

## Solid Waste Master Plan Public Comments

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| Commercial Waste & Recycling    | Rather than using gravel or large rocks to fill before construction that bricks or dynamited rocks from building sites be used.  | 37215    |
| Commercial Waste & Recycling    | During a quick review of the plan, I did not find any specifics on institutions, such as Metro Public Schools, the Metro jails or the TDOC prisons within Davidson County. These are not really "Commercial", but I did not know where else to put this comment. In my opinion, there should be specific plans for waste reduction in such institutions which are the responsibility of government. In principle, these can be "mandated" to participate? I will go back to the report and check for this. Thank you so very much for all the thoughtfulness and hard work that has gone into this process.  | 37221    |
| Commercial Waste & Recycling    | I think businesses, including restaurants, would be more likely to recycle and compost if there was some kind of incentive, like a tax credit, even if small. I work part time for a restaurant within the USD and have tried to get them to just start recycling and their complaint/reluctance is the cost, although I don't even know how much it would cost them, and the lack of space for an additional dumpster for recycling. I'll keep trying though!   | 37203    |
| Commercial Waste & Recycling    | Please consider bio plastic which is a far better alternative than regular plastic.  | 37209    |
| Commercial Waste & Recycling    | In reference to commercial waste and recycling, please demand that our grocery stores and other retail shops no longer use plastic bags.   | 37221    |
| Construction & Demolition Waste | Legislation that demolition include marble removal for reuse. Shameful to waste this limited resource.   | 37215    |
| Construction & Demolition Waste | Going forward all construction should be as green as possible, which will save money in the long run. This is also where education in recycling and passive design in architecture would be key. You can already see lovely neighborhoods that have been subjected to over-building. That has already caused severe and costly flooding in an East Nashville neighborhood where the sewer line backed up into multiple houses due to a downpour of rain. There are several areas in Green Hills that are very likely headed for the same disasters. And downtown, very likely to flood again as there is no green space, only concrete. I think it would be very wise to enhance the riverfront area, restrict traffic to only pedestrians or bicycles, and bring in small local specialty stores. | 37221    |
| Curbside Recycling              | I would like weekly recycling pickup. Zip code: 37206  |          |
| Curbside Recycling              | The majority of my trash is plastic, and I'm sure this is true for many Nashville families. If we could give the machines necessary to process plastic to our recycling facilities that take in curbside recycling we would decrease the plastic in our landfills.   | 37013    |
| Curbside Recycling              | It would be great to have weekly pick up   | 37209    |

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| Curbside Recycling | Nashville is decades behind the times for being a "progressive" city. We need to have recycling pickup at least biweekly and glass needs to be accepted. Many residents of this city will not put in that extra effort to drop off glass at recycling centers. Also, the city needs to do more outreach (mailers, etc.) to achieve compliance. I would pay for these services in order to have a 21st century recycling program.  | 37212    |
| Curbside Recycling | Funding for weekly recycling pickup (curbside) would be highly beneficial to the city. The bi-monthly pickup is extremely convenient, but additional pickup would allow for more recycling to be done. I find in my household that our recycling bin fills up just as much as our waste bin each week. With busy schedules, it is hard to find the time to take our additional recyclables that don't fit in the recycling bin to recycling facilities. These additional recyclables end up either accumulating in the garage, or if we run out of space, we end up putting it in the waste bin. I know there are greater funding necessities for the Nashville area at this time, but it is food for thought when greater funding is achieved in the future that would allow for weekly curbside recycling. Thank you!                                   | 37209    |
| Curbside Recycling | I would love to have recycling picked up more than once a month! This would prevent people from putting recyclable items in their garbage cans. Compost pickup would also help! Lastly, I do think that businesses and residents should be required to recycle (and fined if they don't).   | 37209    |
| Curbside Recycling | we need it!!!!!!  | 37218    |
| Curbside Recycling | specific dos and don'ts should be sent to all Metro households annually to help educate and reduce contamination of waste. Also, a printable PDF sign with that info would be good to help a homeowner post such information. Recycling should be done twice a month. Otherwise, some households should be given 3 bins to help avoid the smashing that is done to get an entire month of recyclables.  | 37205    |
| Curbside Recycling | A significant amount of items we use in our homes are recyclable. I would really LOVE to see recycling being picked up more than once a month at home. I would also love to see more facilities that accept plastic bags and styrofoam. I am always noticing that my local grocery stores have plastic bag recycling containers that are literally overflowing, with plastic bags blowing all over the parking lot. I cannot find a styrofoam recycling facility anywhere and I have a garage full of it right now because I have been saving it all for a year. We could save hundreds even, thousands, of tons of waste from entering our landfills if we made recycling more accessible to everyone. I have to make at least three trips a month to facilities to recycle boxes, glass bottles, and plastics that don't fit in recycling bins at home. | 37115    |

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| Curbside Recycling  | Have glass and recycling picked up every two weeks. SO MUCH waste is actually recyclable, and with education, we can get people sorting correctly, which would create a demand for more recycling and less trash pick up.  | 37212    |
| Curbside Recycling  | Prioritized wish list for recycling: 1) It would be great if the city could go around and adhere updated recycling instruction labels to the lids. It would help adherence, particularly with all the AirBNBs around. 2)Having the recycling come every 2 weeks would be nice. That being said, with the finite buckets of money the city has and if it was a one or the other situation, I would rather have Nashville continue to recycle materials (at a financial loss) and pick up monthly, or spend the money on labels to improve efficiency.   | 37209    |
| Curbside Recycling  | We are so thankful that Davidson County offers curbside recycling, and think that Nashville could benefit from more frequent recycling pick-ups being a priority in our budget!  | 37209    |
| Curbside Recycling  | We have two house in Florida and both generate very little trash. Why? Recycling pickup is twice a week and they take a lot more material, such as glass (bottles and jars). Not sure why we don't increase pickup and recycle more material.  | 37205    |
| Curbside Recycling  | Please add our area, which is in Davidson County and pays Davidson County taxes, to the service area. We currently having to pay 600\$/yr for trash pickup and recycling! (Granny Wright Lane/Thoroughbred/Palomino). Most neighbors do not recycle because of the cost, which is a true shame, and even we are starting to reconsider.  | 37076    |
| Curbside Recycling  | I strongly support the SAYT approach. However, I am not sure that yard waste (I am thinking of tree branches especially) will fit in a bin.  | 37212    |
| Fees and Fees for Service (such as charging residents or businesses for glass/organics collection or other additional services) | I don't think that residents or businesses should be charged for glass/organics collection. Rather, they should be charged proportionally for the amount of garbage that is picked up from their address. For example, in Gainesville, FL, residents choose the size of garbage container (ranging from 35-96 gal) and pay an incrementally larger monthly fee as the size of the can increases. If residents have additional garbage that doesn't fit in the can, they can purchase yellow bags to place outside the bin for pick up. <a href="http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PublicWorks/ProgramsandServices/Recycling/GarbageCarts.aspx">http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PublicWorks/ProgramsandServices/Recycling/GarbageCarts.aspx</a> | 37209    |
| General   | Use trucks to promote recycling messages like "We Recycle Together" or something similar. Place restrictive lids (round for cans/slit for paper, etc.) on recycling containers in public areas. Direct people to HUB Nashville. Promote school based education programs using art.   |          |
| General   | What measures are you taking to reduce waste at the start. For example, ban straws and plastic bags, collect feedback on zero waste comments electronically  |          |

