

2000 UPDATE OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN



***Approved by the
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
on May 4, 2001***

***Prepared by
St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff***

***As directed by the
St. Clair County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee***

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May 4, 2001

Ms. Juanita Gittings, Chairperson
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Ms. Gittings:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received the locally approved update to the St. Clair County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) on January 16, 2001.

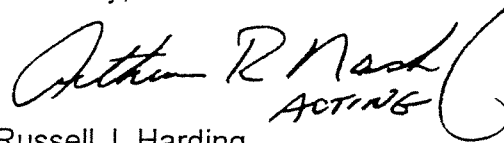
By this letter, this Plan is hereby approved and St. Clair County (County) now assumes responsibility for the enforcement and implementation of this Plan. The DEQ would like to thank the County for its efforts in addressing the County's solid waste management issues.

By approving the Plan, the DEQ has determined that it complies with the provisions of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and the Part 115 administrative rules concerning the required content of solid waste management plans. Specifically, the DEQ has determined that the Plan identifies the enforceable mechanisms that authorize the state, a county, a municipality, or a person to take legal action to guarantee compliance with the Plan, as required by Part 115. The Plan is enforceable, however, only to the extent the County properly implements these enforceable mechanisms under applicable enabling legislation. The Plan itself does not serve as such underlying enabling authority, and the DEQ approval of the Plan neither restricts nor expands the County authority to implement these enforceable mechanisms.

The Plan may also contain other provisions that are neither required nor expressly authorized for inclusion in a solid waste management plan. The DEQ approval of the Plan does not extend to any such provisions. Under Part 115, the DEQ has no statutory authority to determine whether such provisions have any force or effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rhonda Oyer Zimmerman, Chief of the Solid Waste Management Unit, Waste Management Division, at 517-373-4750.

Sincerely,



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Director
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January 10, 2001

Mr. Seth Phillips, Chief
Solid Waste Management Unit
Waste Management Division
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**RE: UPDATE OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Enclosed is a revised copy of the 2000 Update of the St. Clair County Solid Waste Management Plan. At the close of the public hearings and the ninety-day review period, the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff revised the plan, as directed by the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee, in response to public comment received during that time. There have been but minor revisions to the March 27, 2000 draft that was sent to your division during the public comment period.

On July 31, 2000, the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee took action to approve the plan. The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approved the Plan and submitted it to the thirty-one communities that make the St. Clair County Planning area which resulted in over 67% of the communities approving the plan.

We note that subsequent to the approval of the Plan Update by the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, Howard Solid Waste Transfer & Reclamation Facility has changed ownership and is now World Waste Services. In addition, the recycling drop-off container that is listed as being in Ira Township is now located at the Brockway Township Hall.

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Mr. Seth Phillips, Chief
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Our thanks to you and your staff for providing technical assistance along the way during this plan update process. If you have any further questions regarding the 2000 Update of the St. Clair County Solid Waste Management Plan or the processes in the County used to complete the plan, please feel free to contact the Metropolitan Planning Commission at (810) 989-6950.

Sincerely,



Gordon Ruttan
Planning Director

cc: Ted Frantz, Chair, Solid Waste Management Planning Committee