

Planningpallooza

Setting the stage for robust,
engaged, and collaborative support
for local solid and hazardous waste
planning statewide



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Updating Ecology's "vintage" planning guidelines



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Guidelines for Development of Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans and Plan Revisions

February 2010

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Guidelines for Developing and Updating Local Hazardous Waste Plans

Revised February 2010
Publication #10-07-006

2010 Highlights

- Apple introduces first Ipad
- **BP's *Deepwater Horizon* offshore oil platform explodes**
- Mark Zuckerberg named *Time* Person of the Year
- **Winter Olympics held in Vancouver BC**
- Swine flu pandemic had us all wearing masks.
- ***Lost* series finale disappointed everyone.**

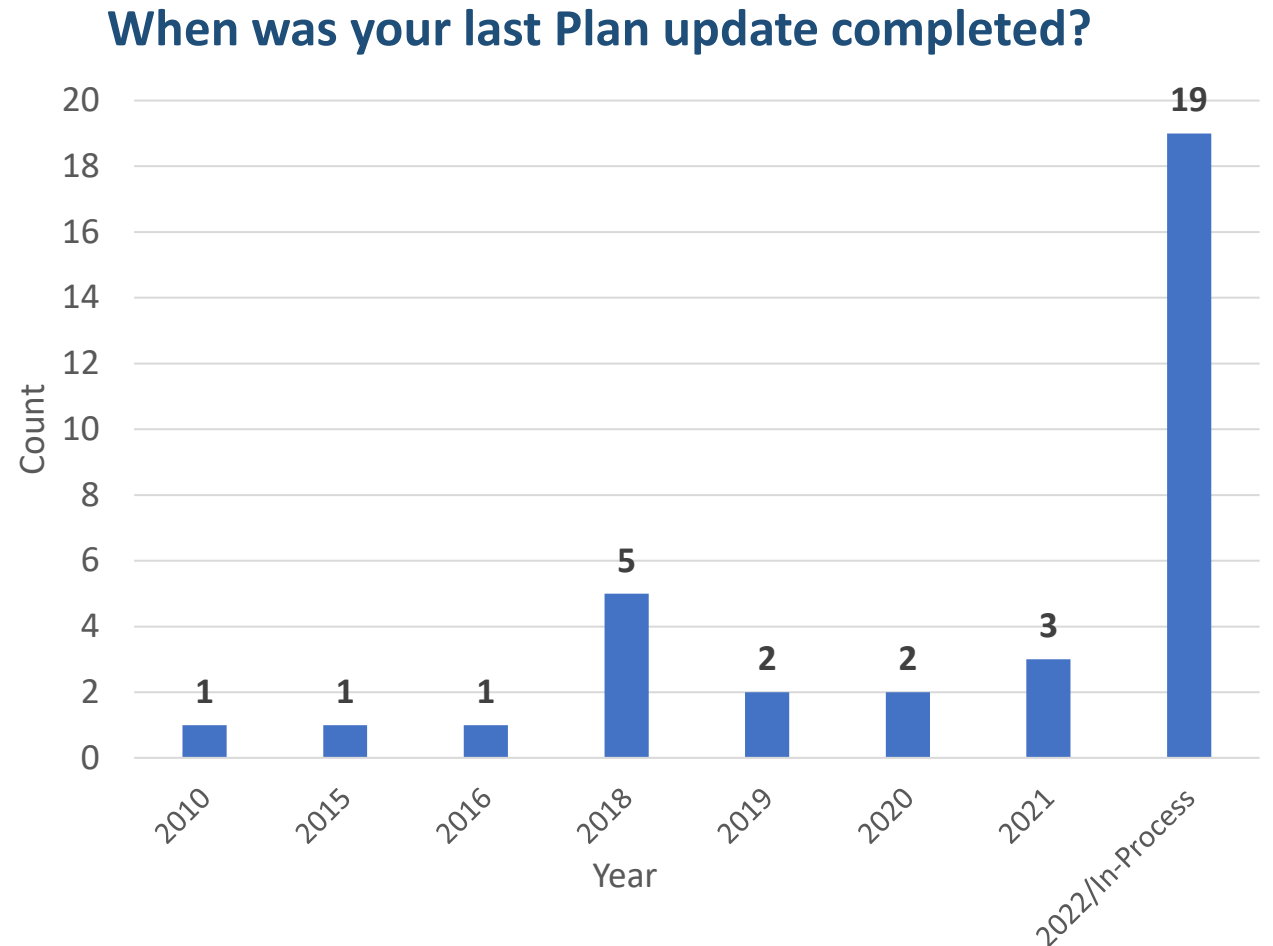
Planning Costs & Process Survey 2022-2023

Responses

- Total survey responses: 34
- Opted out: 4
- Non-responses: 4

Overall Response rate: 81%

Reflection: 19 jurisdictions were in the process of updating their plan in 2022. *Many are still in the process of their updates.*



