board for use in making its determination. The Siting Committee has no decision making authority. The Board may require the Siting Committee to prepare a report summarizing the information it has compiled. The information may include the following:

1. The District Solid Waste Management Plan;
2. The District rules;
3. Current Ohio and U.S. EPA rules and regulations governing the siting of the appropriate type of facility;
4. Maps and data for the county showing political jurisdictions, natural features such as rivers, streams, wetlands, flood plains, watershed and aquifer boundaries, geology, and topography
5. Maps and data for the county showing land use, such as public and private utilities, archeological and historical sites, parks and recreation areas, threatened species habitat, transportation patterns, airports, etc.;
6. Zoning maps.

The Siting Committee upon appointment, shall conduct its data compilation duties within sixty to ninety days, the Board may grant the Siting Committee an additional thirty days to fulfill its obligation.

The above siting procedure does not pertain to Class III or Class IV composting facilities or facilities for the collection, processing, or transfer or source separated or commingled recyclable material from residential, commercial or industrial sources. The siting of recycling facilities and Class IV composting facilities will be governed by any and all applicable federal, state, or local ordinances, and applicable registration or licensing requirements.