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| General          | <p>Things I am excited about/thin are highest priority: 1. C&amp;D recycling deposit. 2 Commercial food reuse/compost. 3. Every other week recycling pickup. 4. Long-term regional efforts to recycle/use recyclables to offset tax costs. 5. Expanded compost drop-off at convenience centers. 6. Pay as you throw (especially if applies to commercial partners). Would also like to see incentives for businesses to reduce (even recycling/composting. Can Metro open a zero-waste/package-free grocery store??</p>   |          |
| General Comments | <p>Page 15 Table 2-3<br/>           Why do we not have data for the C&amp;D Landfill from Waste Management?<br/>           Page 20 Figure 3-4 Should be labeled "Combined USD &amp; GSD"?<br/>           Page 37 Figure 6-3. Plan Phases.<br/>           Phase 1 HP6. What is meant by Code Support?<br/>           Phase 1 HP2- Is there a cost analysis that achieved the \$24,120,000 price tag?<br/>           HP 4 references enforcement of mandates and bans. What would be mandated and banned at this point? Should this start in phase 1 as we already have some bans that are not at all enforced- Commercial cardboard is the most impactful and non-compliance is the norm.<br/>           HP9 References improved access to convenience sites. Does this not make sense to include in Phase 1 as we begin to educate so the action can be carried through?<br/>           HP 14- Can organics be mandated for C&amp;D sites? The landfill on Ashland City highway contains a significant enough portion of organics to attract birds, flies and vermin. It smells like a poorly managed Windrowed Composting site, not a C&amp;D landfill.<br/>           Page 48 ZW14 &amp; ZW18- this is late in the game to support the infrastructure needed to implement the previous actions. Look at Bridgeport CT.<br/>           Page 53 &amp; 55<br/>           Biosolids are called a difficult and costly material to manage yet including food scraps in the Wet AD which would increase the output is recommended??? Not considered a best practice in this field- defer to Solid Waste Professors around the nation- at UT Shawn Hawkins.<br/>           If highest and best use principles are employed food waste would be processed with high value, high demand outputs without creating further environmental repercussions. This is CASP composting and AD in the Middle TN climate. Triple Bottom Line Approach.<br/>           Page 67. Tipping Fees for Surcharges and Discounts- The real cost of processing is considerable... more than double the current tip fees.<br/>           Page 67. FYI- TDEC Material Management Grants are on hold as they devise a more user friendly system for grantees.</p> |          |

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| General Comments | <p>Not sure what this form is for....it doesn't say anything at all! Are you looking for recycling options? Metro needs public education on how to recycle and how to use the kirby bins for one. Kirby also needs to get way better at pick up. They haven't picked up mine at all for the last two months...even though they are supposed to come at the first thursday of the month...they are not consistent. Also, because no one knows that metro does have recycling centers and a dump for mattresses, no one seems to know this and this waste ends up on the side of roads. as for fees, you can't charge people because kirby doesn't pick glass up, and on top of this, the city is too inconsistent with pick up times. Fees need to go to people leaving trash on the side of the roads, like couches and mattresses...also go after junk collectors, who get paid to pick up junk, and then dump it on roadways and illegally dumping in private dumpsters.</p> | 37217    |
| General Comments | <p>The master plan online looks like an involved internal document not meant for the general population. The index alone is overwhelming. To be realistic, most people will not read a fraction of that. I think you will get a much greater response by creating a condensed version for the general public and then offer links to more detailed information if they choose to dig deeper. As is, I didn't get very far at all before bailing out. I think many others will do the same and probably not take the time to tell you. I hope you don't take this as a complaint but find this helpful. Robert Stapleton</p>  | 37211    |
| General Comments | <p>Typical liberal government nonsense. After saying 67% of the waste is commercial, you sock 80% of the cost to residents because you can push us around without affecting your big downtown donors. You're all crooked.</p>  | 37211    |
| General Comments | <p>I think the overall draft is a good one. However, I noticed there isn't any waste to energy discussion in the draft. Recently in the Minneapolis airport I noticed that they had trash receptacles indicating that the trash would be converted to energy and not go into the landfill. I found some info about that program here:<a href="https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/facilities/hennepin-energy-recovery-center">https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/facilities/hennepin-energy-recovery-center</a> I think a waste to energy program would really help in the zero waste goals of Nashville. If Minneapolis can do it, we certainly can!</p>   | 37206    |
| General Comments | <p>As apart of Metro's education/social media agendas, community trash pick ups and adopt a highway type events should be encouraged and more widely publicized.</p>   | 37203    |

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| General Comments   | You are not allowing enough time to make public comments. The draft plan is 70 some odd pages to read and digest. There was NOT a plan for an exhaustive list of thing that can be recycled. You are not communicating effectively. If you don't start communicating effectively the plan will fail and be over budget. Effective communication includes all citizens with numerous avenues, email, postal mail, social media, etc. AND enough time to comment given the size of the plan and legislation to be considered. The master plan draft was dated in March, so why did I receive it in late May. You must increase the public comment period unless you think your plan is perfect, ha, ha, it is not. There are a lot of good ideas in Davidson County, why not avail yourself to a great plan instead of a fair one? | 37214    |
| General Comments   | I attended the 21st of may meeting. I picked up the summary at that time. We need to put a value on the so called waste. To most throwing it away is free. If there was a Tennessee deposit on all food and drink containers, it would help. Nashville work Tennessee laws and regulations and with coordinate with Greater Nashville Regional Council's (GNRC) plan. I like what the plan has, but I see some business interests with opposing aims. We must make it cost efficient compared to dumping all of it into landfills  | 37211    |
| General Comments   | I did not see anything in it about composting in Metro School cafeterias. I know the trays they use (or at least used a year ago) are compostable. There should be at least 2 trial schools at each level (elementary, middle, and high school) immediately, with a goal of 100% of schools in 5 years or less.  | 37205    |
| Glass Collection   | I would like residential recycling to include glass  | 37216    |
| Glass Collection   | Would love to be able to recycle glass curbside  | 37210    |
| Glass Collection   | We should recycle more types of materials  | 37189    |
| Glass Collection   | It astounds me that we can't put glass in our recycling bins, especially since the county recycles glass already, it just doesn't pick it up. That needs to change.  | 37216    |
| Glass Collection   | We so badly need glass recycling at the curbside! We also need weekly recycling.. not just monthly as currently provided by my hauler. Can we please ban plastic bags!!! Their use is the state is obscene. I come from the northwest where you are required to bring your own bags or purchase a paper bag. It's awesome and nobody complains. Thank you  | 37211    |
| Legislation (how would you like Metro Code changed to support waste reduction) | Phase out and then forbid all styrofoam food and beverage containers. Unless there's a way to recycle them??   | 37221    |
| Legislation (how would you like Metro Code changed to support waste reduction) | See above suggestions.   | 37215    |

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| Legislation (how would you like Metro Code changed to support waste reduction) | Charge fees... if residential or businesses don't comply. Another great summer job. So could check most of city right away. 2. Show the film to all. Clubs - rotary, lions club, garden clubs through horticultural society at Cheekwood.   | 37215    |
| Legislation (how would you like Metro Code changed to support waste reduction) | I want Metro to require businesses to recycle or do something to encourage them to stop using single-use plastics. Especially restaurants and bars that create a lot of unnecessary single-use plastics!! This is a major problem in this area. It like they think it's hip to not wash dishes and instead provide only single-use plastics for dining in. Disgusting! If you can't require them to do this, can you explore providing an incentive for them to either use reusables or compostable plastics and start composting?  | 37216    |
| Legislation (how would you like Metro Code changed to support waste reduction) | I want Metro to enact a deconstruction ordinance similar to the one that Portland Oregon enacted.: <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70643">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70643</a> . These greedy construction & development companies are not only ruining the character of Nashville and taking away affordable housing they are filling up our landfill unnecessarily. Disgusting! We need to slow down the amount of waste going to our landfill from construction and reuse whatever we can in new construction!   | 37216    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle)               | I'm from DC, where we have a bag tax for plastic bags. It costs 5 cents a bag, the purpose of which is to encourage the use of reusable shopping/grocery bags. It's enforced everywhere, from retail stores to carry out, and the profit from the tax goes towards restoring the river. the tax causes people to think about the bags every time they shop, because they are asked about them as they make purchases. Mandates are good tools to shift culture.   | 37206    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle)               | I do not currently live within Nashville city limits, but I did last year. I was renting an apartment in the Hermitage area. I quickly noticed that my apartment didn't have any sort of recycling program available. I find that to be a common theme among apartments after asking my colleagues and friends. I'd go to drop off my trash in the compactor and it would be overflowing with all kinds of waste. Tons of materials that could be recycled. But since recycling wasn't offered, and making an extra trip to the drop off center isn't always convenient, everyone just threw everything away. This could all be changed with mandating multi-family dwellings to actively take part in a recycling program. I don't know if this means expanding Nashville's pick up routes into the GSD (expensive), but something should change here. Nashville's diversion rate should be higher than it is. | 37015    |

