



Solid Waste Management Plan

for

**Polk County and the Municipalities of Tryon,
Columbus, and Saluda**

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Executive Summary

North Carolina (State) requires each unit of local government to establish a Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan and update the plan every three years. The goal of these efforts is to reduce the waste stream in the State by 40 percent, when measured as tons per capita per year. Polk County's initial Ten-Year Plan was prepared in 1997 and used the per capita generation rate in 1991 as the baseline.

As a result, by 2000 many counties had not made significant progress towards the 40 percent goal. The State modified the goal by allowing each county to establish individual waste reduction goals, as long as the individual goals assisted the State as it strived toward an overall waste reduction goal of 40 percent. In 2003, due to unforeseen increases in per capita waste volumes, the State agreed to allow Polk County (County) to change its baseline year from 1991 to 2001. As a result, the modified baseline number to be benchmarked by Polk County is an annual disposal rate of 0.71 tons per capita. Therefore, reducing the baseline by 40 percent yields a per capita disposal rate of 0.43 tons per year.

The waste reduction goals for the 2009 Update were as follows:

Table 1. Waste Reduction Goals: 2009 Update

Year	Waste Reduction Goal
2009	-25 percent
2014	-10 percent
2019	0 percent

The waste reduction goals in Table 1 above reflect negative values for the 2009 and 2014 years. This translates into reduction goals for those particular years being above the baseline number. In other words, a -10 percent reduction translates to a goal that is 10 percent above the baseline rate.

The County continues to have difficulty meeting the State's 40 percent reduction per capita goal of 0.43 tons per year, as the calculated per capita disposal rate for the County in fiscal year (FY) 2010-2011 is 0.86 tons. However, this is a waste disposal reduction of approximately 26 percent from the per capita disposal rate of FY 2007-2008. The reduction of solid waste disposal since FY 2007-2008 can be attributed to recent waste reduction and recycling programs.

The 2012 waste reduction goals for Polk County are as follows:

Table 2. Waste Reduction Goals: 2012 Update

Year	Waste Reduction Goal
2012	-10 percent
2017	0 percent
2022	5 percent

1.0 Local Contacts

Polk County encompasses an area of approximately 239 square miles that is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina in the transitional area between the Piedmont and the mountains. Therefore, the topography changes from mountainous areas in the north to rolling foothills in the south.

There are three municipalities in the County: Columbus (county seat), Saluda (portion located in Polk County), and Tryon. Polk is a rural county with most of the residents living in unincorporated areas of the County. Interstate 26 runs north to south through the County and NC Highway 108 runs east to west. US Highway 74 runs east to west through the southeastern quadrant of the County.

