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JAN 15 2015

From: Karl Stach [stachk@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: Recycling Plan Input

JAN 15 2015

I live in rural Peoria County, four miles south of Hanna City. For the past couple of years we had a recycling site located in Hanna City, but it was removed last summer. The reason given for its removal was that it was being misused, but no details regarding the misuse were provided. Whatever the reason, I now must drive to the recycling site at the Peoria County Landfill to do my recycling. I am able and willing to do this, but many Hanna City residents cannot or will not do so; they will just add their recyclables to the rest of their garbage.

As you continue to develop an updated recycling plan, please keep rural Peoria County in mind. The large volume of use that the Hanna City site received suggests that there is demand for recycling locations in rural areas of our county. If misuse was a problem in Hanna City, I suspect that it is also a problem at other locations. Rather than eliminating problem sites, it would be better to investigate the misuse and deal with the perpetrators rather than punish an entire community for the transgressions of a few. I encourage you to have a goal to develop a plan that will make recycling easier, not more difficult.

Thank you,

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"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government only when they deserve it." - Mark Twain

Karen Raithel

From: Elaine Hopkins [ehopkins7@prodigy.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 3:01 PM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: recycling plans

JAN 20 2015

Hello -- Here's my take on recycling in the city of Peoria, where I live, which could be expanded to all municipalities:

1. The recycling bins should be free. The fee discourages many low income people from recycling, a bad lesson for their children, as well.
2. Pickup should be twice monthly. My bin fills up within 2-3 weeks, faster than the regular trash bin, and I have a large bin for both.
3. A way should be found for those not living in single family homes or duplexes to recycle -- require large bins?
4. The city and county should lobby for a statewide bottle/can recycling fee, such as other Midwestern states have. If enacted, municipal recycling could concentrate on mostly paper, and a source of litter would be removed from the streets.

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Karen Raithel

From: Kassy Killey [kassyc@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: recycling feedback

JAN 20 2015

I can't make it to the meetings, but I'd like to let you know:

1. I'm in favor of expanding the recycling options.
2. I'd like to see the leaking methane be cleaned up asap on the old portions of the landfill.
3. I'd like to see a feasibility study on installing solar on the closed portions of the landfill.
4. I use the City of Peoria's curbside program. However many still don't because of the bin deposit. Such a sad thing to have in place. I'd love to see this fee removed.
5. I've driven to Chicago before to recycle our old carpet. But didn't this last time because we couldn't make it work :(
6. I've really wanted to go to the recycling events in Bloomington before through the EAC, but travel with a young kid is an issue. Would be great to have something like that here. There are so many difficult things to recycle piling up all over my house waiting for me to research etc. let alone drive all over if the option is even in our area.
7. I'd love to see more businesses and events have recycling options.

Thanks!

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Karen Raithel

From: Jane Schmitt [jskickapoo@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: Recycling in Peoria County-I vote yes!

JAN 21 2015

To whom it may concern:

As a Kickapoo area resident for 45 years, I would be thrilled to have curbside recycling. We have been storing our recycling in the garage and then hauling it all over the county for over ten years. In that time we have also composted kitchen waste. We normally only have one bag of household trash. Imagine if that were true of every household!!

Other communities have had curbside recycling service for over 15 years. In some areas, households are allowed only one can of household trash. If they have more than that, they must have a prepaid sticker on the can or it will be left on the curb. They can have as many cans of co-mingled recyclables as they need. This forces people to recycle!

Maybe more people would recycle if you hit them in their pocketbook, so to speak.

In any event, we would love to have curbside recycling if it does not cost an arm and a leg. If it does, we will continue to haul our recycling as we have in the past. It is time that Peoria County makes a real commitment to "Mother Earth".

Sincerely,

Jane Schmitt

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[my last name was misspelled as Schmidt on the card I got in the mail] ph. 309-678-9213 Sent from my iPad

Karen Raitel

From: Elwood, Eric T. [eelwood@uic.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: recycling

JAN 21 2015

Hello Peoria County,

I have been an avid recycler for years, and encourage the County to support wider curbside recycling (i have peoria city curbside, plus i use the community centers). I dont mind paying for this, but if the County increased free curbside it might make the often abused community recycling centers unnecessary (they tend to be abused with inappropriate drop offs including tires, electronics, and mattresses). In any case, please support long term recycling of paper, metals, and plastic.

thank you very much!
eric elwood

Karen Raithe

From: Bonnie Stroot [strootb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 6:13 PM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: Recycling comments

JAN 21 2015

We have twice as much recycled material in a month than fits in our container. We use our yard waste container in winter for overflow. Maybe pick up twice a month or offer larger containers. Love to recycle.

Karen Raithel

From: greg [greg_parker2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 8:36 AM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: meetings

JAN 22 2015

My first feed back is why didn't I receive this card until afternoon of the 21st?
greg

Karen Raithel

JAN 23 2015

From: sandersorama@gmail.com on behalf of Sandy Sanders [ibthechange@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: recycling plan

After reviewing the Resource Management Plan I see it covers a variety of waste streams: household trash and recycling, commercial recycling, construction and demolition waste, composting and more, but it doesnt cover is COAL ASH. **I believes this is a huge oversight and the county should consider the long-term fate of the coal ash at the Edwards coal-fired power plant as part of its plan. My home is very near the plant and I fear the future may bring my property value down with a coal ash dilimma and or worse a major leakage into our river etc.** The Edwards plant's mess of mercury, lead and boron-laden coal ash covers 89 acres and is 32 feet high. It continues to put our beautiful Illinois River in jeopardy.

Please add to your plan strong rules that ban unlined toxic coal ash landfills and ponds and require companies to begin cleaning up this legacy contamination immediately.

