



TO: Thomas R. Kneeland
Members of Council
City Attorney

FROM: Dottie A. Franey
Director of Public Service and Engineering

DATE: April 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Report to Council, April 24, 2017

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

ACTION ITEM # 1 – Sanitary Sewer Assessment for 319 James Road:

The property owner at 319 James Road (Parcel ID 025-000821-00) has a failing septic system and was ordered by the Franklin County Board of Health to tie into sanitary sewer. The owner has expressed financial hardship in the ability to paying for both the construction of the of necessary sewer lateral and the cost of the related tap fees, and has therefore requested and agreed to the fees for connecting into the sewer be assessed and added to the property tax over a 20 year period. In an effort to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community, we are respectfully requesting legislation to assess the property for the costs of the aforementioned tap fees. Please note that there will be additional pieces of legislation brought before Council in the future in order to complete the statutorily required assessment process.

The last remaining piece of legislation is an ordinance authorizing the City to actually levy the assessments. After this final piece of legislation is passed, the Council office will publish the resulting ordinance for one week, notification letters will be sent to the property owners, and the assessments will be filed with Franklin County.

We are respectfully requesting that Council adopt a Statutory Resolution to declare the necessity and intent to appropriate certain real estate at 319 James Road for Sanitary Services. (Memo of assessment amounts and RCA attached.)

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

ACTION ITEM #1 – Insurance Claim Proceeds Supplemental Appropriation:

When damage occurs to City property (vehicle, streetlight, fire hydrant, etc) the repairs are paid out of our current appropriations. Our appropriations are tight and do not necessarily have enough money to cover damage from unforeseen accidents. When we receive the insurance payments, we ultimately want those funds to end up in the expense accounts that paid for the repairs. We have begun performing this action on a quarterly basis. We are currently bringing forward the insurance claims proceeds from 1st quarter 2017.

We are respectfully requesting supplemental appropriations as noted in the table below and the RCA is attached:

1st Quarter 2017, Insurance Claim Proceeds (Jan-Mar)			
Department (Current Fund)	Revenue Acct. No. (where revenue is currently located)	Expense Acct. No. (where revenue needs appropriated)	Total Insurance Proceeds
Streetlights (General Fund)	101.141.4634	101.140.5214	\$4,629
Equipment & Repairs (Streets Fund)	220.330.4634	220.330.5306	\$558
Fire Hydrants (Water Fund)	651.350.4634	651.350.5333	\$6,186

UPDATES

Hamilton Rd Central – Over the next couple of weeks, crews will have temporary lane shifts throughout the project as they work to finish street lights, sidewalk, curb ramps, and driveways, as well as the multi-use trail on the west side of Hamilton Road. If time and weather permit, the contractor is expecting to begin the process of installing top soil in the island areas in preparation for the installation of sod. All final restoration and surface asphalt will be completed late Spring/early Summer of 2017.

Motorists should continue to expect delays throughout the construction zone, and are encouraged to consider other routes if they wish to avoid a possible delay in their travels.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to view our roundabout training videos. Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Service at 614-342-4005.

2017 Street Program –Open House: On Tuesday, May 2, 5:00 – 7:00pm, in committee rooms of City Hall, there will be a public open house to explain the street reconstruction and sidewalk construction process and provide information on what residents can expect during construction. The attached flyer was mailed to residents that live on one of the four streets that are being rebuilt this summer, as well as the residents that live on Rocky Fork Drive North where new sidewalk will be installed as part of the 2017 Street Program. (See attached flyer that was mailed to the residents.)

Big Walnut Trail Section 4 Status Update - Our Go Forward Gahanna Strategic Plan Identifies Strategic Result 3.1 Trail Completed. This goal of this result states that by 2020, residents and visitors will be able to walk and bike along a completed trail system that connects Gahanna trails, paths, parks, and connects Gahanna to neighboring communities. One of the key elements to accomplishing this result is the completion of the design and construction of Big Walnut Trail Section 4. This section of Trail will connect Big Walnut Trail Section 5 along Olde Ridenour Road to the existing Big Walnut Trail Section 3 located on Nob Hill Drive. This section of trail is a critical link for the overall Big Walnut Trail system, ultimately creating a completed trail system from Morse Road south to Rocky Fork Drive South. Through the Quality Based Selection process, EMH&T was selected to perform the design of this project. Preliminary engineering, and survey work have been completed, and Stage 1 Plans have been developed for review. Looking forward over the next couple of weeks, geotechnical work and investigation is expected to be completed, as well as meetings with Stoneybrook Church to review the Stage 1 plans and trail alignment through their property. Over the next several months, our consultant will begin the process of completing the environmental work for the project, as well as preparing the Conditional Letter of Map revision for the impacts to the floodway and floodplain along Big Walnut Creek. Following our meeting with the church, we will begin the process of planning an open house event for public comment and feedback related to the project that will most likely take place in late spring or early summer of 2017. The current project schedule will allow for project bidding in January of 2018 with construction to begin in spring of that same year.