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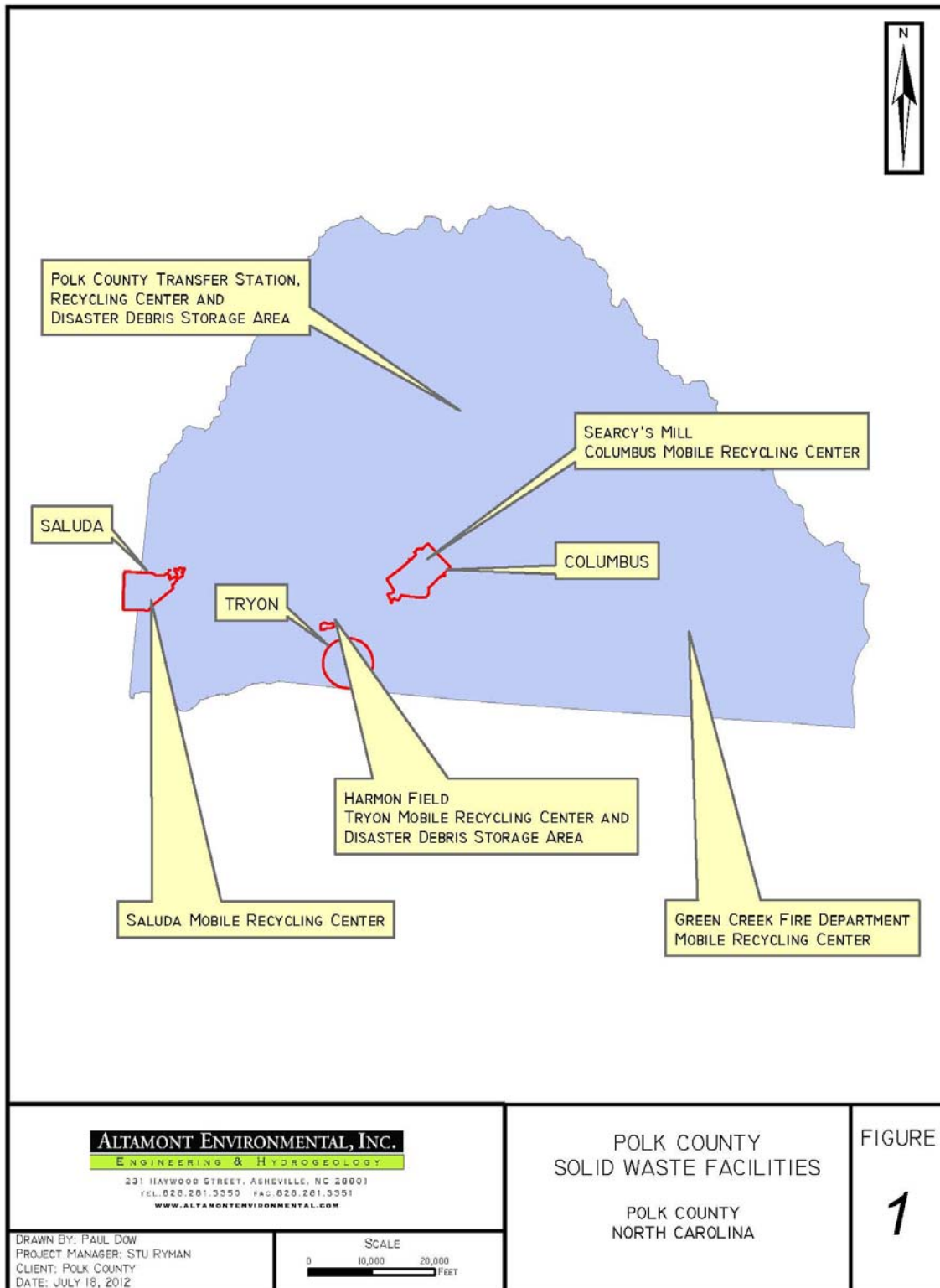
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Figure 1 shows the locations of solid waste management facilities within Polk County.

Figure 1. Polk County Solid Waste Facilities



2.0 Public Participation

This plan was developed by the creation of a Solid Waste Management Plan Committee and by public comment. The committee was composed of a representative from Polk County, Town of Columbus, Town of Tryon, and the City of Saluda. These committee members initially met to discuss the aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Each Committee member spoke with the local contacts within each jurisdiction and public participation was solicited regarding the draft plan.

The draft plan was presented at commissioner meetings for each unit of local government, and public comment was solicited at each of the commissioner meetings. Following the public meetings, a draft plan was posted on the Polk County webpage. A link on the webpage was provided for the public to provide comments.

3.0 Waste Characterization

Polk County and its municipalities disposed of approximately 17,775 tons of municipal waste during the FY 2010-2011. The populations of each municipality and the unincorporated areas are shown in Table 3 below. The 2010 population for Polk County was 20,588. This translates to a per capita annual disposal rate of 0.86 tons. These estimates are based on information obtained from scale records, members of the staff, and subcontractors of both the County and the incorporated areas of the County, as well as calculated averages.

Disposal at the Polk County Construction & Debris (C&D) Landfill ceased in 2006 and has since become part of the MSW calculations. Therefore, for this plan, waste characterization includes the following:

- Municipal solid waste
- Reduction, reuse, and recycling
- Mulching and composting (if applicable)

Due to the lack of industrial activity in recent years, Polk County has observed a negligible amount of industrial waste at the Transfer Station.