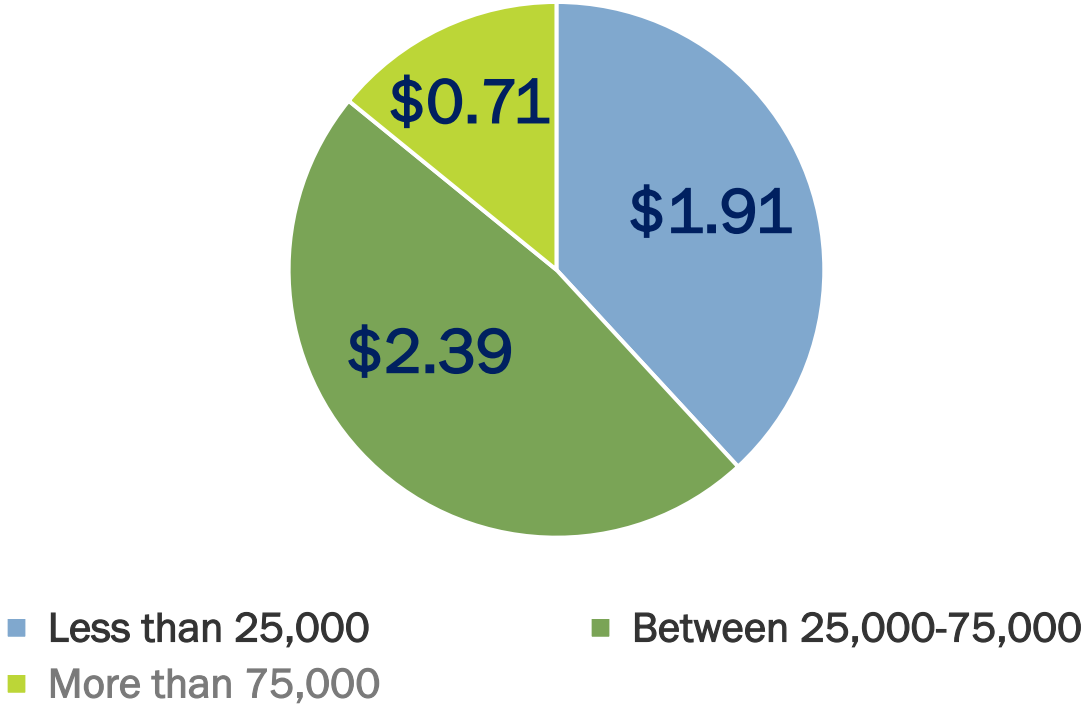
Planning Costs

Population	Total costs
Less than 25,000	\$257,645
Between 25,000-75,000	\$718,227
More than 75,000	\$4,585,600

Grand total: **\$5,318,753** not including the 8 that did not respond

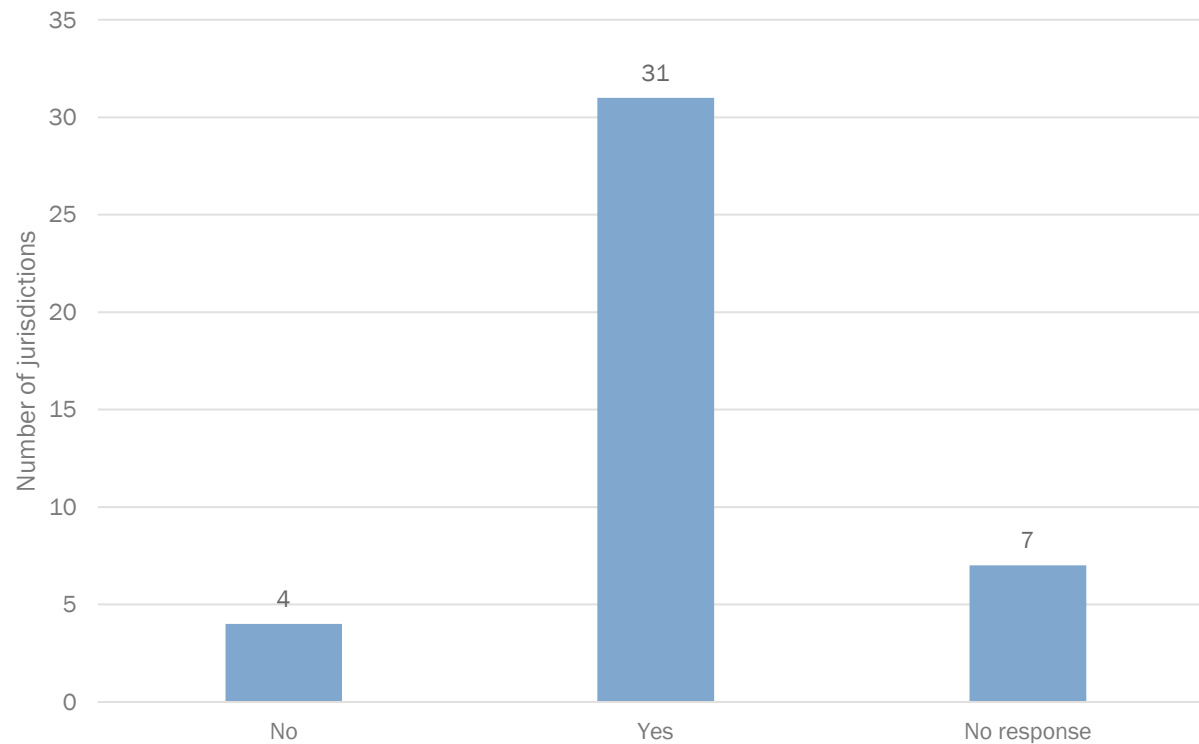
Breakdown: **\$3.5 million** was consultant costs. On average 66% of the cost to update went to consultants.

