

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION No. R14-03 AC CMS

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A ZERO WASTE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF OBERLIN

WHEREAS, by Resolution R13-02 CMS, the City of Oberlin adopted the 2013 Climate Action Plan which describes how the City and its residents can work together to address the challenges of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the primary strategy in the Waste Management segment of the 2013 Climate Action Plan is to develop and implement a Zero Waste Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee has identified zero waste planning as an important county-wide waste management strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District has contracted with GT Environmental, Inc. on behalf of the City of Oberlin to prepare a Zero Waste Plan for the City which could become a model plan for other communities in Lorain County and in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City's Resource Conservation and Recovery Commission served as the public forum for review and discussion during the development of this Zero Waste Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Commission recognizes that the Zero Waste Plan provides a framework for zero waste but requires further prioritization and implementation planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Oberlin City Council hereby adopts the December, 2013 Zero Waste Plan as prepared by GT Environmental, Inc. for the City of Oberlin as a framework for further prioritization and implementation planning.

SECTION 2. The Zero Waste Plan states, "Zero waste is the City's goal to minimize the final disposal of waste materials as completely and rapidly as possible. This reduction will be achieved using a combination of environmentally sound strategies with an emphasis on education, on source reduction and reuse, and on recycling and composting." The major objectives are to:

- Pursue source reduction and reuse opportunities;
- Increase recycling through an automated cart collection system;
- Increase food scrap recovery for composting; and
- Improve opportunities to recycle household hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, electronics, wood waste, and other difficult to manage materials.

SECTION 3. That in order to meet our goal to achieve 90% waste reduction by 2050 or sooner, the City of Oberlin encourages the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee to continue to support county-wide waste reduction and recycling efforts by:

- a. Providing incentivized community grant funding
- b. Planning and developing organics recovery programs
- c. Expanding collection opportunities for Household Hazardous Waste, electronic wastes and other special wastes
- d. Developing expanded capacity to provide on-site consulting services to businesses and institutions.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee through Mr. Keith Bailey, Director, Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 6. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, or “ to provide timely notification to the Lorain County Solid Waste Policy Committee” and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading: April 7, 2014
2nd Reading: April 21, 2014
3rd Reading: May 5, 2014 (E)

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



H. SCOTT BROADWELL
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 05/06/2014

EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/05/2014