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Statement of Solid Waste Priorities

Response to Mayor's Green Ribbon Committee (sub-committee on environment & solid waste). We appreciate the opportunity to present. Our documents sent electronically include

- analysis of State Solid Waste Planning efforts
- analysis of Metro "10 Year Solid Waste Plan" by the Regional (Nashville) Solid Waste Board
- Expert Opinion by Professional Geologist on impact of solid waste landfills on groundwater.

We will provide electronically or in person an outline of our presentation

Solid Waste Recommendations

1. *Understand that Metro government, business, and citizens spend approximately \$30,000,000 to landfill solid waste out of county or in county (Class IV). **Solid waste should be the raw material for business and compost--**food waste [12% of waste], yard waste [13%], paper/ cardboard [36%], and Construction and Demolition [15%] are 71% of the waste stream.*
2. **Nothing good will happen to Nashville solid waste (or water, or air, or roads) until and unless Metro takes an active and positive role in state planning.** It is impossible for Metro to, alone, have large food stores compost food waste [1,000 pounds weekly] State solid waste right now is an opportunity for Nashville to be a state solid waste leader.
3. **Pledge \$25,000 a year for two years matching funds for TSU and MTSU to do solid waste research under provisions of SB 1779/ HB 1345** [see reverse for content of legislation passed in 2007]. Metro needs this research funded by state, federal, and business to develop solid waste policies which make money not more landfills. Metro's first dollar pledge, contingent on other sources, will tell the story.
4. Support the Mayor's proposal for a school with a curriculum built around health and environment. One university is developing this curriculum particularly for minority youth thinking that environmental injustice will spark black youth interest in science and math. **Our country and planet will have a huge industry lasting hundreds of years cleaning up the chemical and radioactive pollution created since 1940.** We need technicians.
5. **Understand that North Nashville anger runs high over solid waste, Bordeaux landfill, and Southern Services Class IV Landfill.**

Planning Provisions of **SB 1779/ HB 1345**

Funded partially in year 2007–Metro and and State in desperate need for this work

- (1)–diversion of Class IV Construction and Demolition Waste
- (2)–nature and amount of hazardous waste in the solid waste stream
- (3) –how to use raw materials in the waste stream for business
- (4)–study states with regulations on these practices
- (5)–determine the municipal waste stream and construction and demolition waste stream including the hazardous waste stream
- (6)–evaluate Transfer Stations and compost facilities to divert waste
- (7)–evaluate methods to remediate landfills polluted by hazardous waste

SB 1779/ HB 1345
bill number

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Last year’s bill had this format. The original bill this year had this format. It is only now that TDEC is saying that this cannot be funded this way.