

7/20/04

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
RESOLUTION 2004-05

WHEREAS, the ORDER of the PURPLE HEART, commonly known as "The Purple Heart" is an American decoration and is the oldest military decoration in the world in use at this time; and

WHEREAS, the ORDER of the PURPLE HEART was created by General George Washington and was the first award made available to the common soldier; for unusual gallantry and extraordinary fidelity and essential service; and

WHEREAS, the ORDER of the PURPLE HEART takes great pride in the United States of America and all she stands for; and

WHEREAS, the ORDER of the PURPLE HEART keeps history alive, educates the youth of America to understand that freedom is not free and offers camaraderie with friends who share the common bond of combat for America; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Oconee County recognizes that there are many recipients of the ORDER of the PURPLE HEART in Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, as a small token of our gratitude and appreciation to those County residents who have been wounded in combat that we might enjoy the freedoms we have today, We, the Oconee County Council, do hereby, in session duly assembled, with a quorum present and voting declare the week of August 8 - 14, 2004 as:

**"OCONEE COUNTY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART WEEK"**

APPROVED & ADOPTED on first and final reading this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.

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H. Frank Ables, Jr., Chair  
Oconee County Council

Attest:

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Opal O. Green  
Clerk to Council

# Oconee County Solid Waste Master Plan



# Included in the Master Plan...

- 20 year look into the future
- Recommendations for solid waste, water, sewer, and transportation
- Plans to enhance county development while protecting valuable Oconee County resources
- Promotion of community cooperation

# Recap of Major Water and Sewer System Recommendations

- ⊕ 1. Complete SWAG agreement, Memorandum of Understanding
- ⊕ 2. Begin on-going discussions / communication with OCSC
- ⊕ 3. Septic tank management plan / program



# Recap of Major Sewer System Recommendations

- 4. Buffers / Setbacks / storm water management plan
- 5. Proceed with prioritizing sewer and water projects

# Recap of Major Water System Recommendations

- 6. Hold sewer / water referendum
- 7. Develop funding alternatives for expansion
- 8. Encourage cooperation and exchange between suppliers
- 9. Assemble Water Commission