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| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | I think we should require the bars and restaurants to recycle and compost. There should be an expectation for businesses to reduce a certain percentage of landfill contributions over a period of time (ex 50% over 6 months). After that period if they don't meet the mandate they should be fined or taxed. A portion of that taxed income should fund periodic trash audits to ensure the businesses are reducing their large contributions of trash and methane in our landfills.   | 37013    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | I live in an apartment building in the heart of downtown Nashville. We have two small dumpsters and almost all of the tenants throw away their cardboard. We have no recycling options. Our building inhabitants do so much online shopping, myself included, that not having cardboard recycling is really troubling. I make trips to the convenience centers, but that's a major barrier for many. Please require commercial entities to recycle or provide more recycling drop-offs for those of us in the urban center. If the complexes in Germantown can recycle, our building on Capitol Hill surely can, it's merely the unwanted expenditure that's preventing it. | 37203    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | In Seattle 30 years ago...pick up of food waste happening. 2. Fines were given if didn't separate recycling correctly. 3. New York has food recycling now. 4. Apartment buildings new and old must have City Council institute a law to have recycling on property .. with clear instructions such as clean cans, bottles & no plastic bags. 5. Are dry cleaners still recycling the plastic dry cleaning bags and coat hangers?  | 37215    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | Can Metro mandate waste reduction from schools, jails, rehab centers, prisons and other government operations? I may have missed this in the document. For jails and prisons this could generate internal jobs for inmates. (Carceral institutions try to have jobs for inmates for multiple ends)  | 37221    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | I would love to see more options for recycling (including pick-up for glass and plastic containers), as well as a food waste/compost program!   | 37209    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | Mandated recycling can help take waste from the landfill sites.   | 37189    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | Change the mindset by making recycling standard weekly pickup and charge per can of trash. Incentives residents to recycle weekly to avoid paying the per can of trash fee.   | 37206    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | I 100% support residents and businesses being required to pay for their trash that goes into a landfill. I've seen this work in other cities like Seattle where residents pay for trash and recycling is free. The amount they pay is based on how much trash they consume and the fees are very high, which forces residents to instead recycle.   | 37216    |



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| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | The old "Tennessee Trash" video got the attention of children. We need strict laws for waste and recycling, Let us know what can be made with recycle material. This would get the attention of schools and children would collect for certain programs that would benefit their school or classroom. Adopt a highway can be encouraged more.   | 37076    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | On trash day when I go by peoples houses and see cardboard and water bottles sticking out of the trash cans, I think we could do more to educate these people on recycling. It's like they just don care.   | 37211    |
| Mandates (such as requiring businesses and residents to recycle) | There should be a mandate to restaurants and grocery stores to either compost or donate leftover goods. This mandate would need to be supported by a local effort to pick up the reusable items and distribute or compost them properly. There are several composting businesses in Nashville currently and many service organizations that work to distribute food to those in need  | 37221    |
| Multi-family Recycling   | I do not currently live within Nashville city limits, but I did last year. I was renting an apartment in the Hermitage area. I quickly noticed that my apartment didn't have any sort of recycling program available. I find that to be a common theme among apartments after asking my colleagues and friends. I'd go to drop off my trash in the compactor and it would be overflowing with all kinds of waste. Tons of materials that could be recycled. But since recycling wasn't offered, and making an extra trip to the drop off center isn't always convenient, everyone just threw everything away. This could all be changed with mandating multi-family dwellings to actively take part in a recycling program. I don't know if this means expanding Nashville's pick up routes into the GSD (expensive), but something should change here. Nashville's diversion rate should be higher than it is. | 37015    |
| Multi-family Recycling   | Recycling at multi family apartment communities. We should follow other cities like Dallas and Orlando by making apartment communities offer residents the option to recycle. This alone could cut up to 40% of waste generated at these communities. Every year there are more apartments being built, we need to do something to start getting them to recycle.   | 37203    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection                                 | Please consider adding a composting program to Nashville's solid waste plan. Over 1/3 or Nashville's waste is organic material so it can be diverted from landfills saving space and reducing odors. These materials can be composted creating a valuable product. Lets make Middle Tennessee cleaner with increased recycling an composting of organic waste   |          |
| Organics (food waste) Collection                                 | Please consider a composting program as part of your solid waste plan. This would reduce landfill waste and also the methane emissions which contribute to global warming   |          |
| Organics (food waste) Collection                                 | Why are you not including composting in the solid waste plan? It would obviously turn a problem in to a resource as well as divert over 1/3 of our waste stream away from landfills. Seriously consider this.   |          |

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| Organics (food waste) Collection | Would love to see municipal composting and a requirement or incentive for restaurants to separate food waste   | 37210    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | Please institute residential pick up of organic waste. If they can do this in San Antonio we can do it here.   | 37205    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | I would LOVE it if Nashville had a more accessible composting program. And for the drop off sites, if they could be open a little later than work hours, that would be awesome. It's just 8-4:30 and i can never make it.  | 37215    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | HI! I am currently paying a service to come collect my compostable material. I would really love for Metro to offer this as a service. I know you offer drop off locations, but there are not many. Food waste is such an easy thing to separate, and we could help support our local farmers and gardens.   | 37203    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | If people have a yard. Food waste can be buried. ( not meat based) Easy way is dig a hole large enough for a five gallon bucket. 2. Cut bottom of bucket off ( I suspect a hardware store can do this or, have high school students do this as a summer job. 3. Bury the bucket. Use the lid to cover with a rock on the lid to keep animals out. THIS will replete the soil.  | 37215    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | Please include kitchen compost containers with the roll-off of the 3 bin system  |          |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | a community compost could be good  | 37209    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | Mandate HOAs to allow backyard gardening and composting. Provide incentives for composting. Rainwater collection systems: provide incentives by giving discounts on rain collectors. Mandate curbside garbage pickup to include recycling without additional costs. Ive often heard that even when you pay for recycling separate, "it all gets dumped into the same landfill" so why would we pay for something extra when it won't make a difference.  | 37211    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | I recently visited Seattle and they have a program going where the main disposal is composting. It has conditioned people to buy biodegradable products and makes people consider their purchases. They had three containers: 1 (largest) compost - food scraps, biodegradable products 2 (medium sized) recycling - plastics, glass, etc... and 3 (smallest) garbage. You are limited to one container of garbage a week (you cannot put a bag of garbage along side the container). I was amazed at how little garbage they actually had at the end of the week. | 37204    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | We would pay a monthly amount to support organics waste collection. We currently pay for weekly pickup from a private company, but would love to see it go city wide. It cuts down on so much room in the trash, and also makes us more aware of how much waste we create.   | 37212    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | There should be curbside compost pickup.   | 37207    |
| Organics (food waste) Collection | Instead of businesses/restaurants throwing away their food scrapes, how about implementing incentives for them if they donate leftover food to homeless shelters.  | 37203    |