Average cost per resident, by population



Planning Costs

Was a consultant used to complete your most recent Plan update?



Reflection: Most respondents (**89%**) **used a consultant** to update their Plan.

Room to reduce costs:

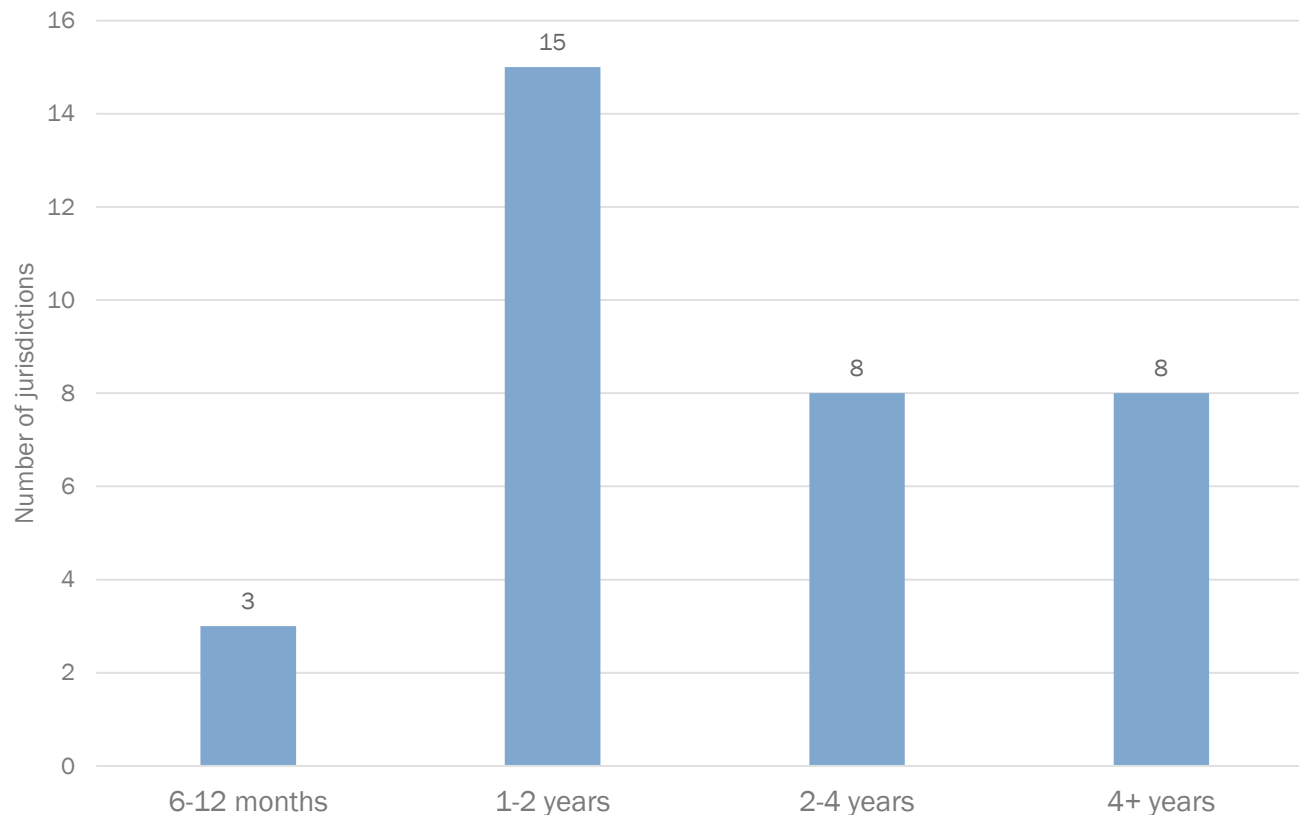
66% of the cost to update a plan goes to consultants!

Why:

- Limited resources internal & external.
- Lack of internal capacity (time/knowledge)

Planning Process

How long did it take you to complete your most recent Plan update?



Reflection:

47% of plans took **2+ years** to update their Plan, with half of those taking **4+ years!**

Why:

- Lengthy approval processes,
- Staff turnover
- SWAC related issues
- Changing legislation
- Cost.

