

Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting

October 20, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Arlington County Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. SWC members in attendance were Anne Germain, John Musso, Marlene RedDoor, Larry Straub, Kimberly Fedinatz, Dean Amel, Gabriel Calvo, Sam Watzman, Barry Harte, Kerm Towler, and Carolyn White. Carrie Thompson, Brian Goggin, Charles Meng, Lisa Worrell, Scott Pedowitz, Saul Reyes, and Julie Sproesser were not in attendance.

Erik Grabowsky, Adam Riedel, and Douglas Krietemeyer were in attendance from the SWB. Stacey Demers and Brent Dieleman were in attendance from SCS Engineers.

Welcome and Introductions

Erik G. made brief remarks welcoming all the participants to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Stacey Demers and Brent Dieleman from SCS Engineers.

SWB Update

1. Brent and Stacey presented the analysis finding for the remaining 10 of the 20 possible goals, these goals present the lowest percentage impact on the diversion rate. The goal and its diversion impact are listed below.

Initiative	Estimated Diversion (Tons)	
	Reduced	Diverted
Support State-Level Circular Economy Initiatives	520 - 1,040	NA
Promote/Encourage Material Donation and Reuse Programs	1,000 - 1,330	NA
Host Reuse/Repair Fairs	430 - 640	-
Require Zero Waste Special Events	NA	120 - 230
Implement Online Dashboard Tracking Zero Waste Progress	NA	70 - 140
Establish Shared Equipment Program	100 - 140	NA
Implement/Pass the County's Draft Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EP4)	10 - 130	NA
Encourage Reusable Food Packaging at Restaurants	20 - 40	NA
Facilitate Arlington Public Schools (APS) Adopt Reusable Dishware Program	20 - 30	NA
Support Major Legislative Initiatives	NA	30 - 70

2. Questions and Comments

- a. Regarding circular economy, Kerm asked about specific examples of how waste can be used as a feedstock to the manufacturing process.
- b. John M asked about examples of communities that utilize an online progress dashboard for zero-waste. Brent pointed to communities in California using this approach.

- c. Dean A. raised concerns that the County does not exclude initiatives that may not have a high diversion impact because it will help reinforce the reduce/reuse mentality.
 - d. Carolyn W asked about the costs and GHG emission impacts of each initiative so the committee can make a comprehensive look at each before getting into prioritizing. Erik stated that will be the next meeting.
3. Erik closed out the session.
 4. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates
 - a. Next meeting will occur November 17, 2022.
 - b. Meeting dates through the end of 2022 are:
 - i. December 15, 2022

Adjourn.