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| Other Disposal Options | Number one Nashville and TN is 40 years behinds other parts of the country in Zero waste and recycling. Example why not separate at the source like (home and business) Why aren't all businesses required to separate such as all bars and restaurants, they get away with well waste and you collect. NO CHARGE   | 37221    |
| Residential Recycling  | I would like to be a part of the upcoming neighborhood recycling ambassador program when that is in place! Zip code: 37206  |          |
| Residential Recycling  | For the past 5 years, my household has produced more recycling than trash each week, yet trash gets picked up 4 more times than recycling. As the ratio of trash to recycling continues to decrease, it would be very helpful for the recycling containers to be picked up more often. Thank you!   | 37216    |
| Residential Recycling  | Please allow for residential recycling to be picked up more frequently. Even bi-weekly would be a huge improvement, as once a month is simply not enough. Thank you!  | 37212    |
| Residential Recycling  | I think that residential recycling should receive the funding to increase frequency in pickups. Additionally, I think glass should be picked at the curb.   | 37214    |
| Residential Recycling  | Please pick up residential recycling more often! Our household of 2 adults usually more than fills 3 recycling bins each month; in fact, as of today (3 weeks before next pickup), all 3 of our bins are full! Our trash bin is picked up weekly and is usually only 1/4 or 1/2 full at pickup time, so I'd prefer more frequent recycling pickup offset by less-frequent trash pickup.   | 37206    |
| Residential Recycling  | I would like to strongly propose increasing the frequency of residential recycling pickup. Ideally, it would be weekly along with regular trash. Other cities do this and Nashville needs to encourage and support more responsible waste management. Thanks for your time and listening!   | 37209    |
| Residential Recycling  | I would like to see the recycling truck pick up at my home every two weeks instead of once a month. I live alone, yet I fill the bin each month because I believe we should recycle. Sometimes I have to hold my recycling in the house because the bin is already filled. PLEASE.  | 37211    |
| Residential Recycling  | Increasing the frequency of recycling pick-up may encourage folx to recycle more. Our bin is filled the week following pick-up, and the rest of the month we try to store what we can until it's time.  | 37212    |
| Residential Recycling  | Having lived in California when the waste dumps became full & recycling became mandatory I can't stress enough that recycling can work & should work in Nashville and surrounding areas. It distresses me every recycling day when there are so few bins out for recycling while on trash days, trash bins are overflowing and items that could be recycled such as cardboard boxes are propped by the trash can for trash pick-up. | 37076    |

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| Residential Recycling         | Please start a public information campaign to improve recycling. Rates are really low here. Also I'd like to see fees for plastic bags and laws against plastic straws. I go without both.   | 37205    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | With many new apartment complexes, if recycling bins were kept on site, much more could be recycled! It would helpful to have access to recycling, Id be willing to pay!   | 37208    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | My apartment community (Cortland Bellevue) does not offer recycling - everything goes into the same trash compactor. I'm concerned by how much waste is being generated and that recycling is not a priority for the landlord. I'm going to speak to them and see if they are open to change. I also wonder why there is not more of a mandate, or incentive, for apartment communities like mine to recycle. Thank You. - Jordan L.   | 37209    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | I've read several articles and conceptually understand why the city doesn't do curbside/apartment collection of glass. It's disappointing in a growing metropolis where an average 94 people move daily. Since most cities large and small nationwide do offer co-mingled recycling, many of our newer residents (including me at the beginning) aren't aware of the policy. Sadly the same is true of long-time residents. My boss has lived here for more than a decade and when I told her, she was shocked. Until this week, she always put her glass in with everything else. As I understand, that means even when folks have the good intention to recycle, they are ruining the whole batch. It's even worse in large apartment complexes and businesses. I've been told there's an education campaign, but I haven't seen any evidence of that. Please help keep Nashville modern, clean and green! | 37203    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | THANK YOU for your hard work on this project! Nashville needs more accessible recycling-- without widespread, comingled curbside pickup, individuals are less likely to recycle at all. Additionally, the site by Lipscomb, over by Hillsboro High School, gets so full that it's overflowing, and even though it's cost-effective to have individuals drop off their own recyclables, it's inefficient b/c everyone has to drive separately to drop off their recycling, and it's inaccessible for Nashvillians who do not have cars. A friend of mine bikes everywhere and it's very hard for her to recycle because she doesn't have a car. The places I have lived that had the most successful recycling programs used comingled curbside pickup. People are lazy. If recycling is hard, they'll just keep tossing recyclables in the trash. Thank you for your time!!                                  | 37215    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | I would like an ordinance for all rental properties to require recycling receptacles on site. In large complexes like the one I live, so much is wasted because residents won't put forth the effort to recycle individually. I believe it is part of a landlord's duty to offer this service, and while I can't enforce individual residents to recycle, I do believe they should have the option since if we were home owners we could purchase city recycling bins. Please help!  | 37215    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | Need easy to do action steps to implement in various neighborhoods especially apartments.  |          |

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| Residential Waste & Recycling | <p>Sorry I don't have time to read the entire draft but wanted to input suggestions. The bins need to be bright green, blue and brown. Bright easily distinguished colors so people know what goes where. Stickers on the inside of the bins to tell what goes in and doesn't. If a bin gets damaged it needs to be replaced free of charge. Large blue bin for recycling, Large green bin for yard waste and compost, smaller brown bin for trash. Institute regular pick up for bulk trash or place large dumpster locations a few times a year for no questions asked dumping. Allow scheduled bulky pickup online for a small fee. Send mailers to people to let them know when bulk drop off will be. Educate them on where they can dispose of old paint cans etc. This is exactly the system used by the Oakland/Berkeley areas of California and it works really great.</p> | 37208    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | <p>Somehow it needs to be clear to people when they get their trash can and recycle bin that they cannot leave dirty items in there, they must clean them, and not to put glass in there since we don't recycle it, which is a whole other issue. A lot of our recycling isn't being recycled because people don't pay attention. Fines should be given or something!</p>   | 37216    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | <p>I'm already an avid recycler, and recently a compostor, and the biggest complaint I hear from people who don't recycle is that it's not convenient for them. Whether that's because they aren't within the USD where pickup is included with their taxes, or they don't know they can get a cart for free. I'm pleased with the changes already announced for the near future to increase recycling pickup. I imagine in heavy recycling areas, trash pickup could likely be less frequent. I typically only have 1 bag of trash a week, maybe, so I could handle biweekly pickups. Granted I'm a single person with no kids so I don't generate a lot of trash. So I think Community Outreach and Education will be huge.</p>   | 37203    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | <p>have a convenient way to recycle where it can also be nearby , mainly for the larger things that should be recycled. most residents throw it in the trash due to the convenience</p>   | 37209    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | <p>I have lived in a lot of places and Nashville is the absolute worst on recycling. In Boston recycling comes three times a week, here it is ONCE A MONTH! That's crazy! I went out to lunch today and the place had no recycling at all. How are we going to get to zero waste if we are requiring constant waste now?</p>  | 37209    |

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| Residential Waste & Recycling | FYI, Metro Public Works is not following their policy for multifamily residences consistently. They approved my townhome development in 2003 and 2006 with no dumpsters and have recently decided to discontinue cart service, which they've been providing for 13 years. We have nowhere to put dumpsters, are in USD, and pay taxes as single family homes. So now we have to pay for private cart service. Meanwhile, I know of at least one development in East Nashville with 8-10 units connected that still receive cart service. They also don't have dumpsters. So this zero waste plan isn't accurate either, based on what Public Works is actually doing. If Public Works doesn't currently follow the "plan" they have, how are they supposed to carry out a new plan? There needs to be accountability in the system (in my opinion, the director should be voted in, not appointed as a permanent position). Homeowners need to be alerted when their USD services are being audited so they can have a say in the process before services they pay taxes for are taken away. | 37211    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | Curbside pickup more than once a month is too much for most people unless more categories will be recycled.  | 37205    |
| Residential Waste & Recycling | When I lived in East Nashville, trash and recycling were picked up regularly, without extra cost. All of our neighbors recycled. Now we live in south Nashville out of the metro service area, and it is not only difficult to find someone to pick up recycling but it costs even more than trash pick up. Hardly any of the neighbors here recycle which I find appalling. We need to find a way to make it more affordable and accessible so more people recycle. I also believe more education is needed on recycling.   | 37211    |

