



PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DELAWARE, KNOX, MARION, MORROW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (2026-2040)

Public Comment September 30, 2024 through October 29, 2024 Comments should be mailed to the address listed above.

Public Hearing October 30, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Morrow County Community Center, 619 W. Marion Rd., Mt. Gilead

Every solid waste district in Ohio must develop and update their solid waste management plan periodically. The District’s Policy Committee along with District staff analyzed historic data and current programs to determine the best and most economical ways to reduce the amount of waste reaching the landfill. This fact sheet provides general information about the District’s solid waste plan update which is now out for public comment.

The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste Management Plan

This Plan Update describes the waste management programs to be implemented during the planning period and how these programs meet the nine waste reduction and recycling goals established in the State Solid Waste management Plan. The Plan Update includes a five-page executive summary followed by 23 appendices which include detailed program descriptions, historical data, and data projections for the planning period.

How to review the Plan Update

The Plan Update can be viewed at the District’s website- dkmm.org, at the District’s office located at, 619 West Marion Road, Entrance B, Suite 107, Mount Gilead or at your local county commissioner office.

Plan development

The Plan Update was written by the District in conjunction with the District’s Policy Committee through an 18-month process. The Policy Committee consists of one representative of each category from each county and one member at large for a total of 29 members. Members represent the following categories: commissioners, largest city, health commissioner, industrial sector, citizen, and public interest.

Plan Implementation and Funding

The District employs two staff who are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Plan Update. The District is funded by a designation fee. This fee of \$6.00 is collected for each ton of waste produced within the four-county district. The District’s current fee of \$6.00 has not changed since 2012. To continue current programming and allow for new initiatives to be implemented, an increase in the fee is needed. With this Plan Update, the designation fee will increase to \$7.50 per ton. This Plan continues to authorize the District to establish facility designations in accordance with Ohio Revised Code.

Programs and Services

All of the existing programs and services currently offered will continue with the ratification of this Plan Update and several new programs will be initiated as well.

Current & Ongoing Programs	New & Upgraded Programs
Drop-Off Recycling Robust Education Program Residential Yard Waste Composting Technical Support for Businesses & Industries Municipal Tire Grant Solid Waste Monitoring & Enforcement	Downtown Business Recycling Open Dump & Tire Dump Cleanup Funding Waste Audit Implementation Grant Hazardous Waste Collection Electronics Recycling DKMM Recycling Grant Residential Food Waste Collection