Table 3. Population as of July 2010

Municipalities & County	Population
Tryon	1,652
Columbus	1,003
Saluda—portion located in Polk County	703
Polk County—unincorporated areas	17,230
TOTAL	20,588

Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

Table 4. Tryon Waste Stream FY 2010 to 2011

Type of Waste	Tons	Percentage of Waste Stream
Municipal Solid Waste	683.60	55 percent
Recycling	190.15	15 percent
Mulching, Composting	372.82	30 percent
TOTAL	1,246.57	100 percent

Source: Tryon Annual Report to the State

Table 5. Columbus Waste Stream FY 2010 to 2011

Type of Waste	Tons	Percentage of Waste Stream
Municipal Solid Waste	251.10	43 percent
Recycling	47.32	8 percent
Mulching, Composting (500 pounds [lbs]/cubic yard estimated)	281.25	49 percent
TOTAL	579.67	100 percent

Source: Columbus Annual Report to the State

Table 6. Saluda Waste Stream FY 2010 to 2011

Type of Waste	Tons	Percentage of Waste Stream
Municipal Solid Waste	604.58	100 percent
TOTAL	653.79	100 percent

Source: Calculated Tonnage Using 0.86 Tons per Capita and Population of Saluda

Table 7. Combined Polk County Transfer Station Waste Stream FY (2010-2011)

Type of Waste	Tons	Percentage of Waste Stream
Municipal Solid Waste	17,775.17	93 percent
Reduction, Reuse, Recycling	848.31	4 percent
Mulching, Composting	600.00	3 percent
TOTAL	19,223.48	100 percent

Source: Polk County Annual Report to the State

4.0 Local Waste Reduction Goals

The 2012 waste reduction goals for Polk County are as follows:

Table 8. Waste Reduction Goals: 2012 Update

Year	Waste Reduction Goal
2012	-10 percent
2017	0 percent
2022	5 percent

Table 9. Five-Year and Ten-Year Waste and Population Projections

Year	Population	Disposed (tons)	Tons per Capita Per Year	From Baseline Year
1991-92	14,616	9,318	0.64	
2001-02	18,248	13,275	0.71	
	Projected Population	Projected Disposal		
FY 2012-13	20,468	15,965	0.78	-10 percent
FY 2017-18	20,503	14,557	0.71	0 percent
FY 2022-23	20,538	13,760	0.68	5 percent

Sources: Population figures from NC Office of State Budget and Management, and Baseline Year per capita rate provided by NC Solid Waste Section. FY 1991-92 and FY 2001-02 data from previous Solid Waste Management Plans.

The waste reduction goals can be converted from percents to tonnage goals by a simple calculation that is illustrated in Table 10.

Table 10. Targeted Waste Reduction, FYs 2012-13, 2017-18, and 2022-23

Calculations	FY 2012-13	FY 2017-18	2022-23
1. Baseline year per capita disposal rate (FY 2001-02 per capita disposal rate)	0.71	0.71	0.71
2. Targeted per capita disposal rate for FYs 2012-13, 2017-18, and 2022-23	0.78	0.71	0.68
3. Projected population for July 2013, July 2018, and July 2023	20,468	20,503	20,538
4. Projected tonnage for disposal in FYs 2012-13, 2017-18, and 2022-23 at the FY 2001-02 disposal rate of 0.71-tons/year/cap (multiply line 1 by line 3)	14,532	14,557	14,582
5. Targeted annual tonnage for disposal by FYs 2009-10, 20014-15, and 2018-19 at targeted goal rate (multiply line 2 by line 3)	15,965	14,557	13,966
6. Targeted annual tonnage reduction by FYs 2009-10, 20014-15, and 2018-19 (subtract line 5 from line 4)	-1,433	0	616

Sources: Altamont Environmental and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Solid Waste Section

5.0 Waste Handling Characterization

The Polk County Transfer Station, located in Mill Springs, accepts municipal solid waste (MSW), C&D waste, industrial waste, yard waste, household hazardous wastes, tires, electronics recyclables, used oil, white goods, and various other recyclables. The waste stream is taken to Polk County Transfer Station either by individual vehicles or by private haulers. The MSW, C&D, and industrial wastes are compacted into 48-foot-long, 8-foot-wide, and 8-foot-high trailers and transferred to the Upstate Regional Landfill by Republic Services, Inc. The yard waste, household hazardous wastes, tires, electronics recyclables, used oil, white goods, and various other recyclables are taken to various destinations for appropriate disposal, recycling, or reuse.

The Polk County Transfer Station also contains a small Type 3 composting area and a treatment and processing area for land clearing debris.

Tryon provides residents with a town-operated curbside pickup of garbage and recyclables. Saluda contracts with a private hauling company to pick up residential waste and recyclables. Columbus contracts with a private hauling company to conduct weekly pickup of residential and small commercial businesses.