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| Residential Waste & Recycling     | <p>I work for several families &amp; encourage recycling &amp; do my best to ensure their items that can be recycled get recycled. I also take a lot of glass to the Hillsboro High School area Convenience Center. I am involved with over 20 area rental properties. When new tenants move in, I give them a typed information sheet that includes trash &amp; recycling days, &amp; a link to your Public Works site. Overall, most people are unfamiliar with recycling details, such as washing food containers first. At the Convenience Center, I see people stunned that they cannot put an intact cardboard box in the designated metal bin. There is nothing in your hard - to - read grey, faint type of this Report, that details how you're going to educate Metro households about how to recycle. Can the Convenience Center metal bins include stickers that educate how to recycle? If I had not found a detail on the Nextdoor about how pieces under two - inches, such as loose bottle caps, cannot be included, I would haven't known this. I saw on Nextdoor that you offer classes at the Metro Recycling Center. When I called for information I was dismayed these classes were only available during the Monday - Friday work days. Could you offer Saturday classes instead or one Saturday a month? Could you hold classes at the Convenience Centers? What about classes in neighborhoods? Last week I emailed a client in 37205 that her plastic grocery bags were not allowed in her recycling bin. She had no idea. There needs to be a wider range of education out where people live to educate them on how &amp; why to recycle. Your Report &amp; historical methods seem to be based on not meeting people where they live. The green residential bins don't include the informative stickers anymore.</p> | 37115    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>Education campaigns on how recycling is good but reducing and reusing is better! Especially aimed at suburban areas where the built environment influences over consumption. Also encouraging Goodwill to put systems in place where much of the donated item's end up in the landfill.</p>  | 37221    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>Education... Not with a web site. Have every school including private schools (ask sweetly) to have a 30 minute film on what is proper way to recycle and why.. (the landfill is filling up starting at 5 th grade to 12th. Since, the first and last weeks of school do not include instruction due to ' no textbooks' could show a cfilm both weeks. Also, the colleges during orientation could show this. Ask banks. To address this with a zero Ed sheet at each closing.</p>   | 37215    |

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| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>1. In public schools, there is a large amount of food which can be diverted from the waste stream. Also, there is much that can be composted from the cafeterias and elsewhere (eg., paper towels from restrooms). In the cafeteria, there is a lot of plastic use, which cannot be recycled. I believe that much of the plastic can be eliminated. This and other cafeteria waste can be reduced through changing procurement. Cafeterias and cafeteria procedures are not designed for waste reduction. In the schools, much of the plastic utensilware is thrown away with intact plastic sleeves. Many unused napkins are thrown away. The used serving trays and used napkins are compostable, but now are landfilled. I may have missed such issues in the document. 2. Similar opportunities are likely available in other govt institutions, such as jails, rehab centers, prisons (Nashville has several TDOC facilities).</p> | 37221    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>Several of the above all work to reach this goal. Businesses should be required to recycle and penalized with fines if they don't. Similarly, residents who throw away recyclables (especially those with curbside recycling containers) should also be fined. At one point, that was supposed to take effect middle of last year, but clearly, that hasn't happened. Would be nice if trash was not required to be bagged (sans something messy like dog poop), less bags in landfills and they could be reused. Less one-use plastic bottles (more bottle refill filtered water stations everywhere, esp greenways and walkways). Pick up recycling and trash 2x/month, not 1x/month for recycling and every week for trash. Add option for neighborhood composting bins/stations</p>   | 37209    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>Great outline. A simple program I worked w/ the leasing agent at Vista in Germantown - is to have a Goodwill recycling box on the premises. I saw so many nice pieces of furniture being thrown away that I asked Vista management about offering a Goodwill box. That way it will reduce their trash costs. They set it up for a monthly pick up. The box got so full so fast - that it's still on a weekly pick up from Goodwill. The residents feel good about it, it looks good for the apartment, it helps people and the Goodwill. Could you have someone reach out to the other apartment buildings and have them work w/ Goodwill. Then your recycle mattress program would also be a great opportunity with the massive apartment complexes. Keep up the great work!</p>   | 37203    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>Strict laws for businesses regarding packing materials. ( should be biodegradable. ) Outlaw foam packing. Businesses can be recognized for good recycling practices. Strict laws for "fast foods". They should not use foam containers for "takeout".</p>   | 37076    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | <p>This goes along with community and industrial recycling, but people need to be educated on what items can and cannot be recycled. And there should be compost bins at the recycling centers.</p>  | 37221    |



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| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | We could use a much smaller trash can for what that's worth. Between recycling and composting, we only fill up about 1/4 a week.   | 37212    |
| Waste Reducation (Reduce & Reuse) | S33-34. Fee for Single Use Bags (or Ban) - Phase 2 The concern I have with this Bag Ban is the potential hazards of reusable bags. A main issue is food safety. Say I purchase raw beef and carry it in one of my reusable bags. The raw food could have leaked, thus leaving bacteria/e coli in my bag. The next time I use that bag, anything placed in there can be contaminated. With banning plastic bags, comes education on using reusable bags, ie informing people on how to wash their bags/how often to wash. | 37203    |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | Although Metro's Solid Waste Plan calls for Zero Waste by 2050 research shows that this can be achieve in 10-12 years. Please increase composting/recycling incentives to help reach a healthier Nashville sooner than 2050. 528 tons/year to Rutherford County is shameful.   |          |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | Every year Davidson County dumps over 528 tons of trash to the middle point landfill in Rutherford County. The landfill has become a public nuisance affecting local residents health. Nashville should do its part to address this waste problem by creating more recycling, composting and reduction incentives. Nashville could become a national leader as a zero waste city. Please consider expediting Nashville's zero waste goal for a cleaner, healthier Middle Tennessee                                       |          |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | We must move without delay to zero waste in Nashville. 2050 is absurd when other cities have the goal of 2020 and research indicates that zero waste can be accomplished in 10-12 years. Work to close the construction waste loophole and implement recycling, composting mandates. 528 tons of Nashville waste a year to Rutherford County is absurd and shameful  |          |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | We need to achieve zero waste much sooner than 2050. Nashville can and must lead the way for all Tennessee. You have our support   |          |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | Please continue to pursue Zero-Waste in Nashville! Please provide incentives and improvements for compost and recycling services. Please provide incentives and improvements for eliminating food waste for the sake of feeding the poor, sustaining our environment, and generally improving our quality of life.   | 37027    |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | This is a great goal. Nashville needs a lot of education around waste and the 3Rs. TV commercials and radio ads might be a good way to begin education.  | 37209    |
| Zero Waste Goal                   | Wondering if there is an opportunity to connect this effort to the TRUE Zero Waste certification through GBCI. Perhaps a pilot project for a Public Works facility? <a href="https://true.gbci.org/">https://true.gbci.org/</a>  | 37080    |

