


## MEMORANDUM

TO: Shelton Vance  
FROM: Danny Lee   
SUBJECT: Response to DEQ through Headwaters letter  
DATE: 7/10/2019

Walt Dinkelacker provided questions that need to be addressed in order to update the Madison County Solid Waste Plan. Provide is my response to those questions.

1. *Plans to Create/Use of a Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, including recap of work done to-date, current membership, and plans, if any, for future work.*

On February 6, 2012, Mr. Jim McNaughton, representing the Solid Waste Authority, requested a management agreement and loan be approved by the Madison County Board of Supervisors to operate the Solid Waste Authority. The Board of Supervisors, through a majority vote, rejected and disapproved the proposed Agreement and to deny the request for a loan of funds. The rejection of an agreement and funding effectively suspended the Solid Waste Authority.

*a. If the County decides not to continue with use of the Authority, then an explanation/plan of how/if the three (3) municipalities will be involved in future SWMP activities is also needed (including target dates for the plan specifics).*

The Madison County Board of Supervisors submitted a letter to the Mayors of Ridgeland, Flora and Madison requesting their participation in the Madison County Solid Waste Plan. As part of that participation, Madison County recommended the following:

- \* Monitoring and reporting on the type and amount of solid waste generated and projecting futures
- \* Countywide Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day's
- \* Waste Tire Management
- \* Disaster Debris Planning (through Madison County Emergency Management)
- \* Recycling and Waste Reduction

To date, we have received letters from the City of Ridgeland and Town of Flora. Both declined to participate. The City of Madison has not provided a response, but we anticipate a similar response. Therefore, we do not feel a Regional Authority is an option.

Madison County, the City of Ridgeland, and the City of Madison have recently participated in a group sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day and feel that we will continue with this partnership assuming DEQ grants are made available.

2. *Plans to Create a Formal Evaluation Process for Consideration of New or Expanded Facilities, including how the process will be adopted, how public participation will be incorporated, what evaluation process will be used, and how the evaluation of need will be incorporated (including target dates for the plan specifics).*

Madison County has an established process within the Madison County Zoning Ordinance for the consideration of new or expanded facilities.

3. *Plans to Create a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Waste Management Program (including target dates for the plan specifics).*

Madison County has recently entered into an interlocal agreement with the Cities of Ridgeland and Madison to host a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day, which was held on May 25, 2019. This event is open to all of Madison County and will be held twice a year (Spring and Fall), depending on the availability of DEQ Grants. Services provided are the collection of paint, tires, electronics, batteries, documents, oil/gas and other household hazardous waste.

4. *Plans to Establish a Solid Waste Enforcement Office/Officer, including how the Office will address illegal dumping & public outreach, how the Office will develop standardized solid waste ordinances across the County and three (3) municipalities, and how the Office will enforce ordinances (including target dates for the Office specifics).*

Madison County has multiple departments that address illegal dumping and public outreach. The Solid Waste Department provides materials and assistance to groups who want to adopt a road for trash collection, maintains contracts for garbage collection, white good collection and waste tire collection. The Road Department has crews that clean up rights-of-way, streams and ditches throughout Madison County. The Sheriff's office and County Patrol both have the authority to write citations for illegal dumping and or littering. The Planning and Zoning, through the Madison County Zoning Ordinance, has the authority to prohibit illegal dumping and if needed, require the removal of waste material. Because Madison County is actively monitoring and responding to illegal dumping through multiple departments, we do not see a need to establish a Solid Waste Enforcement Officer.

Based on the response Madison County received from The City of Ridgeland and Town of Flora, there will not be a standardized set of ordinances.

5. *Plans to (Re)Establish a Recycling Program, including how the Program will address the statewide 25% waste reduction goal, how the Program will establish a County Recycling/Waste Reduction Coordinator, and what Program evaluation & reporting requirements will be included (including target dates for the Program specifics).*

Based on the response Madison County received from The City of Ridgeland and Town of Flora, there will not be a countywide recycling program that all are a partner. Currently, Madison County provides a recycling drop off area for all Madison County residence to use, the Cities of Ridgeland and Madison have weekly recycling collection and the Town of Flora does not provide a recycling program. With most of the population of Madison County living in Ridgeland and Madison, reaching the 25% waste reduction goal should be attainable.



## Memorandum

**Date:** April 25, 2019  
**To:** Danny Lee, Madison County  
**From:** Walt Dinkelacker  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Management Plan – Items to Address

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Please find a list below of items to be addressed and decisions made by the County in order for Headwaters to draft on your behalf and for your review a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update for submission to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

As you work through the list, please know that we are available to meet and discuss how the items below could be addressed and what options you may want to consider.

1. Plans to Create/Use of a Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, including recap of work done to-date, current membership, and plans, if any, for future work
  - a. If the County decides not to continue with use of the Authority, then an explanation/plan of how/if the three (3) municipalities will be involved in future SWMP activities is also needed (including target dates for the plan specifics).
2. Plans to Create a Formal Evaluation Process for Consideration of New or Expanded Facilities, including how the process will be adopted, how public participation will be incorporated, what evaluation process will be used, and how the evaluation of need will be incorporated (including target dates for the plan specifics).
3. Plans to Create a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Waste Management Program (including target dates for the plan specifics).
4. Plans to Establish a Solid Water Enforcement Office/Officer, including how the Office will address illegal dumping & public outreach, how the Office will develop standardized solid waste ordinances across the County and three (3) municipalities, and how the Office will enforce ordinances (including target dates for the Office specifics).

5. Plans to (Re)Establish a Recycling Program, including how the Program will address the statewide 25% waste reduction goal, how the Program will establish a County Recycling/Waste Reduction Coordinator, and what Program evaluation & reporting requirements will be included (including target dates for the Program specifics).

The target dates are crucial for the specifics in each of the items above. Headwaters will use the target dates provided by the County to develop a revised Implementation Schedule for inclusion in the SWMP Update for DEQ.