

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-44

By: Councilman Rick Skoczen Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Berea is located within the jurisdiction of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.53 3734.54 and 3734.55; and

WHEREAS, the District provided a copy of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2026-2040) for ratification to each of the legislative authorities within the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berea is required to decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan Update no later than August 10, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City of Berea hereby approves the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Berea City Council is hereby directed to send the Solid Waste District a copy of this resolution/ordinance to the attention of Elizabeth Biggins-Ramer, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District, 4750 East 131 Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

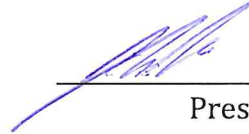
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SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

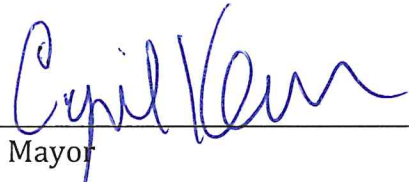
PASSED: June 16, 2025



President of Council

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

 6/16/25

Mayor Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Director of Law

RATIFICATION OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (2026 – 2040)
A Fact Sheet for Community Officials – DEADLINE TO RATIFY IS August 10, 2025

The development of the solid waste plan is a requirement of Ohio law. Every solid waste management district in Ohio must periodically update their solid waste management plan and submit it to each political subdivision to be ratified. Ratification occurs when city/village councils and township trustees representing 60% of a district's population, including its largest city and the legislative authority of the county, vote to approve the plan. If a district's plan is not ratified, the Ohio EPA will prepare the plan and order it to be implemented. **This fact sheet provides general information about Cuyahoga County's solid waste plan which is now out for ratification.**

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan was first ratified by communities in 1994 and four times since. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (the District) and its Solid Waste Policy Committee are now seeking local approval for the fifth Plan Update. **The ratification process takes place from May 10, 2025 through August 10, 2025.** This Plan Update complies with an Ohio EPA format and contains 6 chapters and 23 appendices. It describes the waste management methods to be used in the upcoming planning period and details how the ten waste reduction and recycling goals established in the State Solid Waste Management Plan will be achieved. It also describes how the Plan will be implemented by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

What's the best way to review the Plan Update?

The plan chapters provide an executive summary of the plan. The District recommends reading the chapters for an overview of the plan and if additional information is desired, referring to the appendices for more detail. **See your council clerk for a Plan Update Summary booklet.** The complete Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2026 – 2040) is also available on the District's website – CuyahogaRecycles.org and at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's office.

Who prepared the Plan Update?

The Plan Update was prepared by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Policy Committee. Various stakeholders were also consulted through the 18-month process. **The Policy Committee consists of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission members and two public members.**

Who implements the Plan Update and how is it funded?

The District is responsible for implementing the Plan Update which contains programs and services that support waste reduction and recycling. The District employs seven staff and is funded by a "generation fee". This fee of \$2.00 is levied on each ton of waste produced in Cuyahoga County and landfilled in Ohio. Cuyahoga County's current \$2.00 per ton fee was increased by \$0.50 per ton in 2023, only the second increase since 1994, and remains one of the lowest in Ohio. **Under this Plan Update, the generation fee remains at the current level through 2040. For comparison, the average fee statewide is \$4.74 per ton.**

Programs and services offered through the Plan

All the existing programs and services offered by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will continue with the ratification of this Plan Update while some new programs will be initiated. See program summary list below.

Education Services	Community Services & Programs	Expanded or New Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CuyahogaRecycles.org • Speakers / presenters • Residential recycling outreach • Children's education • Business recycling assistance • Recycling program assistance • Compost seminars • Compost bin sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Hazardous Waste Program • Scrap Tire Round-Up • Litter Collection Program • Special Waste Collections • Program analysis and contracting services • Environmental Crimes Task Force • Health Department Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants for communities • Promote food waste, fiber, glass, yard waste drop-off super sites • Waste Reduction Grant for schools and universities • Volume-based fee support • Scrap tire education and enforcement • Expanded litter collection program