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| Zero Waste Goal | <p>Nashville and Davidson counties desperately need glass recycling, styrofoam recycling - or if cannot recycle - mandate ban on using styrofoam for restaurants &amp; businesses. Need waste collectors to offer weekly curbside recycling including glass, all recyclables with unlimited number of bins per resident. Need compost/organics pick-up options from waste collection companies, should offer bins/containers to facilitate for residential and business customers. As a new resident of Davidson County, we were surprised and saddened to find a lack of recycling options for glass for residents as well as limits on waste companies willing to pick up recycling and those that do are limited (2X per month), not enough. Schools need education, resources, bins for composting, more recycling options and sustainability /recycle /reuse /compost information, education and local resources. Nashville is leading area of growth but behind other cities leading the way on low-to-no waste and environmentally-progressive-leadership as green-friendly city.</p> | 37076    |
| Zero Waste Goal | <p>Hello! I am trying to read through your beautiful master plan draft, but I am confused on a few things: 1. If this is a draft, when will things start happening? 2. I don't understand most of the jargon in the timeline posted on your website. Is the project on time ahead of schedule, or behind schedule? 3. I love the ideas proposed in Sector 6, especially curb side pick up for organics and charging extra for throwing items in the landfill. 4. What can I do to help this initiative? Thanks, Elise Meade elise.meade01@gmail.com</p>  | 37211    |
| Zero Waste Goal | <p>The Nashville Food Waste Initiative applauds the thought and hard work reflected in the draft Solid Waste Master Plan – it maps a reasonable, long-range approach to Nashville’s waste strategies. Since 2015, NFWI, a pilot project of the Natural Resources Defense Council, has worked to implement high-impact food waste policies, programs and on-the-ground actions. The draft plan reflects best practices for reaching our waste goals, including food scrap recycling, and puts Nashville on a trajectory similar to cities such as Louisville and Austin. Nashville’s current 18% diversion rate is low compared to many cities, however, which necessitates gradual implementation of the plan. Nevertheless, as local landfills reach capacity and the population booms, it is essential that the City embrace actions that reduce waste generation and disposal. This approach promises multiple economic, social, and environmental benefits. These benefits outweigh the costs, which makes the plan a good choice for the City.</p>                                      | 37205    |
| Zero Waste Goal | <p>We should create a power-plant that accepts and burns all our trash and turn it into power. Below is a link to an article that describes how Sweden has accomplished this.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/21/climate/sweden-garbage-used-for-fuel.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/21/climate/sweden-garbage-used-for-fuel.html</a></p>   | 37189    |
| Zero Waste Goal | <p>I hope to servie my area</p>  | 37221    |

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| Zero Waste Goal     | I support zero waste goal. During WW2 it seemed that most things were recycled and we should do that again. Sweden is known for strikingly reducing the trash sent to its landfills. Less than 1 percent of household waste in this Scandinavian country finds its way to landfills, according to Avfall Sverige, the Swedish Waste Management and Recycling association. In Sweden trash heats homes and fuels buses, etc.... Nashville should see what they are doing and see if we could do the same. | 37204           |
| Zero Waste Goal     | Zero Waste Goal efforts should be supported city wide and education is key to this. Schoolchildren need to learn about recycling and composting and can help lead their families to improve. All neighborhoods need a recycling/composting center as well as a community garden and park.  | 37221           |
| Zero Waste Goal     | I love that Nashville is working on this as it is a huge problem in our country and our world! Anything that helps more people and businesses recycle and compost is a great step forward!   | 37206           |

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|                     | <p>I've been reading the solid waste plan. The goals are great, but I am curious on how the plan is to actually reduce the usage in the landfills. Recycling in this country has almost come to a shut down. Recycling centers are closing all around the country. Even before China stopped taking a 1/3 of our recyclables, facilities started shutting down. People and businesses do their due diligence and recycle as much as they can. It could be a thousand times better, though. Especially coming from businesses. Unfortunately, after the bales of recyclables are made in Metro's facility, a majority of those bales end up in the landfills. Because it's too expensive for companies to buy the bales to be recycled. And of course of contamination, too. A lot of people don't realize, after they recycle everything, their effort is almost useless. People are being misinformed or simply not told the truth of what's happening with recycling here and everywhere. I learned a lot by going to the recycling class you offer on Wednesday's at the Waste Management facility. Learning how much ends up in the landfill was devastating. Plus with the constant stream of Climate Change news, all the information is overwhelming, but not shocking, too. We've been trending towards this peril for decades and now we're right on the brink of catastrophe. We all saw what happened with Mayor Briley's beer bottle recycling plan that only lasted a year. That was heartbreaking. It was too expensive to run and glass is one of the hardest items to recycle along with plastic. Only 9% of our plastic scrap in this country is being recycled. That's a disgrace. And our oceans and rivers can tell you how bad the microbeads of plastic is slowly taking over everywhere. The problem with these future plans in Davidson county is really the underlying truth that the majority of these programs, to reduce waste, will still end up in landfills. The recycling centers in this country are very antiquated, too. The United States should be leading the world in every aspect of renewable energy and recycling, but of course we're not because of politics and money. New recycling facilities that are up to date, for example like the ones in Germany, need to built in every state to catch up with our overuse of single use products. I do want all these goals to be achievable and I want to be a part of it in any way. But until new recycling facilities are</p> |                 |

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| Zero Waste Goal     | built as fast as possible, or the costs are lowered to recycle, these goals will not be met until a there's a complete 180 from the direction we are headed. More jobs need to be created for sustainability, too. For example, I would love to be a type of auditor to go to businesses, restaurants, etc... to grade the businesses on their sustainability, like grading a restaurant, and to educate the employees there. To pop in randomly and see if they're up to codes. If something like that existed, it would be extremely beneficial. We need everyone on board in this county and state to reach a zero waste goal. That's extremely hard to do. We have so little time left to reach certain goals. The landfill has less than 10 years to fill up. The carbon dioxide and methane levels are the highest they've been in human history and in 800,000 years. We have less than 10 years now to meet the Paris Agreement goals. This a very critical period in our lifetimes. So count me in on whatever needs to be done. And I hope nation wide, the United States can lead the world for a complete zero waste immediate future. Thanks -Roy Clary | 37215           |

## **BURNT**

16 October 2017

Tiffany Wilmot  
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Nashville TN, 37203

Dear Ms. Wilmot:

We are writing to you as a consultant with CDM Smith. These are our initial comments on the CDM Smith planning process. BURNT requests a meeting with members of the CDM Smith team which was in the original legislation but has not happened. CDM Smith is preparing a solid waste plan by June 2018.

Public Works has created a title for a policy “Zero Waste 2050” before the Regional Board, Livable Nashville Committee, the Regional Solid Waste Board, and in the 2016 Solid Waste Report to the State. Yet, there is no definition of the calendar of activities.

However, there are three primary projects which should be immediate parts of “Zero Waste 2050”. Each was described in a previous planning effort:

- A. Development of Publicly Owned Transfer Station With Material Recycling Capabilities, (*pg, 65, 2007-2008 Solid Waste Update*);
- B. Publicly Owned Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and/or Publicly-Owned C&D recycling Processing Facility, (*pg, 65, 2007-2008 Solid Waste Update*)
- C. Public Works and Metro Government [are] providing assistance to Resource Capture, Inc. to locate an anaerobic digestion facility in Davidson County (*pg. 9, 2016 Report to the State.*)

With these three major elements of “Zero Waste” we could proceed with design and construction of facilities. Public Works consistently pushed “Zero Waste 2050” with the Livable Nashville Committee, (see Planning Document), the 2016 Annual Report on Solid Waste to the State and the Regional Board with no definition of terms.

The proven method to achieve “Zero Waste” is a wet-dry sort. Wet dry sorting can take place at the source or there are machines that can do this centrally. The key is to keep wet waste such as food waste and yard waste from contaminating the dry waste. A wet dry sort maximizes diversion of waste’.

Composting is the key to “Zero Waste”. Composting eliminates waste that creates methane in landfills. The 2016 Solid Waste Report to the State identifies that the state will fund an anaerobic digester. (pg. 9. *2016 Report To the State*)

We commend Metro Public Works for broadening the base of citizen involvement in recycling. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) participation, additional recycling drop offs, a wider education program, and more convenience centers demonstrated broader participation of citizens.

Zero Waste 2050 is widely used but never defined. We have to construct facilities very soon.

Thank you

Bruce Wood  
President



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5 December 2017

John Sherman, Chairman  
Nashville Regional Solid Waste Board

RE: Nashville 2050 Zero Waste Plan

Dear Chairman Sherman:

SOCM is a 45 year old grassroots organization with members in 89 Tennessee counties working on issues around energy, solid waste, water quality, anti-oppression, and civic engagement. BURNT and SOCM are very concerned with your regular practice of not allowing citizen comment at the conclusion of the board meetings. This board meets under state and Metro laws, meets on public property, board members represent governments, and the board works to solve a challenge created by every citizen—solid waste. Most meetings of this board last one hour or less and most years the board meets once a year. Only when there is a pending plan does the board meet more often. With a \$4.1 million planning process, we think it would be advantageous for the board and the consultants to hear from the few citizens who wish to speak. Before you evaluate the effectiveness of the citizens, perhaps you should examine your own history and the history of the board.

