

## **Resolution Concerning the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update & Waste Reduction**

WHEREAS, Greene County is committed to the principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship to protect the quality of life in our community for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Solid Waste Management Planning Regulations (9 VAC 20-130) require that our region's jurisdictions collaboratively update and implement a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to meet state-mandated recycling rates; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC), in partnership with local staff and the public, is responsible for coordinating the required SWMP update on behalf of the regional Solid Waste Planning Unit (SWPU); and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a National Recycling Goal to increase the U.S. recycling rate to 50% by 2030, and a national goal of reducing food waste by 50% by 2030, a goal recognized as a meaningful and achievable target for improving environmental and economic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, our locality recognizes that implementing sustainable materials management principles can lead to significant economic, environmental, and social benefits, including conserving natural resources, reducing pollution, extending landfill life, and creating new jobs and products; and

WHEREAS, a regional approach to solid waste management is an effective way to leverage shared resources, implement best practices, and work collaboratively toward a more resilient and sustainable future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Board of Supervisors directs staff, in cooperation with the TJPDC, the public, and other regional partners, to develop a Comprehensive Waste Reduction Plan for consideration. This plan will serve as the basis for the revised Solid Waste Management Plan and should include:

1. An analysis of existing waste management practices and opportunities to increase waste diversion and reduction.
2. An assessment of the environmental and fiscal impacts of the plan's implementation.
3. A framework for achieving the goal of reducing waste generation and diverting at least 50% of discarded materials from landfills and incineration through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting programs.
4. Strategies for coordinated public education and community engagement to promote waste reduction behaviors.

5. Identifying opportunities for regional cooperation to improve operational efficiency and expand solid waste management programs.

Adopted this 28th day of October 2025.

Motion:

Second:

Recorded Vote:

Tim Goolsby	_____
Marie C. Durrer	_____
Steve Catalano	_____
Francis McGuigan	_____
Davis Lamb	_____

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Steve Catalano, Chair  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk  
Greene County Board of Supervisors