6.0 Solid Waste Management Methods: Assessment of Programs and Description of Intended Actions

Each solid waste management method as required by North Carolina G.S. 130A-309.09A(b) is described below. Each section includes an assessment of the current program and a summary of the intended actions.

6.1 Source Reduction

Current Program:

Polk County and its municipalities continue to promote source reduction through local programs and education. In programs presented to school classes and other groups, source reduction is stressed as a primary method of management of solid waste. Education of the public through pamphlets and local newspapers is a significant effort for source reduction.

The Polk County Transfer Station operates a beneficial fill area in accordance with 15A NCAC 13B .0562. The separation of beneficial fill material from the waste stream has reduced tonnages of these materials from the Transfer Station waste stream.

Local programs include the “Going Green” initiative at the Blue Ridge BBQ & Music Festival held annually in Tryon, and various swap shops around the County.

Intended Actions:

Polk County intends to continue public education regarding source reduction and procure grant money to operate a swap shop at the Polk County Transfer Station.

6.2 Collection of Solid Waste

Polk County is not franchised, and the County does not provide waste collection services. Therefore, private haulers compete in an open market. Waste that is collected in the County may be delivered to the Polk County Transfer Station, or taken to a properly licensed and regulated disposal site outside of the County.

Tryon provides residents with a town-operated curbside pickup of garbage and recyclables. Saluda contracts with a private hauling company (currently All Bright Sanitation) to pick up residential waste and recyclables. Columbus contracts with a private hauling company (currently All Bright Sanitation) to conduct weekly pickup of municipal solid waste and recyclables from residences and small commercial businesses.

Annual residential permits are currently sold for \$75.00 each to County residents. If a permit is not purchased, a user fee of \$7 is charged per visit.

Table 11 below illustrates the major contributors of waste to the Polk County Transfer Station.

Table 11. Top Five Waste Contributors at the Polk County Transfer Station FY 2010-11

Haulers	Waste (tons)
All Bright Sanitation	10,431
Republic Services, Inc.	1,434
Town of Tryon	727
Bradley	164
Hannon	92

Source: Polk County Solid Waste Department

Intended Actions:

Polk County continues to monitor waste haulers to ensure compliance with State regulations. A program has been set in place in the event that all commercial waste haulers, including haulers of C&D material would need to be licensed.

6.3 Recycling and Reuse

Current Program:

All three municipalities provide residences with weekly recycling pickup.

The County operates a new mobile recycling program that has been implemented in recent years. Recycling bins are provided for the public to use, and a dedicated hauling truck has been purchased by the County to take the recyclables to the Transfer Station. The mobile recycling program includes four weekly pickup locations at the three municipalities, the Green Creek community, four schools, and other miscellaneous business locations as needed.

The County recycling center is located at the Transfer Station. The County utilizes a “dual-stream” program that allows material to be grouped into two broad categories: containers and fiber. The County believes that the dual-stream program is easier for its citizens to use, and will result in greater participation rates, hence improving waste reduction. Fiber includes newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, office ledger, and mixed paper. Containers include clear, green, and brown glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, and #1 and #2 plastic containers.

Metal: The County currently contracts with Tri City Recycling for the removal of metals. The County has stopped piling metal at an open disposal site near the closed C&D landfill, and now stores the metal in a covered metal container. When this container is full, Tri City Recycling hauls the metal away.

Containers and Fiber: Sonoco Recycling collects containers, fiber, and other recyclables.

Wood Waste: Untreated wood waste is stockpiled until sufficient quantity exists to warrant grinding. Mulch is then made available to the public.

Table 12 illustrates the combined recycling tonnages from the municipalities and the County.

The Town of Columbus utilized RE-mus the Recycler in pamphlets and education efforts for its citizens, and has provided the pamphlet to the other municipalities and the County.

Table 12. Polk County Transfer Station Recycling County FY 2010-11

Material	County Totals
Glass—clear	123.39 tons
Glass—brown	35.27 tons
Glass—green	17.63 tons
Plastic—PETE	13.22 tons
Plastic—HDPE	6.61 tons
Aluminum cans	8.81 tons
Steel Cans	15.42 tons
White goods and other metals	307 tons
Mixed Paper (includes OCC)	320.96 tons
Tires	159.73 tons
Mulch	600 tons
Batteries, lead acid	48 batteries
Batteries, dry cell	60 lbs
Oil	3,723 gallons

Source: Polk County Annual Report to the State

Intended Actions:

The County and municipalities intend to increase public education efforts through pamphlets and local newspapers.