Why did your Plan update take 2+ years?

- 18 jurisdiction responses, with 33 examples cited

“Long internal process with ILAs created and signed by 20 cities. Resolutions of Adoption took a long time. Those two factors alone took almost a year.”

% frequency	Frequency	Plan took 2+ years, why?	Examples
36%	12	Internal local agency barriers – ILAs/ROAs	Staff changes/turnover, lengthy approval process
18%	6	SWAC related delays	Lack of SWAC participation, SWAC quorum issues
15%	5	Other responsibilities/priorities	Closure of landfill, CROP development
9%	3	Ecology assistance and requirements	Ecology staff changes, lack of resources
9%	3	External factors (no control over)	COVID
6%	2	Cost	High consultant costs
6%	2	Other	Constant changes, rate increases
<i>Total # of responses (100%)</i>			
	33		

What parts of the Plan are valuable and not valuable?

What is broadly valuable about the Plan?
Defines goals and community needs
Developing recommendations
Program & Operational planning
Good resource for new folks
Looking toward future
Understanding current conditions
Understanding infrastructure needs

Reflection: 63% of respondents cited specific chapters or sections of the Plan having value.

Here's what was specifically valuable about the Plan: **Data, data, data!**

What parts of the Plan are <u>not</u> valuable?
Many elements become outdated quickly
Lack of ease to do multi-jurisdictional planning
Updating small market data
Length of Plan
Aligning Plan with other plans/policies
Can become a regulatory burden
Determining exact costs for UTC franchise holders

Reflection: **Because the Plan takes so long, much of it is out of date by the time it's approved.**

Although data was the most valuable it was also the item that became most out of date with the longer planning process.

**Clearly, it's time
for a change!**

Reintroducing the GRAM
Guidelines Rejuvenation & Modernization Team



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Solid and Hazardous Waste Planning Guidelines Rejuvenation & Modernization Team (GRAM)

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Lindsay Chapman	Spokane County	Eastern
Margo Gillaspay	Skagit County	Northwest
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<i>Al Cairns*</i>	<i>Jefferson County</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Henry Allen*</i>	<i>City of Spokane Valley</i>	<i>Eastern</i>
<i>*Participating when they can</i>		
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Roles and decision-making

GRAM Team

- **Develop recommendations for Ecology to improve the planning process and update the SW & HW planning guidelines.**
- **Partner with Ecology to solicit ideas, feedback and comment from others.**
- **Collaboratively support the implementation of process changes.**

Roles and decision-making

Ecology

- Organize and facilitate GRAM meetings.
- Develop and share improvement ideas and tools to improve the planning process for GRAM review and feedback.
- Analyze the feasibility and impact of recommended changes.
- Partner with GRAM team to solicit feedback and comment on recommended changes.
- Decide on what recommended changes to adopt.
- Publish and promote updated guidelines.
- Collaboratively support the implementation of process changes.

GRAM goals

- 1. Significantly reduce the cost of the planning process and the time required to update local Plans to local governments and Ecology.**
- 2. Significantly reduce the time required to complete the planning process.**
- 3. Increase the value and relevance of the planning process to reflect current and future solid waste management challenges and opportunities.**
- 4. Encourage and incentivize a more regional approach to planning**
- 5. Increase community & internal organizational engagement in the planning process.**

GRAM Team



Draft initial list of recommendations

- Develop more “plug & play” templates showing options for meeting statutory planning requirements.
- Recommend options to eliminate or reduce the investment needed to meet requirements identified as no longer relevant or useful.
- Develop a “data package” with all core state and local data needed for a Plan update.
- Develop options to streamline the adoption and approval of Plans. This could include combining local interlocal agreements and resolutions of adoption.

GRAM Team



Draft initial list of recommendations

- **Reduce duplication of information in and across Plans.**
 - **Between UTC cost assessment & data already included in plans**
 - Data and content required in all *local* Plans – Ecology maintain updated content for this kind of information.
- **Make Plans more valuable, useful and relevant**
 - Keep the focus local
 - Serve more as a strategic plan or 5-year workplan.
- **Share resources to increase SWAC and community involvement in the process.**
- **Strengthen links between Plan updates and LSWFA.**

Standardized Plan Review Template & Process

2021-2026 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE and
 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Plan)
 October 23, 2021 – Department of Ecology review of June 29, 2021 Preliminary draft Plan
 Carolyn Bowie – Northwest Regional Planner – 425-698-3722 - Carolyn.Bowie@ecy.wa.gov

This review is grouped into four sections

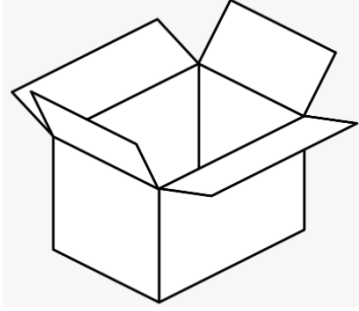
[Section A – Required revisions to meet the minimum requirements for Plan approval.](#)