In response to recycling, I have been an advocate for curbside recycling in the county and have spoke to officials in the Hollis area and have even worked with the Girl Scouts on a report / survey of residents to see if it is wanted. The survey was very well done and indicated residents want recycling we are tired of collecting in our garage for weeks and having to take to recycle site that is (nearest one now closed) sometime so full cant put my load in.

Why can't we make all materials that are recyclable mandatory. Then have local processing of those resources...instead of incurring the cost of shipping waste somewhere or putting it in the ground for years to come? As far as C&D I am sure Kirk Recycling would expand to this area if the materials were there for him or a new business could startup. Recycling could be a huge avenue for new jobs if written in the plan as graduated mandatory giving businesses a chance to grow with available stream.

I also heard a mention of a solar cover over current exhausted landfills?? This could be a great idea to explore, especially with the mandatory solar purchases required for the state of IL starting this year. It could be a revenue resource.

thanks for allowing my consideration.

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From: Elwood, Patrick W. [Patrick.W.Elwood@INI.org]
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To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: recycleing

JAN 26 2015

Gladys and Patrick Elwood at 1638 west moss avenue Peoria support greatly increased access to recycling facilities for all materials-at this point there are opportunities for more emphasis in all public facilities and employers within the city We do not place the emphasis on this that many other comparable cities do-an example is Pasadena California Patrick Elwood pwens@uic.edu

Karen Raithel

From: Barb Gurtler [bbgurtler@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:36 PM
To: Recycling Feedback
Subject: Comment on recycling plan

JAN 26 2015

Hello,

I attended the meeting at ICC last week. I am mightily impressed with the work that has been done and the scope of recycling that is being planned. I hope it works, especially in Peoria with restaurants, hotels and large retirement homes.

I would like to lift up one area I didn't hear mentioned and that is the coal fired power plant in Bartonville. My concern specifically is the coal ash pond that covers 89 acres and is 32 feet high. It sits on an unlined chunk of land near the river, so therefore, it is leaching very toxic heavy metals, such as mercury, lead and boron, into our Illinois River. Another concern related to the unhealthy and dangerous contamination threat of this

coal ash "pond", is that no one seems to care or to be doing anything about cleaning it up. If Dynegy closes the plant (a real possibility from past track records), who is going to make them clean it up? It needs to be cleaned up before they decide to depart.

I realize this might not be exactly in your bailiwick, but if not, it should be your concern to see that our river and air is not further polluted from the coal ash of this, the Edwards, power plant, and I would suggest it is your duty to lean really hard on who ever the proper entity is. I am thinking it is the Illinois Protection Agency and maybe also the Federal Protection Agency. Certainly, the Illinois Pollution Control Board needs to make and enforce some very strong rules that ban unlined containment areas and require clean up to begin immediately.

I will appreciate your careful consideration of this special waste problem and solutions for solving it.

Sincerely,

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RE: Comments on the Draft Resource Management Plan released January, 2015

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club congratulates Peoria County for the much needed review and updates to the County Solid Waste Plan. The work of the Advisory Committee and the County to supply the proposed Draft Resource Management Plan is highly significant. Thank you to Peoria County and to the individual Advisory Committee members for their work on this important document. Much needs to be done and can be done to improve the management and outcomes of the County Recycling and solid waste efforts.

Certainly the County can be congratulated for the many steps the Peoria County Board has taken to increase sustainability in the county focus and operations and it is great to see the Recycling and solid waste resource division being more connected to the 21st century. Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club thanks Peoria County for gaining the assistance of an outside consultant of high caliber to be part of the new draft Resource Management Plan work. In looking at the Best Practices section and seeing that other areas of the state have greatly higher recycling rates, we know that Peoria County can do better. We are looking forward to being part of the process to help move Peoria County to much better success with resource recycling and waste diversion.

It is noted that the Draft Resource Management Plan documents posted for public review were dated June 16, 2014, and it appears these were posted for public review in January, 2015 with comments due February 2nd, 2015. It is disappointing that a short notice and time-frame for public comments was all that could be offered after the Advisory Committee and consultant work of well over a year on this very important document. It is also disappointing that minimal lead time of just a few weeks was provided for attempting to inform the public about informational meetings on this new plan. Thank you to Peoria County for holding three public meetings on January 20th and January 21st.

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club fully respects the inclusion of coordination with other municipalities, as this is necessary in improving recycling. We hope that coordination with County and Peoria City solid waste and recycling concerns can be given the full attention and high level

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consideration needed, as the upcoming Peoria City waste hauling contract has a very major impact on recycling. As stated in the Key Principals of Success, collaborative partnerships with local municipalities are essential.

We had hoped to see the inclusion of significant improvements in commercial recycling listed in the principles of success. It was our understanding that this concern was voiced as a priority focus. We urge that Peoria County include significant improvements in the commercial recycling rates as a top priority as the County can actually pursue this area of recycling more readily.

The considerations for Construction and Demolition waste in Recycling Part 7 of the Resource Management Plan Vol. 1 Goals & Strategies are greatly needed. Incentives and financial advantages in recycling C & D waste and greater education on the importance and hopefully availability for this will certainly help.

On page 37 at Strategies for Organics Management and Composting Services, it is really good to see Peoria County planning for organics recycling and we hope the implementation for initial efforts on food waste recycling will proceed.

Ideally, some of the time frames for initiation of planning and next steps could be moved up. For example, three years for recycling dumpster improvements (see top entry at page 37 in Vol. 1 Goals & Strategies) seem unnecessarily long without any explanation of why more prompt action could not be done.

Thank you for this comment opportunity.

Sincerely,
Joyce Blumenshine
Chair