

**Resolution**

**FOR APPROVAL OF COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN**

**Whereas,** Public Act, 641 requires a majority of local government to approve the County-Wide Solid Waste Plan; and

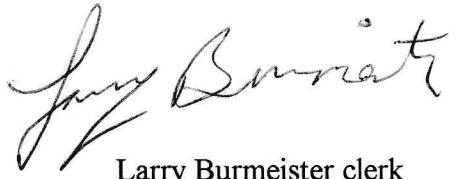
**Whereas,** we, the governing body of Colfax Township approve the proposed plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that recommendation be made to the Chairperson of the County Solid Waste Planning Committee to accept the Proposed Solid Waste Plan as submitted.

Adopted by the following vote:

All Ayes, motion carried.

Date: 3/06/2001



Larry Burmeister clerk



Oceana County  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
County Building  
P.O. Box 14  
Hart, Michigan 49420



RESOLUTION RE OCEANA COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – 1999 UPDATE

Moved by Mr. McGovern and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the Oceana County Solid Waste Management Plan – 1999 Update as prepared by the Oceana County Solid Waste Planning Committee and to refer said Plan to all townships, villages and the City of Hart for their approval.

Roll call vote: McGovern, yes; Byl, yes; VanSickle, yes; Myers, yes; Simon, absent; Spencer, absent; and, Malburg, yes. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the Clerk of Oceana County, does hereby certify that on the 9th day of November, 1999, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners did adopt the above Resolution at its Regular Meeting.

  
Phyllis J. Schlee, Clerk  
Oceana County  
Board of Commissioners

*11/9/99 PJS*



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March 1, 2001

Mr. Joseph Reed, Supervisor  
Colfax Township  
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Walkerville, MI 49459

RE: Local Government Approval of  
Oceana County's Solid Waste  
Management Plan - 1999 Update

Dear Mr. Reed:

The Oceana County Board of Commissioners approved the Oceana County Solid Waste Management Plan - 1999 Update as prepared (see enclosed Resolution) by the Oceana County Solid Waste Planning Committee and I had referred the matter to the Clerks of all townships, villages and the City of Hart on December 21, 2000.

In my letter to the Clerks, I requested them to place the issue on the agenda of their next meeting and I also requested that their local governing body take formal action on the matter with the adoption of a resolution either approving or rejecting the Oceana County Solid Waste Management Plan - 1999 Update (sample of each Resolution enclosed). I asked them to return the governing body's resolution to my office no later than **January 26, 2001** in order that the Plan and the results of the local vote could be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality for final review and approval. To date, Colfax Township is the only unit of government that has not responded to the request.

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), Part 115, Solid Waste Management and its Administrative Rules require that each County have a Solid Waste Management Plan Update and that 67% or 16 of the 23 local units of government in the County approve the Plan before it is submitted to the DEQ.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Executive Summary of the Plan which should give you an overview of the Plan. Under the section entitled Selected Alternatives, the key selected alternative for the ten year planning period from 1998 to 2008 in Oceana County consists of continued exportation of solid waste to other counties with a number of related supporting alternatives.

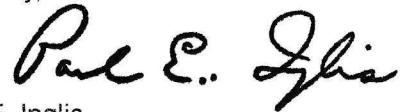
Inasmuch as I have received no response from the Colfax Township Clerk, I am requesting you to pursue the matter with the Colfax Township Board for the purpose of adopting either a Resolution of Approval or Resolution of Denial (with specific objections listed) and to **return the Resolution to my office no later than Friday, March 30, 2001** so that it may be forwarded to the DEQ for final review and approval.

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If the Colfax Township Board has any questions or would like to review a complete copy of the Plan, please feel free to contact me.

Your careful consideration of and timely attention to this request would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



Paul E. Inglis  
Oceana County  
Administrator/Fiscal Officer

PEI/sj

Cc: File

Enclosures (4)

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## I.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following summarizes the solid waste management system selected to manage solid waste within the County. In case of conflicting information between the executive summary and the remaining contents of the Plan update, the information provided in the main body of the Plan update found on the following pages will take precedence over the executive summary.