[Section B – Recommended revisions to expand on or update information in the Plan and improve consistency with local Plans statewide.](#)

[Section C – Minor edits to correct typos and improve clarity and readability.](#)

[Section D – What to include in your final submittal packet.](#)

Section A: Revisions required for Plan approval			Snohomish County Response <i>Include section & page #s if applicable</i>
Comment Number	Plan section – page #	Comment	
1	Vision for the Future - page 33 (PDF- page 37)	<p>More fully address the County’s 20-year facility needs. RCW 70A.205.045(2) requires that an SW Plan include “the estimated long-range needs for solid waste handling facilities projected twenty years into the future.” The section titled “Twenty-Year Implementation Program” cites the pandemic and recycling market uncertainties as making it particularly difficult to make any kind of projections, but does not include any estimates or discussion of future needs.</p> <p>Recognizing it is a challenge to plan for an uncertain future, there are other sections of the Plan that do include long-term projections. And some of the technical memorandum explore options to ensure the County’s solid waste system is reliable and resilient, and is flexible enough to adapt to changing conditions and needs. To meet this RCW requirement, some discussion of the key data, issues, and findings identified during the drafting of the Plan should be included or referenced in this section.</p>	



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Supporting consistency and efficiency

🏠 > Solid and Hazardous Waste Planning > Planning and Waste Reduction Resource Library

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Current Approved Plans SW, HW, CROPs, & 2021 State Plan

📁 Planning and Waste Reduction Resources



Dec 21, 2022 by Michelle Mulrony

95 Files



Planning Guidelines, Elements & Examples

📁 Planning and Waste Reduction Resources, Favorites



Dec 21, 2022 by Peter Guttchen

42 Files



Program Resources, Data, & Policy

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Feb 2, 2023 by Peter Guttchen

624 Files

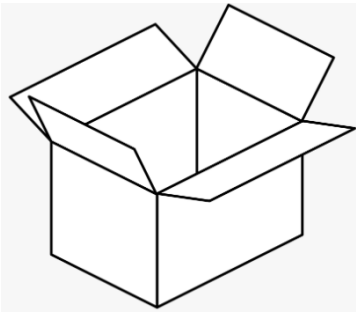


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Sep 22, 2022 by Peter Guttchen

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> Current Approved Plans SW, HW, CROPs, & 2021 State Plan

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 1. WA State Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan - 2021	 Jan 26, 2023 by Michelle Mulrony	1 File
 Adams County SW & HW Plan: 2018-2023 - No CROP required	Jan 27, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 Asotin County SW & HW Plan: 2019-2024 - No CROP required	Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	1 File
 Benton County SW & HW Plan: 2013-2018 & CROP	 Sep 15, 2022 by Michelle Mulrony	5 Files
 Chelan County: SW & HW Plan: 2017-2022 & CROP	Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 City of Liberty Lake SWMP Plan: 2014-2019 - Amended July 2021 & CROP	Jul 8, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 City of Seattle - SWMP: 2011-2016 - HWMP: 2021 & CROP	Mar 18, 2022 by Diana Wadley	3 Files
 City of Spokane Valley SWMP: 2014-2019 - HWMP: 2014 & CROP	 Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	3 Files
 Clallam County - SW & HW Plan: 2021-2026 & CROP	 Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 Clark County - SW & HW Plan: 2015-2020 & CROP	 Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	4 Files
 Columbia County SW & HW Plan: 2015-2020 - No CROP required	Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	1 File
 Cowlitz County - SW & HW Plan: 2011-2016 & CROP	 Dec 22, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 Douglas County: SW & HW Plan: 2018-2023 & CROP	 Mar 16, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 Ferry County SW Plan: 2010-2015 - No CROP required - HWMP: 1992 - not uplo...	Jan 27, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	1 File

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Customized Planning Support and Resources

Q Search Files and Folders



> SWM Planning > Local SWM Planning > Local SW & HW Plans & CROPS

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Central Region

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 > Local SW & HW Plans & CROPs > SW Region > Pierce County

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 CROP materials	Dec 17, 2021 by Peter Guttchen	1 File
 Current Approved Plan: 2022-2027	 Oct 25, 2022 by David Pater	2 Files
 Hazardous Waste Plan: 1991	Jan 27, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	1 File
 Hazardous Waste Zone Designation Approvals	Jan 26, 2022 by Paula Wesch	12 Files
 Past Plans	Oct 24, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	2 Files
 Planning and Waste Reduction Resource Library	 Oct 10, 2022 by Peter Guttchen	1 File

It's planning party time

Celebrating what we've accomplished so far

- Clarified what it means “to be in a Plan” for projects and programs to be LSWFA-eligible – *recommendation approved – new suggested language to address emerging issues now being included in Plan updates.*
- Eliminated extra SWAC meeting that was required under RCW 70A.205.115(3) before final Plan submittal *recommendation approved and blessed last week by our AAG.*
- Streamlining local adoption & Ecology approval process
Identified options to prevent delays including developing a combined Interlocal Agreement/Resolution of Adoption template – *some counties and cities are already using these new tools.*



Seize opportunities to improve right away

we asked our Ecology's SWM Program Management Team and they said YES!