SWACO Solid Waste Management Plan – To meet State mandated goals, SWACO must update its Solid Waste Management Plan every five years and submit it to the OEPA. SWACO's plan is available for review at www.swaco.org and they are accepting written comments through May 22, 2017. The attached document titled "Solid Waste Management Plan – Comment Period 4-22-17 thru 5-22-17" explains the details.



Dear Community Leader,

Franklin County residences and businesses are recycling more than ever before. Last year, SWACO was pleased to be able to share that our collective rate of recycling was documented at 45-percent – up from 33%, and more than the national average of 34%.

To continue to address the recycling and waste diversion needs of the Solid Waste District, and to meet state-mandated goals, every five-years SWACO updates its Solid Waste Management Plan and submits it to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The plan outlines the types of programs and services SWACO offers to meet these needs and requirements.

The draft Plan will be available for review and public comment from April 22 through May 22, 2017 on SWACO's website at www.swaco.org and in-person at SWACO (4239 London Groveport Rd., Grove City, OH 43123). Following the public comment period, a public hearing will also be held on May 31, 2017 at 6 p.m. at SWACO, to receive any verbal comments from the public regarding the draft Plan.

Attached to this cover letter is a copy of the legal public notice which we are required to provide.

Later in the year, SWACO staff will present the draft Plan to the SWACO Board of Trustees for ratification, and from August through October the 41 communities in the District will review and formally vote on the draft Plan. In November 2017, with the approval of Franklin County's communities, the Plan will be adopted and provided to the Ohio EPA.

If you, your stakeholders, or constituents have questions about the proposed Plan or would like more information, please contact SWACO. We look forward to working with you to expand and improve waste reduction and recycling initiatives throughout Franklin County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kyle O'Keefe', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kyle O'Keefe, Director
Innovation and Programs

PUBLIC NOTICE
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) is establishing a 30-day written comment period (April 22 – May 22, 2017) on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan Update) (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.54) and the proposed 2017 District Rules (Ohio Revised Code Section 343.01(G)). SWACO has prepared the draft Plan Update as required by Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft Plan Update includes a budget and fees to finance the Plan, a solid waste facility inventory, projections and strategies, facilities and programs to be used, an analysis of the progress made toward achieving state solid waste reduction goals, and the SWACO District Rules (existing and proposed).

The Plan Update includes six chapters that are prepared specifically for the public's review. They include:

1. Introduction
2. District Profile
3. Waste Generation
4. Waste Management
5. Waste Reduction and Recycling
6. Budget

This draft is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This Plan Update details the following: Recycling Infrastructure Inventory, Population Data, Disposal Data, Residential/Commercial/Industrial Recycling Data, Waste Generation Data, a Strategic Evaluation of Old and New Proposed SWACO Programs, and Methodology to Select Program Priorities, Achievement of State Recycling Goals, Education and Outreach Programs, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculations, Financial Data, Designation of Facilities, District Rules, and a Siting Strategy.

The draft Plan Update includes a demonstration of access to landfill capacity and determines there are more than 20 years of landfill capacity available at the Franklin County Landfill. Based on other landfills used to manage waste generated in Franklin County during the 2014 reference year for the planning period, landfills had an average life expectancy of more than 50 years.

Under this plan, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to designate facilities in accordance with Sections 343.014 and 343.015 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Designated Facilities in this Plan Update are the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill, the Morse Road Eco-Station (aka Morse Road Transfer Station), and the Jackson Pike Transfer Station. Additional facilities can be utilized by SWACO if the Board approves a waiver for the facility.

The draft Plan Update includes the existing SWACO District Rules and the proposed 2017 District Rules, contained in Appendix Q. SWACO reserved the right to adopt rules pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 343.01 (G) in the following areas:

- prohibiting or limiting the receipt of waste generated outside the District;
- governing the maintenance, protection, and use of solid waste collection, disposal, transfer, recycling, or resource recovery facilities;
- governing a program to inspect out-of-state waste; and
- exempting an owner or operator of a solid waste facility from compliance with local zoning requirements.

The draft Plan Update complies with State Plan Goal #2: The SWMD shall reduce and recycle at least 25 percent of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector and at least 66 percent of the solid waste generated by the industrial sector. SWACO is committed to maintaining its achievement of Goal 2. SWACO also complies with Goal #1: Providing infrastructure for recycling to over 90% of the population.

SWACO primarily funds plan programs and current operations through a Generation Fee of \$5.00 per ton for all solid waste generated within Franklin County and disposed at all Ohio based transfer stations or landfills. SWACO projected the Generation Fee to remain at the current rate of \$5 per ton for the entire planning period.

SWACO will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update and the proposed 2017 District Rules on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Administrative Building, 4239 London Groveport Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

SWACO will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update and the proposed 2017 District Rules from April 22, 2017 until May 22, 2017. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Kyle O'Keefe, SWACO, 4239 London Groveport Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

The draft Plan Update, containing both the existing and proposed set of District Rules, is available for review on SWACO's website at www.swaco.org, and at the following location during normal business hours:

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Administrative Building
4239 London Groveport Road
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Please contact SWACO at 614.871.5100 with any questions about the Plan Update.