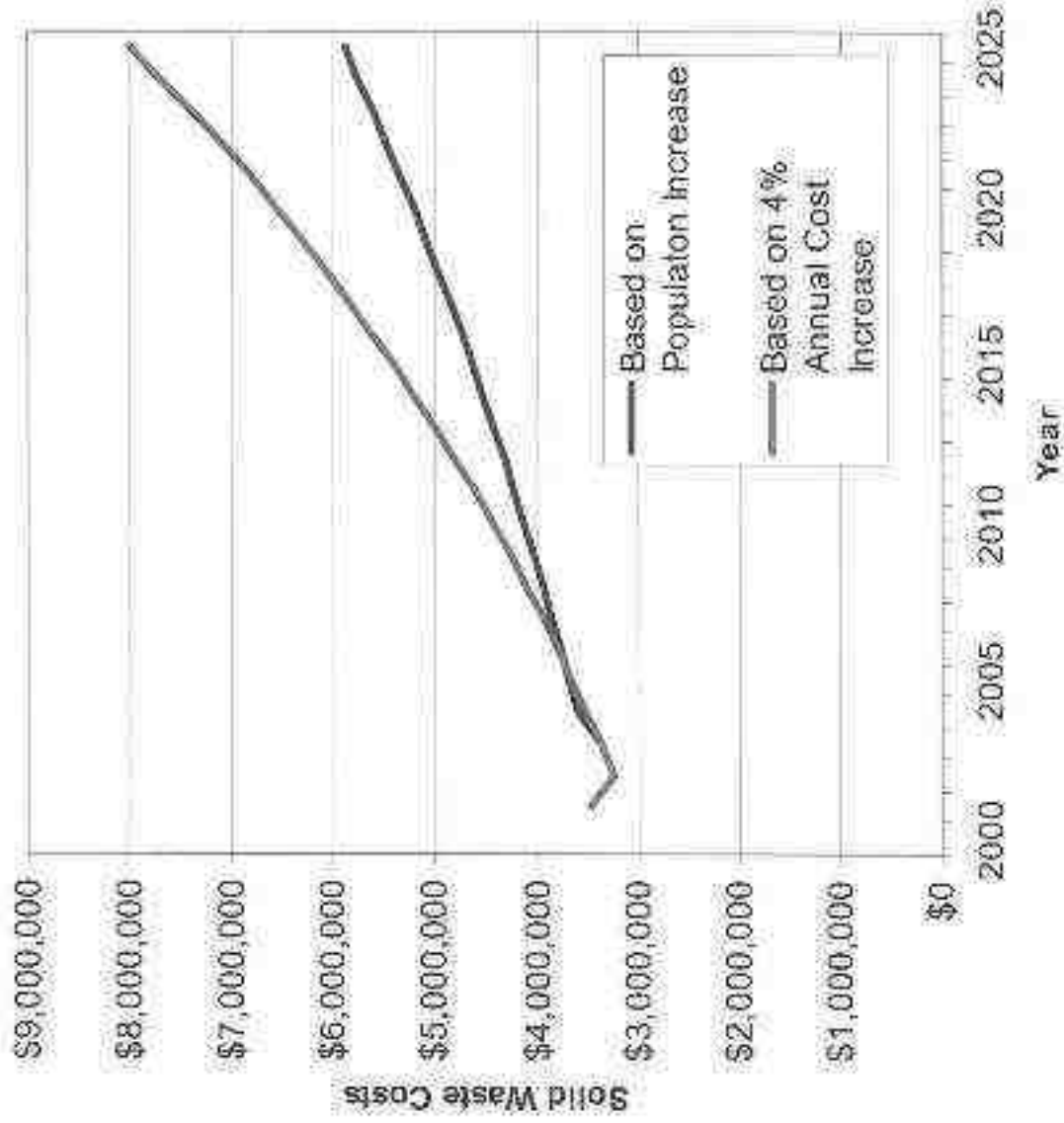
# Oconee County Solid Waste Master Plan

⊕ 2 main issues to address



# Issue #1: Cost of Solid Waste Disposal

## Projected Total SW Department Costs





**Solid waste  
disposal is  
expensive.**



- **Present SW Dept. costs - \$4 million / year**
- **Expect Solid Waste costs to increase \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year.**
- **A 20 lb bag disposed at an MCC costs the County \$1.18 (\$0.069/lb)**

# Mixed Messages of Solid Waste Disposal

## Message #1

For the sake of your health, the environment and the County budget,

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** reduce waste and recycle more.



## Message #2

Throw away as much as  
you want --

AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!



**Response: The County should move toward a fee structure that encourages diversion, reuse, and recycling**

Tax based disposal appears to be "free" to users

62 % of wastestream is recyclables (glass, plastic, metal, etc.)

28 % is organic (food, yardwaste, wood)

# Under a solely tax-based system....

Elderly and small generators pay as much as large disposers

Taxpayers are paying for disposal by non-taxpayers

# **Recommendation: Begin public education regarding solid waste costs**

- Begin public education regarding disposal costs and fee structures
- Put millage used for solid waste on tax bill



# Recommendation: Work toward fee-based SW program

- Operate Solid Waste Program as an enterprise fund
  - Admin & overhead from taxes
  - Disposal from fees
- Begin shifting public perception of disposal costs