6.4 Composting and Mulching

Current Program:

The Polk County Transfer Station has a recently permitted Type 1 compost facility. This facility has helped expand the composting operations beyond the Blue Ridge BBQ & Music Festival program. The County has also sent staff to intensive training in vermaculture.

The County has also partnered resources with the local Soil and Water Conservation District and 4H programs to promote residential composting.

The County has created a mascot named “Earl the Compost Worm” that visits the local schools to educate students about the benefits of composting.

Intended Action:

The County will continue to use the existing composting facility at the Transfer Station and provide outreach to the citizens of Polk County regarding composting operations by teaming with the local Cooperative Extension office to provide composting workshops to the public.

The Town of Columbus will publish a brochure to educate the public on proper methods of composting, coordinate with the local 4H vermaculture program, and attend a Transition Group with representatives from each county to promote composting activities.

The Saluda Community Land Trust is a local organization that will continue to educate and promote the use of residential composting.

6.5 Incineration With/Without Energy Recovery

Current Program:

Incineration is not currently part of the County's solid waste management program.

Intended Action:

There are no plans for the County to create an incineration program.

6.6 Transfer of Solid Waste Outside Geographic Area

Current Program:

Polk County transfers all MSW delivered to the Polk County Transfer Station to the Upstate Regional Landfill using Republic Services, Inc. in South Carolina.

Intended Action:

Polk County plans to continue with this method, while evaluating other options.

6.7 Disposal of Solid Waste

Current Program:

The Polk County Landfill, which accepted MSW, closed on April 1, 1994. The C&D landfill closed in 2006. Therefore, MSW and C&D are collected at the Transfer Station and disposed of outside of the County at the Upstate Regional Landfill by Republic Services, Inc. According to the 2011 South Carolina Solid Waste Management Annual Report, the estimated remaining life of the existing permitted areas of the landfill based on current disposal rates is 6.4 years. However, vertical expansion and future permitting of new landfill cells that would adequately meet the needs of Polk County beyond the existing permitted landfill cells is planned.

Intended Action:

The County will continue to use this disposal location, while evaluating other options.

6.8 Community and School Education

Current Program:

The Polk County Recycling Committee has been created to provide outreach and community activities related to recycling and reuse. This committee provides various appearances at the local school to discuss solid waste management issues with the students and school staff. The education material is related to the services that the County offers its citizens.

The Town of Columbus provides a brochure that describes the basics of recycling to residents as they pay their water bills. The Town of Columbus provides a brochure that describes the basics of recycling to residents as they pay their water bill, and utilizes RE-mus the Recycler as a mascot to help with community education and outreach. The County has also created a mascot named "Earl the Compost Worm" that visits the local schools to educate students about the benefits of composting.

Intended Action:

The County plans to continue the education and outreach efforts in the future. The City of Saluda plans to include solid waste education materials in the local paper and distribute educational brochures at the local schools.

6.9 Special Waste Management

6.9.1 Household Hazardous Waste

Current Program:

The County will only accept household hazardous wastes within the limits of homeowners' quantities. However, homeowner quantities of household hazardous wastes are accepted during normal business hours at the Transfer Station.

Intended Action:

The County intends to continue this program.

6.9.2 Tires

Current Program:

Tires are shipped approximately once per month by US Tire in Concord, NC. There is no charge by the County for the disposal of scrap tires. No tires are accepted from outside of Polk County.

Intended Action:

The County will continue this program.

6.9.3 Lead-Acid Batteries

Current Program:

Batteries are stored at a specified location at the Transfer Station and removed by the local Carquest Auto Parts®, which is a certified battery handler, approximately once per week. The batteries are stored in a locked compartment and the number of batteries is tracked by Polk County.

Intended Action:

Polk County intends to continue this program.

6.9.4 White Goods

Current Program:

White goods are accumulated at the Transfer Station. Polk County contracts with Tri City Recycling to provide pick up and recycling of this material. Tri City Recycling also reclaims chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and drains the necessary oils and lubricants from these items. Tri City Recycling provides Polk County with a CFC removal report.

Intended Action:

Polk County intends to continue this program.

