

Semi-Annual Report of the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee
(SWAAC)
April 2019

Committee Members: Jesse Warren (Chair), Peggy Gilges (Vice Chair), Teddy Hamilton (Secretary), Chuck Riegle, Paul Grady, Margaret Eldridge, Anne Johnson
Phil McKalips- RSWA Liaison
Lindsay Snoddy- ACPS Liaison
Jon Dean- City of Charlottesville Liaison
Grace Leonard- 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 took place on July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, January 10, February 14, March 14 & April 12.

During this period, Andrea Bostrom stepped down and Anne Johnson was appointed to the Committee (4 Years.)

Since filing our July 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”. To achieve that, we have formed three subcommittees (Planning & Vision; Outreach, Communication & Education; and County & RSWA Operations), each run by Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary. The subcommittees will meet and focus on relevant topics, then report back to the larger SWAAC with progress reports.

In addition, Albemarle County is undertaking a climate action planning process. SWAAC Chair Jesse Warren is on the Climate Action Plan Coordinating Committee and leads the Sustainable Materials Management Energy Sector Work Team. SWAAC Secretary Teddy Hamilton represents SWAAC on the Sustainable Materials Management Energy Sector Work Team. Other members of the Sustainable Materials Management Energy Sector Work Team include Phil McKalips, Andy Lowe, Teri Kent, Grace Leonard and Ed Strickler. Additional subject matter experts shall be brought in, as necessary.

Furthermore, the SWAAC met with Albemarle County Supervisor Ned Gallaway to discuss food recovery initiative and composting efforts. We continued to support composting in the community, including the RSWA Great Pumpkin Smash. We also provided guidance and feedback on RSWA initiatives such as RSWA rebranding, expansion of recycling at Ivy MUC and expanded days of operation at Ivy MUC. In the coming months, SWAAC intends to outline options for roadside litter reduction strategies.

Since July 2018, our activities and work included:

Planning & Vision Subcommittee

- Met with Delegate David Toscano to discuss legislative priorities and vision for the future.
- Discussed Solid Waste Chapter of the Albemarle County Ordinance. Met with Greg Kamptner twice to discuss concerns and edits. Group is currently working through reporting requirements (waste & recycling metrics) from solid waste haulers.
- Working on TJPDC Solid Waste Plan Addendum for Albemarle County.

Outreach, Communication & Education Subcommittee

- Posted Recycling in Albemarle Videos on County of Albemarle You Tube Channel.
- Videos have a combined 1,300+ views.
- Short of our goal of 5,000 views, but still the most popular video of 2018 on County of Albemarle YouTube Channel.
- Looking to build out RecyclinginAlbemarle.org.
- Will request additional funding for a 30-second edit of the videos and associated ad buy.

County & RSWA Operations Subcommittee

- Reviewed the Ivy MUC future improved recycling center.

Meetings Attended

- 9/19/18 - The Sierra Club Program “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Current and Future Programs in Charlottesville/Albemarle” Liz Palmer & Margaret Eldridge. St. Mark’s Lutheran Church.
- 3/18/19 – Albemarle County Climate Action Planning Open House, Teddy Hamilton & Jesse Warren