- **Approve the adoption of Ecology Planner & GRAM recommendations for inclusion in the draft update of the Local Solid Waste Planning Guidelines.**
- **Allow these recommendations be implemented on an interim basis before the full update to the Planning Guidelines are published.**

These changes will clarify our guidance and streamline the planning process now. This interim period will serve as a pilot to assess their effectiveness and identify ways they could be improved before finalizing the new guidelines.

The issue:

- To be eligible for LSWFA funding, projects and programs must be included in local solid waste management plans.
- **Jurisdictions sometimes add activities to their Plans just to ensure they would qualify for funding if needed.**
- Even a comprehensive list of activities can fail to anticipate an emerging issue, need or opportunity which could in turn make an activity ineligible for LSWFA funding.

Ecology Planners & GRAM recommendation

- Ecology consider activities that are not explicitly mentioned in a Plan as LSWFA-eligible, assuming they meet all the other eligibility criteria, and the Plan includes broad language that could be applied to the issue or includes a section like the “emerging issues” sample below.
- **Local governments amend or revise their Plans to include these activities if needed.**

Emerging issues – sample language:

As we implement this Plan, issues may arise that could directly impact our local solid and hazardous waste management programs. These include the introduction of new state, federal, and international government regulations and policies, advancements in technology, and changes in product use and design. Consequently, we may need to adjust the recommendations in this Plan or add new action items to our implementation strategy to effectively address them before our Plan is updated again in 20xx. When these issues arise, the Plan may need to be amended or revised to address them using the process defined in *(reference Chapter, etc. in Plan)* and will be referenced in our next Plan update in 20xx.

Extra SWAC meeting after local Plan adoption

RCW 70A.205.115(3) requires an extra SWAC meeting be held after the local adoption of a Plan, but before the final draft Plan is submitted to Ecology for approval. The statute states:

(3) After the waste reduction and recycling element is approved by the local legislative authority but before it is submitted to the department for approval, the local solid waste advisory committee shall hold at least one additional meeting to review the element.

The issue:

- **This step in the Plan adoption and approval process is redundant. A SWAC already has the option to review any element in a Plan whenever they deem it necessary.**
- **Requiring an additional review after all participating jurisdictions have approved the Plan, even if the SWAC doesn't see the need, adds unnecessary time and expense to the planning process.**

Ecology Planners & GRAM recommendation

- **No longer require jurisdictions hold an additional SWAC meeting to review the waste reduction and recycling element in their Plan after the local adoption of the Plan, as a condition for Plan approval.**
- **Continue to encourage SWACs to review the final draft Plan before it is sent to local jurisdictions for adoption. However, the failure to hold an additional SWAC meeting after local Plan adoption would no longer be required for Plan approval by Ecology.**

In the end, we got more than we asked for. This meeting requirement and any documentation of it has been eliminated altogether going forward and will not be included in the updated planning guidelines.

Three options for cities to meet their solid waste management planning requirements

under [70A.205.040](#)

1. Prepare and deliver to the county auditor of the county in which it is located **its plan for its own solid waste management** for integration into the comprehensive county plan.

The cities of Seattle, Liberty Lake & Spokane Valley have chosen this option.

2. Enter into an agreement with the county pursuant to which the city shall participate in **preparing a joint city-county plan** for solid waste management.

Pierce County & City of Tacoma have chosen this approach.

3. Authorize the county to prepare a plan for the city's solid waste management for inclusion in the comprehensive county plan.

Most cities have chosen this approach.

Draft recommended Plan adoption and approval ideas to improve and streamline the process