6.9.5 Electronics Management Program

The existing electronics management program in Polk County to recycle or reuse discarded computer equipment, televisions, and other electronic devices includes the following program elements:

- Electronics waste (including but not limited to computers, monitors, peripherals, televisions, cable wire, and circuit boards) is accumulated at a permanent collection site at the Transfer Station and consolidated in dry storage on-site. The County does not charge a fee for this service. The electronic waste is collected by Cleveland Vocational Industries, Inc. (CVII).
- Polk County contracts with the CVII for electronics material recycling. The electronics recycling material is stored at the Transfer Station in a metal container. CVII hauls the electronics recycling material away from the Transfer Station and manages all of the electronics recycling activities. CVII passed the R2 certification audit for electronics recycling in August 2012. Please see Section 11.0 Attachments for a copy of the R2 certification.
- Public awareness and education components regarding the disposal of electronics are included in the education efforts mentioned in Section 6.8 above. This public education includes visits by recycling committees to local schools, publishing information in the local media, and providing brochures to the community at the municipal offices. Initially, details regarding the electronics management program were published in the local paper. Afterwards, the Polk County website has provided its citizens with information regarding electronics recycling.
- Initially, Polk County notified the surrounding counties of their electronics management program verbally. Polk County also offered the surrounding counties to accept electronics at the Polk County Transfer Station at no charge.
- Currently, Polk County does not have a dedicated budget line item specifically for the expenditure of electronics management funds. However, the electronics management fund distribution is tracked as an individual item in the County finance records.

6.9.6 Used Oil and Oil Filters

Current Program:

Oil is collected in a covered 500-gallon tank. Holston Energy Company of Waynesville, NC picks up this material once per month at no cost to Polk County.

Intended Action:

Polk County intends to continue this program.

6.9.7 Abandoned Manufactured Homes

Polk County does not have plans to create an ordinance specifically for the removal of abandoned manufactured homes. Currently, Polk County will dispose of a manufactured home at the Transfer Station for a fee of 35 cents per square foot of home.

6.10 Illegal Disposal and Management of Litter

6.10.1 Illegal Disposal

Current Program:

The County investigates all reports of illegal dumping. Proper notification to property owners or other responsible parties is made in the form of letters, phone calls, and personal contact. If significant progress in clean-up is not made in 30 to 60 days, violators may be cited by the Solid Waste Department. In some cases, assistance is requested from the DENR Regional Solid Waste Section in Asheville. Failure to comply with clean-up requirements will result in actions including fines and other penalties.

Intended Action:

The County intends to continue this program.

6.10.2 Litter Control

Current Program:

The North Carolina Department of Corrections provides a crew and a guard, on request, to pick up litter along Polk County roadways and around the Landfill area.

The County advocates the Adopt-A-Highway program. There are approximately 250 to 300 persons in various clubs and organizations involved in routine highway cleanup activities. In particular, the Polk County Appearance Commission, formed in 2007, provides a public outreach service that promotes litter control through public education and program implementation. The Appearance Commission recently published information that explains how to adopt a highway and includes a map showing which highways are currently adopted and which ones are orphaned.

The Town of Columbus is working in conjunction with the Polk County Appearance Commission to encourage citizens to “Adopt-a-Block” and care for the cleanup needs for highways around where they live and work.

The Town of Columbus purchased decorative waste containers that are available for public use throughout the downtown area.

Intended Action:

The County intends to continue this program.

6.11 Purchase of Recycled Materials and Products

Current Program:

Although the purchase of recycled products is encouraged among local government offices, no specific mandates exist that require the purchase of recycled products.

Intended Action:

The County will continue to monitor the value of goods made with recycled content.

7.0 Solid Waste Costs and Financing Methods

Polk County funds the solid waste operations through a combination of fees, taxes, and State funds.

Table 13. Polk County Solid Waste Fees and Funding

Fee Schedule	
Municipal Solid Waste	\$42.00 per ton
Brush	\$30.00 per ton
Annual Permits—Available to Residents for the Dumping of Waste from a Single Household	\$75.00 per year
Per Trip Fees—Available to Residents for the Dumping of Waste from a Single Household	\$7.00 per trip
Fees and Funding (FY 2010 - 2011)	
NC—Tire Disposal Fees	\$22,901
NC—White Goods Disposal Fees	\$5,749
NC—Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$16,143
NC—Electronics Management Reimbursement	\$1,394
General Fund Appropriation	\$0
2006 Availability Fees	\$805
2007 Availability Fees	\$1,229
2008 Availability Fees	\$0
2009 Availability Fees	\$10,568
2010 Availability Fees	\$357,377
Solid Waste Availability Fee	\$2,910
Landfill Tipping Fees	\$718,319
Sale of Recyclables	\$30,765
Sale of Mulch	\$6,100
Insurance Proceeds	\$1,220
NC—Solid Waste Section Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch Reimbursement	\$267,994
TOTAL	\$1,443,474