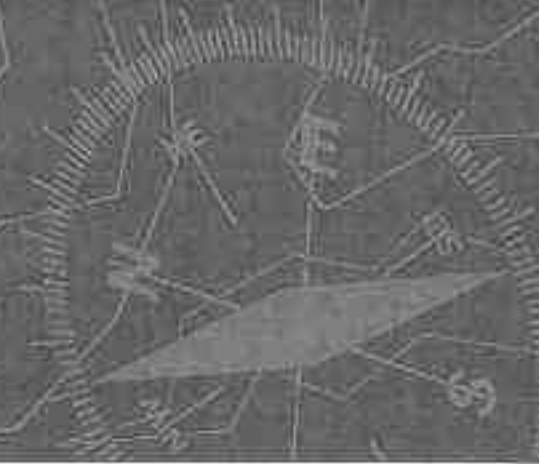


## **Recommendation: Implement Disposal Fees for Users**

- **Commercial Garbage (>90 gallon roll cart) - \$196,000**
- **C&D - \$300,000**
- **Yard waste – \$75,000**
- **“Gratis” disposers - \$72,000**
- **Some commodities: Car batteries & tires - \$32,000**

# Recommendation: Involve stakeholders

- Work with SW Commission to develop solutions
- Involve public



# Issue #2: Future Disposal Plans

- Alt. #1: Utilize private landfill
- Presently utilize Waste Management Landfill at Homer, GA
- 11 private landfills within 100 miles
- \$27.85 /ton includes hauling

## Alt. #2: Construction of disposal facilities

- Landfill – prohibited by DON regs and economics
- Composting facility - \$7 million to build and expensive to operate
- Incinerator - \$31 million, \$70 /ton



# Recommendations

- Utilize private landfill
- Backup plan: Buy land for future landfill
- Would need to consider working with others for new landfill
- Consider self-hauling

# Recap of Recommendations

- Public education regarding costs
- Solid Waste Dept. as an enterprise fund
- Control costs and revenues
- Disposal fees for users
- Involve stakeholders

# Recap of Recommendations

- Continue to utilize private landfill
- Consider self haul
- Buy land for future landfill
- Read the plan

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June 16, 2004

Oconee County  
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OCONEE COUNTY  
PURCHASING DEPT.

The letter confirms our understanding of the arrangements for the audit of the basic financial statements of Oconee County as of June 30, 2005 and for the year ending June 30, 2005.

We will audit the Oconee County basic financial statements as of June 30, 2005 and for the year then ended, for the purpose of evaluating the fairness of presentation of such financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for expressing an opinion on them. It is possible that facts or circumstances encountered during the audit may require us to express an opinion other than unqualified; we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance should this occur.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and Government Auditing Standards, if required. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Management is responsible for making all financial records and related information available for purposes of the audit.

Our audit will include such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures we consider necessary in the circumstances. Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, vendors, legal counsel, and banks. At the conclusion of our audit, we will request certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

An audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America is subject to certain limitations and the inherent risk that errors, fraud, or illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us. However, we will inform you of any material errors and fraud that come to our attention. We will also inform you of any illegal acts that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential.

An audit includes obtaining an understanding of internal control sufficient to plan the audit and to determine the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures to be performed. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify reportable conditions, i.e., significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control. However, during the audit, if we become aware of such reportable conditions or ways that we believe management practices can be improved, we will communicate them to you in a separate letter.



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June 16, 2004  
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Response:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding:

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Welcome to*

**OCONEE  
COUNTY**



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2004 - 01

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 states "The local planning commission shall develop and maintain a planning process which will result in the systematic preparation and continual re-evaluation and updating of those elements considered critical, necessary, and desirable to guide the development and redevelopment of its area of jurisdiction". And

WHEREAS, the basic planning process for all planning elements must include, but is not limited to:

- (1) A population element
- (2) An economic development element
- (3) A natural resources element
- (4) A cultural element
- (5) A community facilities element
- (6) A housing element
- (7) A land use element; and

WHEREAS, all planning elements must be an expression of the Planning Commission recommendations to the County Council.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved this date that the Oconee County Planning Commission, with a majority present and voting recommends the approval of the Oconee County Comprehensive Plan of 2004 to County Council.

APPROVED & ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.

  
Tommy Abbott, Chairman  
Oconee County Planning Commission

Attest:  
  
John T. Hendricks  
Planning Director