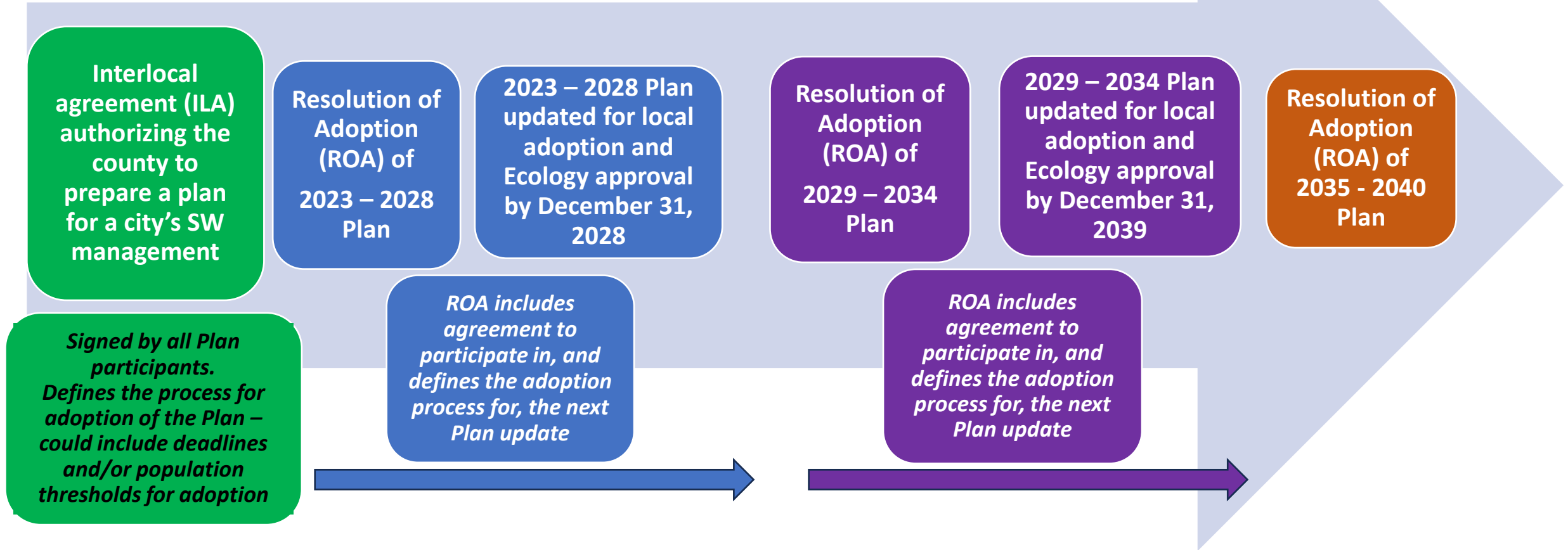


- 1. Set a deadline and/or population threshold for adoption by cities or other participating jurisdictions in the ILA.**
- 2. Include participation in – and define the adoption process for – the next Plan update in ROAs. This eliminates the need for a separate ILA once the process is established.**
- 3. Include a provision that requires cities to have an approved Ecology Plan before they can terminate their participation in the County plan.**
- 4. Recommend counties, cities, and other participating jurisdictions enter into stand-alone ILAs for local planning.**

Draft recommended Plan adoption and approval ideas to improve and streamline the process

5. Recommend participating jurisdictions review, update, and renew ILAs before prior to starting the planning process.
6. Recommend counties, cities and other participating jurisdictions schedule a “placeholder” on their council or commission agendas to adopt the Plan.
7. Recommend counties and SWAC members that represent cities and other participating jurisdictions provide regular planning updates to their commissioners, council members, key staff, etc. during the planning process.
8. Ecology provide template ILAs for various approaches
9. Allow for electronic signatures

Local Solid Waste Management Plan Adoption and Approval



**Partnering with the UTC
to bring more joy to planning**

The UTC Cost Assessment Questionnaire

20 pages of joyful confusion and frustration

The image displays a grid of 20 pages from the UTC Cost Assessment Questionnaire. Each page contains a different section of the form, including:

- General Information:** Fields for organization name, address, and contact details.
- Demographics:** Questions about the number of employees and the type of facility.
- Energy & Water:** Sections for energy audits, water usage, and waste management.
- Recycling & Disposal:** Tables for tracking recycling and disposal programs.
- Financials:** Tables for recording costs and funding for various programs.
- Other Programs:** Sections for documenting other sustainability initiatives.

The forms are filled with placeholder text and tables, illustrating the complexity and volume of data required for the assessment.

“Things that bring me more joy include my cable bill, spam mail, SPAM in a can, and pop-up ads I can’t close”

The trimmed down, new and improved draft UTC Cost Assessment Questionnaire *A few pages of bliss*

Draft UTC Cost Assessment Template						
General Information						
Date	10/5/2023					
Lead Planning Jurisdiction Kitsap County	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email			
Preparer - <i>if different from Lead Planning Jurisdiction</i>	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email			
Plan Participants - <i>list all jurisdictions that are signatories to the Plan</i>						
City of Bainbridge Island						
City of Bremerton						
City of Poulsbo						
City of Port Orchard						
Base Year - <i>last year with a full year's data</i>	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Calendar or Fiscal Year						
Demographics						
Population	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Waste Generation						
	<i>in tons of MSW from all sources</i>					
UTC-Regulated Haulers	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Non-Regulated Haulers - <i>cities that provide municipal service or contract for service</i>						
Self-Haul						
Total Tons of MSW Disposed						
Recycling						
	<i>in tons only from residential sources</i>					
UTC-Regulated Haulers	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Non-Regulated Haulers						
Total Tons of Recyclables						
<i>consider removing this section - already prompted for in the UTC-regulated hauler section starting on line 48</i>						
Organics						
	<i>in tons only from residential sources</i>					
UTC-Regulated Haulers	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Non-Regulated Haulers						
Total Tons of Organics						
<i>consider removing this section - already prompted for in the UTC-regulated hauler section below</i>						
UTC-regulated haulers						
LeMag - G-98	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
SV customers - <i>total residential & commercial</i>	100	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	100	110	120	130	140	150
Recycling customers - <i>residential only</i>	50	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	50	110	120	130	140	150
Organics customers	25	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	25	110	120	130	140	150
<i>It can be difficult to get some haulers to share this data. Possibly UTC & Ecology could help to get haulers to be more responsive.</i>						
Murrey - G-9	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
SV customers	100	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	100	110	120	130	140	150
Recycling customers	100	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	100	110	120	130	140	150
Organics customers	100	110	120	130	140	150
Tons	100	110	120	130	140	150