### I.1.A OVERALL VIEW OF THE COUNTY

	1996 Population	% Land Use		% of Economic Base				
		Rural	Urban	Ag	For	Ind	Com	Other
Oceana County	24,379	97.17	2.83	34.39	46.84	0.04	0.17	18.56

### I.1.B CONCLUSIONS

Major conclusions resulting from the planning process during the development of this plan are as follows:

1. Existing high quality environmental conditions that exist within Oceana County must be preserved.
2. Solid waste volumes are directly related to seasonal population fluctuations.
3. Solid waste collection will continue to be a responsibility of private waste haulers, individual Oceana County residents and commercial establishments. However, in areas where seasonal population causes special concerns, adjustments will be necessary.
4. Large volume industrial wastes will continue to be disposed of at sites specially intended for such wastes (Type III or Type II landfills), as authorized by existing law and regulation, and as permitted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
5. All solid waste presently being collected in Oceana County, that is not recycled or otherwise removed from the waste stream, is disposed of by land filling in a different county. Oceana County does not have an in-county solid waste landfill facility.
6. At the present time, land filling is the most economical method to dispose of solid waste.

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### I.I.C SELECTED ALTERNATIVES

Because the day-to-day details of the solid waste management system are market driven and for the most part controlled by the private sector, the County has elected to evaluate the solid waste management alternatives by focusing on the issues where the County could compliment the existing program and facilitate the goals and objectives of the plan. The selected alternative for the ten year planning period from 1998 to 2008 consists of continued exportation of solid waste to other counties; reliance on the private sector to work with the local communities, industries and businesses to provide for the collection, transportation, disposal, recycling and composting services; serving as the liaison to the private sector and local communities on solid waste management issues including recycling, resource conservation, and pollution prevention; and expanding the successful household hazardous waste and agricultural hazardous waste collection programs. The support, involvement and strong working relationship with the local communities as well as a strong working relationship with the private sector will be significant to the successful implementation of the selected alternative.

The following briefly summarizes the elements of the selected system:

- Resource Conservation. The County will develop a public education process which will target an increase in public participation in the recycling and composting programs offered by both the public and private sectors that service County residents and businesses. Additional educational efforts will be directed at residents to develop a greater awareness of how the improper disposal of hazardous waste can have a detrimental impact on natural resources and public health and to encourage their participation in the County's currently successful household and agricultural hazardous waste collection programs.
- Resource Recovery. The County has elected not to compete with companies that are providing recycling and resource recovery services. The county will continue to coordinate recycling activities and will serve in an educational outreach role. The County will continue to evaluate developing new educational tools in order to provide County residents and businesses with recycling, resource recovery, composting, waste reduction and pollution prevention information. The County may consider closing down their solid waste transfer station and begin to rely on the private sector for all collection, transportation and processing of materials recovered through recycling, should an acceptable private facility locate within the County. If the County's solid waste transfer facility was to close, the County reserves the right to reopen it in the event that a privately owned facility became unacceptable to the County, or the private facility were to close.
- Volume Reduction. The County will continue to rely on the private sector to facilitate volume reduction.

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- **Sanitary Landfill.** The County will continue to rely on existing landfills to meet its waste disposal needs for the planning period. The County does not anticipate the construction of a solid waste facility by the County, but will encourage the development of a solid waste facility or transfer station by private enterprise. The County will make assurances that the Counties that receive the exported solid waste from Oceana County will have adequate capacity to accommodate the County's needs over the planning period. The import/export agreements with surrounding counties will assure that the County's waste disposal needs are met, while encouraging the private sector waste management industries to be competitive.
- **Collection.** The County will continue to rely upon the private sector for the collection of solid waste.
- **Transportation.** The County will continue to rely upon the private sector to meet the waste hauling and related solid waste transportation needs of residents, municipalities and businesses located within the County.