



Lake County Illinois

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Resolution approving the report submitted by the 60% Recycling Task Force.

- Lake County has been a leader in Illinois in both solid waste planning and implementation of material diversion programs.
- The Lake County Board adopted the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Lake County on April 13, 2010.
- Lake County recognizes that its disposal rate of 4.8 pounds per person per day in 2010 is high and that much of the discarded material is recyclable or compostable.
- In June of 2010, the Lake County Board appointed 27 members to the 60% Recycling Task Force.
- The Task Force met a total of 12 times beginning in June 2010 and ending in October 2011, to develop a recommendation for how to achieve 60% recycling by 2020.

WHEREAS, the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Lake County, Illinois (2009 Plan Update) was prepared by the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and adopted by the Lake County Board on April 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Plan Update contained Recycling Recommendation R.3 which required the appointment of a task force by SWALCO and Lake County to investigate, evaluate and develop recommendations on how Lake County can realistically achieve a 60% recycling rate by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 27 members of the 60% Recycling Task Force were jointly appointed by the SWALCO Board of Directors and the Lake County Board on June 8, 2010 and June 24, 2010, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the 60% Recycling Task Force met a total of 12 times beginning in June 2010 and ending in October 2011, and at its last meeting approved the 60% Recycling Task Force Report; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has been a leader in Illinois in both solid waste planning and implementation of material diversion programs having adopted the first state mandated plan in 1989 and having achieved a 39% recycling rate for 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lake County recognizes that its disposal rate of 4.8 pounds per person per day in 2010 is too high and that much of the discarded material is recyclable or compostable, and therefore should be diverted from final disposal to a higher and better use that will result in increased economic growth and reduced environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that has reviewed the 60% Recycling Task Force Report, understands the recommendations contained in it, and hereby approves the Report and commits that it will:

1. Strive to implement the cost effective recommendations contained in the Report in a timely

- fashion; and,
2. Work with SWALCO to educate its residents, businesses and institutions on the need to divert materials from final disposal, and how to participate in diversion programs; and,
 3. Continue to work cooperatively with key stakeholders, including but not limited to, private sector waste management, recycling and composting companies; units of local government; and local businesses, organizations and institutions to achieve the disposal and diversion goals in the Report.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on this 14th day of February, 2012.