

SOLID WASTE ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: To provide for the adequate collection and disposal of solid waste to meet the needs of the City of North Port's residents and businesses.

Objective 1: The City will continue to implement procedures to ensure that at the time a development permit is issued, adequate solid waste collection and disposal capacity is available or will be available within a reasonable time to serve the development.

Policy 1.1: The following level of service standards are hereby adopted to achieve the objective, and shall be used as the basis for determining the availability of facility capacity and the demand generated by a development:

Residential Collection

- Garbage, recycling, and yard waste at minimum, one time per week

Other Collection

- Bulk Collection, as needed
- Commercial, as needed

For Solid Waste, the following shall be met to satisfy Florida Statute 163.3180 (2) Concurrency Management: consistent with public health and safety, solid waste facilities shall be in place and available to serve new development no later than the issuance by the local government of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent.

Policy 1.2: The City shall continue to utilize the Sarasota County landfill facility or other appropriate facility.

Policy 1.3: The City will continue to coordinate with Sarasota County to ensure capacity is provided at the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex or any other future disposal site used by the City to meet projected needs.

Policy 1.4: A recycling program, such as curbside recycling, will be continued to separate recyclable materials from the residentially and commercially generated solid waste stream to aid in reducing the amount of solid waste disposed in landfills.

Policy 1.5: Curbside yard waste collection and mandatory separation of yard waste from all other solid waste will continue. This alleviates compostable material from being disposed of in landfills.

Objective 2: The City will maintain a five-year schedule of capital improvement needs for solid waste collection and disposal. The schedule will be updated annually in conformance with the review process for the Capital Improvement Element of this City of North Port Comprehensive Plan, henceforth known as "plan," and in accordance with the City's annual budget process.

Policy 2.1: Proposed capital equipment will be evaluated and ranked according to the following priority level guidelines:

Level One - whether the equipment is needed to protect public health and safety, to fulfill the City's commitment to provide facilities and services or to preserve or achieve full use of existing facilities.

Level Two - whether the equipment increases efficiency of use of existing facilities, prevents or reduces future improvement costs, or provides service to developed areas.

Objective 3: The City shall continue to provide an educational program to increase awareness of impacts and costs of solid waste to City users. In addition, the City may examine the impacts of promoting composting in the City, and may develop an educational program for composting, subject to FDEP and other appropriate State and local requirements.

Policy 3.1: The City shall use materials, such as mail-outs, to educate citizens on the issues of solid waste.

Objective 4: The City shall continue to coordinate with appropriate government agencies to improve hazardous waste management.

Policy 4.1: North Port will continue to participate in a county-wide hazardous waste program.

Policy 4.2: The Future Land Use Element, Unified Land Development Code, and the development review process shall continue to take into account the location of all hazardous waste generators with respect to adjacent uses.

Policy 4.3: The North Port Fire Rescue District and Police Department shall continue to identify the location of all hazardous materials in the City and have plans prepared for containment and fire control, consistent with Federal, State and County mandates.

Policy 4.4: The City will assess the benefit of having an interlocal agreement with Sarasota County for the purpose of developing a joint solid waste management program and receiving grant money for elements of this program from the State.