You have been chairman for 17 years. This includes "*The 10 Year Solid Waste Update in 2007-2008*". which projected a 60% diversion rate by 2018. Instead, Metro is now diverting about 25%.of the waste. "*The Update*" listed specific projects which would have to be completed to achieve 60% diversion including a construction and demolition waste recycling facility, trial wet-dry recycling, and construction of a transfer station and a MRF. None of this happened. Public Works is planning to complete the Feasibility Study for the transfer station in 2018 within the allotted time. Now, ten years after "*The 2007-2008 10 Year Solid Waste Update*", will you allow the 2017-2018 Plan to be more empty words? Perhaps if the board met more than once a year in-between 10 Year Studies, board development would allow better solution of solid waste challenges. And, allowed citizens to speak.:

We are also concerned that the planning contract with CDM Smith encourages them to earn \$1 million for developing a solid waste plan and then abandon work when it comes to implementation. As we saw with *The 2007-2008 Update*, a plan with good research will go nowhere without determined implementation

Bruce Wood  
President, BURNT



## Smith, Sharon (Public Works)

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**From:** jstern@comcast.net  
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**To:** Tipler, Kelly (Public Works); Smith, Sharon (Public Works)  
**Subject:** Some thoughts on trash

Good Morning Ladies,

The presentation last week has left me with several areas of concern/interest.

First, I am willing to sit down to discuss this, but I would be remiss not to point out the elephant in the room – an extremely small number of community members present. I as well as anybody understands the challenge of exciting or at least creating interest in the topic. It hasn't gotten easier over the past 30 years.

There are some strategies that can be tested, but I think they all lead back to two things, Cost – the impact on their pocketbooks and, Environmental -- appealing to their better side.

You could even talk about social responsibility which means we would need to find a way to manage our waste within Davidson County. Say the word LANDFILL and you could find a way to get any council district excited. Not that I recommend that.

Second, it felt as though you were showing us the strategy that was in place or at least already decided on. I know there were some comment cards and there may have been a completely different meeting format. However, community engagement is more than two words and a dog and pony show. To get people involved in a true give and take session will require getting them there and engaging them along their areas of interest.

Finally, I have learned that China will not be buying solid waste from other Countries, especially from Trade War Trump. If this is, in fact, true, we must reassess our solid waste stream and our ability to divert specific materials from a given landfill.

If nothing else we need to add contingencies to each element of the plan. If we can't dump at X landfill what does that mean to our cost and capacity to transport the material? That is also an issue with C&D landfills.

More later...

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Comments on Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Draft Solid Waste Master Plan  
Nashville Food Waste Initiative  
May 2019

The Nashville Food Waste Initiative (NFWI) already has filed online the following comments in support of the draft Solid Waste Master Plan:

The Nashville Food Waste Initiative applauds the thought and hard work reflected in the draft Solid Waste Master Plan – it maps a reasonable, long-range approach to Nashville’s waste strategies. Since 2015, NFWI, a pilot project of the Natural Resources Defense Council, has worked to implement high-impact food waste policies, programs and on-the-ground actions. The draft plan reflects best practices for reaching our waste goals, including food scrap recycling, and puts Nashville on a trajectory similar to cities such as Louisville and Austin. Nashville’s current 18% diversion rate is low compared to many cities, however, which necessitates gradual implementation of the plan. Nevertheless, as local landfills reach capacity and the population booms, it is essential that the City embrace actions that reduce waste generation and disposal. This approach promises multiple economic, social, and environmental benefits. These benefits outweigh the costs, which makes the plan a good choice for the City.

NFWI also has developed detailed comments on the master plan draft (see attached for comments made directly on the PDF). Please note that we also intend to review and comment on the appendices separately. NFWI generally supports the measured implementation of the strategies outlined in the draft, though we strongly recommend including some commentary on the need to implement strategies incrementally; there should be a considered plan as to how to start with lower-cost and easier-to-implement strategies that will pave the way for additional strategic implementation while considering how to best allocate resources. Below are also some higher-level suggestions about the framing and presentation of certain aspects of the draft plan.

**Introduction and Background:** The plan should start with a fully fleshed out discussion of why the City decided to pursue a zero waste goal and the benefits that can result (including reference to public support for the plan). The value of a zero waste plan is eventually addressed in the draft, but should be addressed earlier. Similarly, it is not until Chapter 10 that the reader is told that the benefits of the plan outweigh the costs. Instead, the reader should understand from the start why the City chose to pursue this approach and why it makes sense.

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NFWI strongly encourages Metro to present the overall costs and benefits whenever the costs are addressed in the Plan.

Thank you for considering NFWI’s comments.



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Dear Ms. Smith:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County (Metro Nashville) *Draft Solid Waste Master Plan: Achieving Zero Waste* (Draft Master Plan), prepared by CDM Smith for Metro Nashville Public Works and the Davidson County Solid Waste Region Board (Solid Waste Board). The purpose of the Draft Master Plan is to evaluate Metro Nashville's existing waste management system and provide options to improve and enhance the system and increase waste reduction and diversion. To develop the plan, Metro Nashville, the Solid Waste Board, and respective contractors have surveyed existing infrastructure in the Middle Tennessee region, conducted a waste and recycling materials characterization study, provided opportunities for extensive stakeholder engagement, and performed research and analysis, resulting in strategic recommendations for Metro Nashville to adopt.

Over the last decade Nashville has experienced unprecedented growth in its population, local economy, tourism and commercial, industrial, retail and residential development. Metro Nashville currently achieves a diversion rate of less than 20% of municipal solid waste stream generated in the county. Since 2008, construction and demolition (C&D) waste generation in Nashville has nearly doubled while C&D waste recycling has decreased to minimal levels. The Draft Master Plan proposes a portfolio of strategies that reflect programs and approaches that communities through North America have successfully implemented, and address the priorities of the Livable Nashville Committee, NashvilleNext, TDEC's 2025 Material Management Plan, the State of Tennessee requirements for 10 Year Solid Waste Plans, and Mayor Dean's Green Ribbon Committee. Strategies included in the Draft Master Plan are divided into three areas;

- **Moving to High Performance (75% diversion):** The High Performance (HP) programs start with the "low-hanging fruit" (i.e.; the high impact strategies that dramatically increase diversion). Mandates and bans are introduced with the HP programs to heighten their impacts and encourage private investment through the creation of new diversion markets.

- **Achieving Zero Waste (90% diversion):** Cutting-edge strategies are needed to move beyond the High Performance level. Zero Waste (ZW) strategies focus on the “bigger stage” (regional market development and state level legislation) and involve cooperative agreements among multiple parties.
- **Build-Up of Supporting Infrastructure:** The HP and ZW strategies of Steps 1 and 2 will divert large quantities of materials away from landfilling toward facilities that will provide composting, recycling and C&D waste processing. Diversion modeling was used to estimate infrastructure needs based on estimated diversion tonnages. Implementation scheduling of infrastructure was made based on the program phasing plan.

TDEC has reviewed the Draft Master Plan and provides the following comments:

**HP5 Education, Page 6-9** – Developing partnerships with businesses and accessing a wide range of media will be important steps in education and outreach. As Metro Nashville begins to develop specific strategies for increasing waste reduction and recycling education, TDEC recommends considering how educational programs will be implemented in Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS).<sup>1</sup> Additionally given that MNPS is a school district that consists of 170 public schools throughout Davidson County, serving 85,989 students, TDEC recommends that the Final Master Plan include specific school-focused language in HP5.<sup>23</sup> Properly engaging and educating youth in the benefits of waste reduction and recycling will be critical to long-term success of implemented initiatives and Metro Nashville’s efforts to move towards Zero Waste.

