# Capital Region Solid Waste Management Plan

Discussion Summary for SWMP Steering Committee Meeting

December 8, 2009

#### **Elements of the Recommended SWMP**

- Reduction and Recovery of Materials
- Solid Waste Treatment Facility
- Land Disposal
- Implementing Agency
- Interim Measures
- New Laws and Regulations
- Implementation Schedule

#### **Reduction and Recovery of Materials**

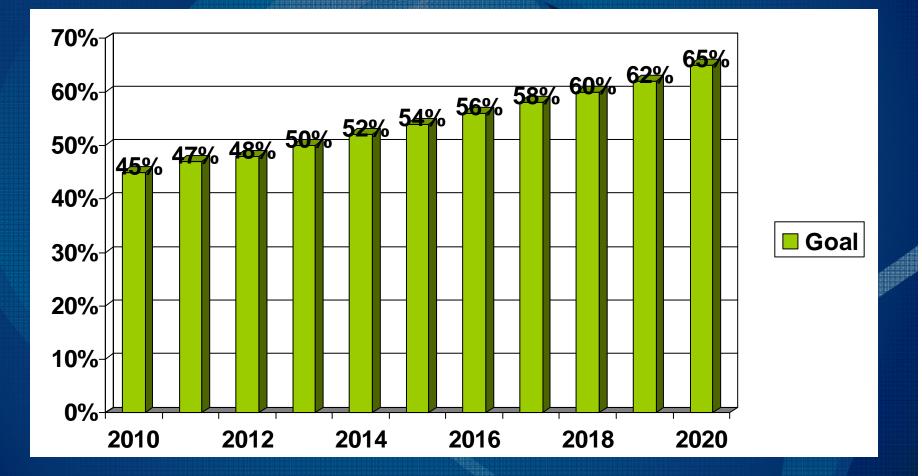
- Promote waste minimization in all sectors
- Support Product Stewardship initiatives at the state level.
- Continue to promote and expand local recycling infrastructure.
- Develop SSOW processing capacity
- Designate additional mandatory recyclables

### Promote Waste Minimization In All Sectors

#### Residential waste minimization

- Back yard compositing and home gardening to minimize grass clipping and other waste.
- Reusable grocery bags.
- Purchasing decisions which consider waste products and packaging.
- Repair instead of replace
- CII waste minimization
  - Form Alliances w/ major employers to promote increased awareness of benefits
  - Offer waste audits to assist in identifying opportunities for waste minimization

#### **Waste Diversion and Recycling Goals**



### Support Product Stewardship Initiatives at the State Level.

Participate in NYS Product Stewardship Council

 Engage local stakeholders (e.g. major retailers) to raise awareness and identify potential obstacles.

### Continue to Promote and Expand Local Recycling Infrastructure

- Increased Education and Enforcement
- Website to publicize reduction and recycling programs and information
- Promote increased recycling in schools
- Public Space Recycling
- Develop one or more Comprehensive Drop-Off Centers to include all designated recyclables plus electronics, motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, a second-hand swap shop, and volume based user fees for waste disposal.

### **Develop SSOW Processing Capacity**

#### SSOW Composting facility

- Nominal capacity of up to 40,000 TPY for existing planning unit.
- Incremental implementation to allow for program ramp-up
- SSOW Collection
  - Initial program focus at large CII generators
  - Pilot programs for residential SSOW collection
  - Full scale residential SSOW programs as an eventual goal.

### Designate Additional Mandatory Recyclables

- Plastic containers #3 through #7
- Film Plastics
- SSOW
  - Food waste
  - Yard waste
  - Miscellaneous paper
- Electronics and HHW

### **Solid Waste Treatment Facility**

- Recover additional materials, energy and byproducts from post-recyclable waste stream.
- Reduce the amount of post-recyclable waste requiring land disposal.
- Facility to be sized for larger regional participation
  - Nominal capacity 1500 tpd

### Land Disposal

- Rapp Road Landfill Expansion to provide capacity through the year 2016
- No new Landfill Capacity in the Planning Unit
- After 2016, use commercially available disposal capacity outside of Planning Unit for residue and other waste requiring land disposal.
- Opportunity for continued use of regional disposal facilities as part of expanded Planning Unit.

### **Implementation Model**

#### Regional Solid Waste Management Authority

- Consolidation of several existing Planning Units.
- Participants to be determined by ongoing discussions and further studies.
- Will manage the development and operation of regional facilities and programs.

#### Local Governments

Will retain jurisdiction over local solid waste and recycling programs

### **Interim Measures**

- Existing Planning Unit will continue to function until regional SWMA becomes operational.
- Continue implementation of waste reduction and recycling by incrementally increasing enforcement and diversion rates.
- Advance the procurement of SSOW facility capacity prior to formulation of regional SWMA.
  - Facility siting
  - Develop and issue RFP, or
  - Promote development of privatized SSOW operation

#### **New Laws and Regulations**

- Enabling Legislation for Regional SWMA
- Localities enact Flow Control pursuant to Enabling Legislation
- Revised local laws to designate additional mandatory recyclables
- State or Federal Governments enact Product Stewardship Legislation.

## Schedule

TASK NAME		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Continue Existing SWMP Components	6/1/09 – 12/29/20												
Waste Reduction and Recycling	6/1/09 - 12/29/20												
Legislative Actions	10/1/09 – 12/30/10												
Education and Enforcement	6/1/09 – 12/29/20												
Local recycling Program Implementation	6/1/09 – 12/29/20												
Develop recycling program improvements	7/1/09 – 12/29/20												
Local Program Coordination	7/1/09 – 12/29/20												
SSOW Composting	9/2409 – 6/4/10												
Convene Organic Waste Task Force meeting	9/24/09 – 9/24/09	*											
Task Force meetings	1/15/10 - 3/15/10												
Initiate SSOW Pilot Programs	3/15/10 – 6/4/10												
Current Solid Waste Disposal System	7/20/09 – 7/1/16												
Construction of Eastern Expansion	7/20/09 – 3/26/10												
Operation of Eastern Expansion	3/29/10 – 7//1/16			_			_						

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TASK NAME New SWMP Elements	2/15/10 – 8/31/18	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Issue Draft SWMP for Review and Comment	2/15/10 - 2/15/10		*										
Public Review and Comment Period	2/15/10 - 8/13/10												
SEQR Review	2/15/10 – 10/8/10												
Prepare Final SWMP	8/16/10 – 10/8/10												
Secure Municipal Endorsement Resolutions	10/11/10 – 12/31/10												
Submit Final SWMP for DEC approval	1/3/11 – 1/7/11												
NYSDEC Review and Approval	1/10/11 – 5/13/11												
Institutional Measures to Develop SWMA	3/1/10 - 8/24/12												
Local laws and Ordinances	2/28/11 - 2/19/16												
SSOW Facility Implementation	8/16/10 – 3/1/13												
SW Treatment Facility Implementation	8/27/12 - 8/31/18												