Curbside Materials Accepted by UTC-regulated haulers for recycling		Note Yes (Y) - only for residential recyclables collected curbside					
G-cert hauler name & number		LeMag - G-98	Murrey - G-9				
Paper							
	Mixed Paper						
	Newspaper						
	Cardboard						
	Shredded Paper (bagged)						
	Non-foil wrapping paper						
	Milk & Juice Cartons (no foil)						
	Aseptic Containers (milk, soy, soup, juice boxes)						
	Poly-coat Food Boxes (dry & frozen)						
	Other Paper - please specify						
Metal							
	Aluminum Cans						
	Steel Cans						
	Scrap Metal						
	Aluminum Foil						
	Other Metals - please specify						
Plastic							
	Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars (#1s and 2s)						
	Dairy Tubs (#5s)						
	Plastics (#3-7)						
	Other Plastics - please specify						
Glass							
	Source-separated						
	Commingled						
Organics							
	Yard and garden waste						
	Food waste						
	Compostable packaging and/or serveware						
Facilities							
	Facility Name <i>facilities where fees are charged to accept MSW or organics that are owned, leased or operated by the county</i>	Facility Type <i>(transfer station, landfill, incinerator, drop-off site)</i>	Facility Location <i>(include full address)</i>	Facility Owner <i>(Name, phone & email)</i>	Facility Operator <i>(if different from owner)</i>	Current annual MSW tons or cubic yards	Current annual MSW tons or cubic
	Does the county accept material from outside the county?	Y/N					
	Does the county have a flow control ordinance?	Y/N					
	Estimated Tip Fee Forecast	<i>in \$ per ton or cubic yard</i>					
	Facility Name <i>for facilities accepting MSW</i>	Material Type	Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		MSW					
		Organics if fee is charged					
		Recycling if fee is charged					
<i>UTC would like to receive notices of tip fees increases and copies of related ordinances.</i>							
	Tip Fee Breakdown	<i>in \$ per ton or cubic yard and/or % of total current tip fee</i>					
	Total facility operation, transfer & disposal						
	County or City Administration						
	<i>if publicly owned - or fee is set in contract</i>						
	Capital Improvements						
	<i>for publicly owned facilities</i>						
	Other costs - please specify						
	Other costs - please specify						
	Other costs - please specify						
Estimated Program Costs		<i>examples of other sources include grants, surplus funds, and general fund monies</i>					
		Base Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	% covered by MSW Tip Fees						
	% covered by other sources						
Discounted Rates		<i>Note Yes (Y) or (No) if you may request regulated haulers to establish disc</i>					
	May request UTC-regulated haulers to charge discounted rates						RCV 81.77.195
	If yes, what year do you expect to make this request (if known)						

“Guaranteed to reduce sales of Advil statewide”

Discounted rates for low-income residents

Updating the CAQ provides an opportunity to implement [RCW 81.77.195: Discounts for low-income customers. \(wa.gov\)](#) – passed in 2010.

Looking for a few counties to “pilot” this process

- Identify option to identify eligible customers – start with assessor
- Gather data on discounts already offered by cities
- Submit request to the UTC for a trial run

Three types of discounts

- *Tip Fees – King & Jefferson counties*
- *Municipal & contracted services – many cities*
- *Unincorporated areas serviced by G-cert haulers – not offered anywhere*

Some of what's up next for the GRAM

Next meeting is this afternoon @ 1:30

- Finalizing ILA/ROA recommendations
- Finalizing and supporting adoption of a new UTC Cost Assessment
 - *Includes recommendations related to discounted rates for low-income customers of G-cert haulers - determining eligibility and the UTC process under [RCW 81.77.195: Discounts for low-income customers. \(wa.gov\)](#)*
- Clarifying the differences between Plan revisions and amendments and related timelines.
- Developing more “plug & play” templates showing options for meeting statutory planning requirements.
- Data templates for core Plan data – supported by our resource library

Timeline & GRAM meeting schedule

First Thursday of each month

May also include meetings for one or more representatives of the team to engage with WACSWM, ECY regional planners, Recycling Coordinators, State SWAC, and the SWM Program Management Team.

met 7 times since April 2023



Core set of monthly virtual meetings – 1.5 hours



Target date to finalize recommendations ~ early 2024



Public comment and outreach ~ March 2024



New guidelines published ~ April/May 2024

Thank you from your Regional Planner Team!



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