

SWAC Summary

November 13, 2008

Present: Rik Fredrickson, Vicki Rice, John Wyatt, Wendy Ervin, Tami Ramsey, Peter Lyon, Janet O'Connor, Donna Adler, David Baker

Announcements: There has been a high rate of return for the vouchers distributed through Mason Matters. With the program concluding at the end of this month, there will be a final report and discussion about the voucher program in December.

Fall clean up has been very successful, with excellent participation and very little confusion. Final numbers on that will be available next month.

The City reports there will be a hearing on December 1st at 6 PM about solid waste rates and services. This will include yard waste collection, every other week collection for garbage and recycling, and an expansion of recycling services to the multi-family residents.

There was some discussion of hazardous materials as a prelude to discussing the Plan. This included possible incentives and partnerships, along with public education and outreach. Further, hazardous materials were suggested to be only a portion of what could be addressed through such efforts, and the county may wish to expand recycling significantly as additional partners and possible outside funding sources could be identified. A neighboring jurisdiction has attempted just such an effort, and will be contacted for more information.

Field Trips: Donna Adler, County staff from the Union Drop Box, presented a slide show tour of the disposal and recycling facilities in the County. She provided many anecdotes as well as data about the sites, histories, customers and other experiences and information related to the operations. Future field trips to consider include North Mason Fiber in Belfair, Brady and Mason County Wood Recyclers on Johns Prairie, and Silver Springs Organics in Thurston County, as Mason County moves into organic waste diversion programs in 2009.

Hazardous Waste Plan: This topic was tabled until next meeting, but it was determined that the discussion next month will include a schedule, a table of contents and the first chapter in draft form. Staff from the County and the Department of Ecology will meet and collaborate on the draft.

Next meeting will be held in Building 1, 6 PM on December 11th, 2008