**HP11 and HP15 Contracted Franchise Zone Collections, Page 6-11** – Franchising offers several proven benefits including increased diversion through unified collection control, reduced collection inefficiencies, and if established properly, pricing advantages. However, the removal of the waste industry’s open-market system potentially takes away businesses’ ability to choose their own haulers, which could result in detrimental impacts to the quality of collection services and/or higher costs associated with provision of unnecessary or poorly suited services for an individual business’s operations.<sup>4</sup> TDEC recommends developing a plan to mitigate these concerns if it moves forward with contracted franchise zone collections.

**HP12 Adding New Materials to the Curbside Recycling Program, Page 6-11** – HP12 addresses the fact that new materials will need to be added to the curbside recycling program to achieve the HP goal of 75% diversion. Added materials considered by HP12 include textiles and glass. Metro Nashville’s recent attempt at a glass recycling pilot in downtown Nashville was suspended due to several factors including cost, contamination, and access for collection. Additionally, glass can act as a significant contaminant in single stream recycling systems. TDEC recommends that as Metro Nashville Public Works pursues strategies for adding new materials to the existing curbside recycling program, they are paired with necessary education and other strategies for mitigating contamination.

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<sup>1</sup> This is briefly mentioned in Section 7 as part of ZW3 – Collaboration with local communities toward region zero waste support.

<sup>2</sup> For more information, please visit <https://www.publicschoolreview.com/tennessee/davidson-county>.

<sup>3</sup> TDEC’s Environmental Education Initiative has worked closely with several Davidson County schools and provides educational resources that address topics such as recycling and composting. For more information, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/opsp-policy-and-sustainable-practices/community-programs-and-services/education-home.html>.

<sup>4</sup> See [https://cbcny.org/sites/default/files/NEWS\\_W360\\_08142014.pdf](https://cbcny.org/sites/default/files/NEWS_W360_08142014.pdf) for a more detailed description of potential concerns which could unintentionally result from franchising of waste and recycling collection.

**HP14 C&D Waste Recycling Deposit System, Page 6-12** – Since C&D is a priority target for Metro Nashville and continues to be a growing waste stream, reducing the overall waste generated by C&D activities should also be considered. TDEC is encouraged by strategies HP8 and HP14 as well as ZW5, which create mechanisms to drive reuse and recycling of C&D waste. Metro Nashville should also consider strategies for reducing, not solely reuse and recycling, the generation of C&D waste, such as incentive programs.

**ZW2: Net Zero/Sustainability Ordinance, Page 7-3** – Requiring Metro Nashville departments to develop Action Plans that encourage waste reduction, recycling and composting is an important part of a successful plan. “Leading by Example” sustainability initiatives have been recognized and implemented by all levels of government, from Federal<sup>5</sup> to state and local levels to demonstrate commitment to the goal. With any initiative, enforcement is vital to success. TDEC recommends that the departmental Action Plans go beyond the encouragement of waste reduction efforts to the requirement of clearly defined waste reduction goals.

**ZW8: Recycling/Organics Collection Compliance and Contamination Ordinance, Page 7-3** – Enforcement of requirements is vital to the success of a plan. Performing frequent route monitoring to determine participation and contamination levels will help to identify areas that require improvement. TDEC recommends Metro Nashville consider advanced education and technical assistance prior to enforcement, and then pairing targeted technical assistance, education and outreach with enforcement in communities and neighborhoods that suffer from poor recycling and organics collection compliance to increase participation and reduce contamination in a way that ensures areas are well equipped with the resources and knowledge necessary to be transformed into zones of compliance.

**ZW10: Multi-Year Public Education Campaign, Page 7-4** – Education is a critical first step in being able to enact change in public behavior. Developing and implementing an education campaign can take several iterations to achieve the highest level of success. TDEC recommends developing an approach for measuring and verifying educational program efficacy relative to the various strategies implemented during the Master Plan’s multi-year effort. This will allow modification of Metro Nashville’s educational approach throughout the duration of the Master Plan’s implementation to ensure efficient and effective use of resources.

**ZW11: Promote “Reduce, Reuse and Repair” as a priority, Page 7-4** – Strategy ZW11 encourages the adoption of zero waste hierarchy principles, with the Action Plan of offering grants to promote establishment of reuse businesses, such as mattress recycling, electronics disassembly, etc. TDEC offers a number of funding opportunities through its Materials Management Program and Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices, some of which are outlined in Section 11, but also includes the Tire Environmental Act Program (TEAP).<sup>6</sup> TDEC looks forward to future opportunities to leverage state and local resources to promote and support development of businesses that increase waste reduction, diversion and recycling.

**ZW16: Support of the Tennessee Materials Marketplace (TMM)** – TMM creates a valuable network of businesses and organizations with the common goal of reducing waste. TDEC agrees the marketplace would benefit from Metro’s support of its mission through various grants. TDEC suggests the expansion of the waste exchange network focus not only on large industry and organizations, but also smaller business, non-governmental organizations, and local government entities that typically have increased flexibility in developing new uses for by-products compared to larger businesses. TDEC also notes that the grant awarded to the U.S.

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<sup>5</sup> For more information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/united-states-2030-food-loss-and-waste-reduction-goal>

<sup>6</sup> The TEAP grant promotes the beneficial reuse of scrap tires. For more information, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/opsp-policy-and-sustainable-practices/community-programs-and-services/tire-environmental-act-program--teap-.html>

Business Council for Sustainable Development to establish the TMM is a three-year grant ending in 2020; prioritization of this strategy as a 2-4 year strategy may be more beneficial for the marketplace.

### **Additional Considerations:**

- A number of the HP and ZW strategies proposed in the Draft Master Plan have a wide range of approaches by which they can be designed, implemented, encouraged, and enforced; specific approaches for strategic design and implementation are not explicitly addressed for many of the strategies in the Draft Master Plan. For example, HP4 which proposes the establishment of a food scrap ban could come in a number of forms, including an outright ban of food scrap disposal across residential and commercial sectors in Nashville or a “phase in” approach by which food waste generators above a certain threshold are required to comply with the food scrap ban.<sup>7</sup> Another example of the range of strategy designs and delivery mechanisms can be found in relation to HP5 “Education”; this could take the form of a general public awareness campaign, work in MNPS to provide in-depth education, resident focused workshops, amongst other approaches. The Draft Master Plan does not address the approach Metro Nashville Public Works will take in designing, implementing, evaluating, enforcing, etc., the various high-level HP and ZW strategies recommended in the Draft Master Plan. TDEC encourages Metro Nashville to include the proposed process that Metro Nashville Public Works will follow for scoping, designing and implementing HP and ZW strategies for implementation in Nashville in the Final Master Plan.
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TDEC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Master Plan. Please note that these comments are not indicative of approval or disapproval of the proposed action or its alternatives, nor should they be interpreted as an indication regarding future funding or permitting decisions by TDEC. Overall, the Draft Master Plan supports our mission to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment. We support Metro Nashville’s efforts to examine long-term approaches to reducing waste in Davidson County. TDEC looks forward to working collaboratively with Metro Nashville to implement their Solid Waste Master Plan.

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<sup>7</sup> Very few cities have outright food scrap bans across commercial and residential sectors, and those cities and states that have moved to adopt food scrap bans in recent years have pursued a “phase in” approach to allow for infrastructure to adapt. For more information on food scrap bans, please visit <https://ilsr.org/rule/food-scrap-ban/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kendra Abkowitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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BURNT submitted timely comments 1-15 on June 6 2019. These comments are submitted on deadline on June 7 2019. There was no specific time deadline set for June 7.

- A. Plastics are an unchecked menace in the ocean, drinking water, and human body. We must learn how to limit their impact on the environment.
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Mark and Sharon,

Turner Construction's Nashville Business Unit would like to offer the following comment on the Solid Waste Master Plan.

"Since establishing waste tracking goals, Turner Construction has diverted three million tons of construction waste from landfills nationwide. Turner supports Metro Nashville's proposed Solid Waste Master Plan: Achieving Zero Waste, which aligns with our corporate goal of 50% construction and demolition material recycled on all projects."

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and for the work you are doing. We look forward to contributing to waste reduction efforts in Nashville.

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