

DRAFT Semi-Annual Report of the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee
(SWAAC)
June 2018

Committee Members: Peggy Gilges (Chair), Jesse Warren (Vice Chair), Andrea Bostrom (Secretary), Teddy Hamilton, Chuck Riegle, Paul Grady, Margaret Eldridge
Phil McKalips- RSWA Liaison
Lindsay Snoddy- ACPS Liaison
Jon Dean- City of Charlottesville Liaison
Wood Hudson- TJPDC Liaison
Liz Palmer and Norman Dill- BOS Liaisons
Andy Lowe- County Facilities and Environmental Services

Meeting Frequency: The SWAAC continues to meet the second Thursday of every month from 4-5:30 pm. Meetings over the last six months took place on January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 21 (we slid one week in June in order to achieve a quorum for elections).

During this period, Teddy Hamilton and Chuck Riegle were re-appointed to the Committee (June 6) with 4-year tenures.

Six Month Summary: Since filing our January 2018 report, the Committee has continued to pursue implementation of the recommendations of the October 2015 “Final Report of the Long Range Solid Waste Solutions Advisory Committee”. The Committee has been primarily involved in evaluating public education and outreach opportunities using funding provided through the Facilities and Environmental Services Department, culminating in the hiring of Ty Cooper, of Lifeview Marketing and Pictures, to prepare two videos for the Committee and County staff to use for public education. The first video focuses on the recent transition to single stream residential recycling offered by private haulers, as well as other local recycling opportunities. The second video looks ahead to future Sustainable Material Management initiatives that were approved by the BOS in 2015: additional recycling centers; county/city composting program; expand curbside recycling within HOAs (FYI Note: Forest Lakes HOA began curbside recycling with County Waste in June 2018 – every household received a recycling container).

This period the County demonstrated some progress in realizing its sustainable materials management goals. The Albemarle County Board approved \$80,000 (partial year allocation) for FY 2019 funding for the construction of a model source-separated recycling facility at Ivy MUC, with a total of \$350,000 allocated to *Ivy Recycling Convenience Center*. The SWAAC-requested funding for the FY 2020 plan for two additional satellite recycling facilities within the County was not approved. It should also be noted that recycling has increased notably at McIntire Recycling Center since the inception of expanded hours.

Over the past six months, our activities and work included:

- Received legal opinion from the County Attorney, Greg Kamptner, regarding limitations on the County for contracting with waste haulers. Also discussed the County Code, Section 13, Solid Waste and Recycling.
- A public education/outreach subcommittee met with Eric Walters, Black Bear Composting, to discuss the idea of a curbside composting pilot program. The cost for a small scope program was determined to be prohibitive (in excess of \$10,000).
- Jody Saunders, Communications Officer for the County, met with the subcommittee to discuss County social media policy and tools available to the SWAAC.
- Initiated public education project in response to van der Linde closure - Two 2-3 minute videos, one on current recycling opportunities, the other on future sustainability initiatives for the County. Various Committee members have cameo roles. 😊

Committee represented at Community Events – 4/22/18 EcoFair; 4/23/18 Climate Conversation at Carver Center. Received an invitation to attend Black Business Expo in September 2018.