8.0 Emergency/Disaster Debris Management and Animal Mortality

8.1 Disaster Debris Management

The County has a Disaster Plan that is administered by the Polk County Emergency Management Office. If a disaster occurs, the places designated for debris storage are:

- Tryon: Harmon Field
- Polk County: Polk County Transfer Station property

These storage areas would contain debris until contractors could be hired to remove or process the material.

8.2 Incidental Animal Mortality

The Transfer Station accepts a small amount of deceased animal remains. The majority of animals that are disposed at the Transfer Station are deer or other roadkill that is collected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mass mortalities are not accepted at the Transfer Station. The small amounts of deceased animal remains that are received at the Transfer Station are disposed with the MSW.

9.0 Resolutions

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**RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2012-2022 FOR POLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to protect human health and the environment through safe and effective management of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community; and

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is an essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and to reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering; and

WHEREAS, Polk County recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products; and

WHEREAS, involvement and education of the citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste; and


WHEREAS, NC General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to update the Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Solid Waste Management Department and Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Council have undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively.

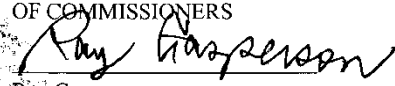
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of Commissioners that Polk County's 2012-2022 Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with the Clerk to the Board.

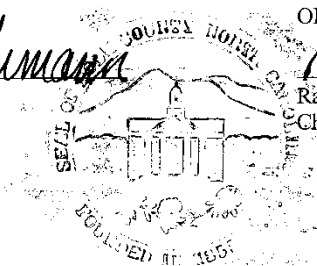
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ATTEST:


Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS


Ray Gasperson
Chair



**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBUS TOWN COUNCIL
ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE UPDATE OF
TEN YEAR COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2012**

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to protect human health and the environment through safe and effective management of municipal solid waste;

WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community;

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system;

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and to reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering;

WHEREAS, The Town of Columbus recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products;

WHEREAS, involvement and education of citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste;

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to update the Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every three years;

WHEREAS, Polk County has undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLUMBUS:

That Polk County's Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan of 2012 is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with Clerk to the Board on this 16th day of August 2012.


Eric McIntyre, Mayor

ATTEST:


Donna Butler, Town Clerk

Resolution Accepting and Endorsing the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2012 for Polk County

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WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community;

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is an essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system;

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering;

WHEREAS, the City of Saluda recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products;

WHEREAS, involvement and education of the citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program; WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed a planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste;

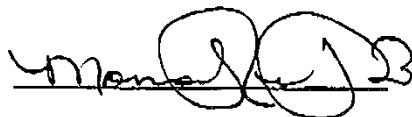
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WHEREAS, the Polk County Solid Waste Management Department and Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Council have undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF SALUDA:

That Polk County's 2012 Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with the Clerk to the Board on this 13th Day of August, 2012.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Fred H. Baisden, Mayor

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2012 FOR POLK COUNTY**

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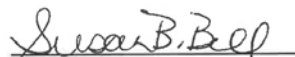
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WHEREAS, the Polk County Solid Waste Management Department and Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Council have undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TRYON: That Polk County's 2012 Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with Clerk to the Board on this 4th day of September 2012.

ATTEST:


Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk


J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

10.0 Ordinances

The link to Polk County Solid Waste Management Ordinance can be found at the following address:

<http://www.polknc.org/departments/development/documents/solidwastefinal.pdf>

The link to the Town of Columbus Ordinance regarding solid waste can be found through the “Columbus Town Code & Zoning Ordinance” link on the Town of Columbus website at the following address:

<http://www.columbusnc.com/>

Specifically, the following Town of Columbus Ordinances relate to solid waste issues:

- § 90.60 Picking Up Garbage
- § 90.61 Weeds, Garbage, Refuse, and the Like
- § 90.62 Dumping in Third Party Dumpsters
- § 90.99 Penalty

11.0 Attachments

