

Solid Waste

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SWRMP ACCEPTED, NOW WHAT?!

On October 5, 2020, City Council accepted the Solid Waste Resources Management Plan (SWRMP). The City has already begun working on two of the high priority items from the SWRMP, curbside recycling and the commercial franchise contract.

City staff and Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA) are working on details of the curbside recycling collection contract to bring before council before the end of the year with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2021. The commercial franchise scope of services will include Saturday/Sunday collection, a single downtown service provider, and subscription based commercial organics collection. Staff is working on the RFP now with intentions to have a new contract in place on July 1, 2021.

The SWRMP contains 24 recommendations to improve and expand solid waste programs and services. These recommendations, if implemented, will help advance the City's A²Zero Plan. For example, strategy 4 of the A²Zero Plan is "Reduce the miles we travel in our vehicles by at least 50%". Expansion to year-round residential compost collection means food waste that would have been hauled to the landfill in Northville will now go to the City's compost facility for processing. Strategy 5 of the A²Zero Plan,

"Change the way we use, reuse, and dispose of materials" can be accomplished in part through the SWRMP recommendations to develop and implement a construction and demolition ordinance and by offering residential textile collection and bulky waste collection. Staff will ensure implementation of each recommendation in the SWRMP is aligned with the A²Zero Plan.

In preparation for these new and expanded services, the City is currently reviewing its solid waste assets (carts and dumpsters) for accuracy of location, numbers, and service provider. This information is vital to providing accurate data to potential contractors. Developing an asset management program for dumpsters is a long overdue project. A complete dumpster inventory and condition assessment will enable the City to program for repair and replacement of the City's 400+ dumpsters. This project also included an inventory and condition assessment of all privately-owned dumpsters that are serviced by the City. Staff are using this data to notify property owners of deteriorating and hazardous dumpsters or replacement assets as needed.

UPDATES

- **10/5/2020: Council approved Ecology Center contract 1-yr extension**
- **WM contract extended to June 2021**
- **Leaf season runs 10/19 to 12/11; contractors can drop off AA leaves for free**
- **Curbside compost pickup ends 12/11**

STAFF NEWS

- **Intern, a MA SEAS candidate, started in October, working on dumpster inventory and reusable take out containers**
- **Eileen returned to work on November 2**

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MRF STATUS

The contract and related documents have been signed. RAA is currently in the transloading of recyclables phase. This phase will continue until the MRF is refurbished and is anticipated to last approximately one year. RAA has also started accepting third party tonnage.

FLUSHABLE WIPES

Please, no wipes in the pipes!! “Flushable” wipes continue to cause clogged sewers in Ann Arbor and across the Country. To communicate about proper disposal of material into the sewer system, the City recently put together this flyer that will be distributed to homes as part of the City’s residential meter replacement program, starting in November.



They **clog** the pipes.

Things like “flushable” wipes, feminine hygiene products and paper towels do not break down like toilet paper. They cause blockages in your home and in sewer pipes.

To keep it flowing, only flush . . .



Wipes and other products aren't the only things that can cause clogs. Fats, oils and greases do the same. Dispose of these in the trash, **never** down the drain.



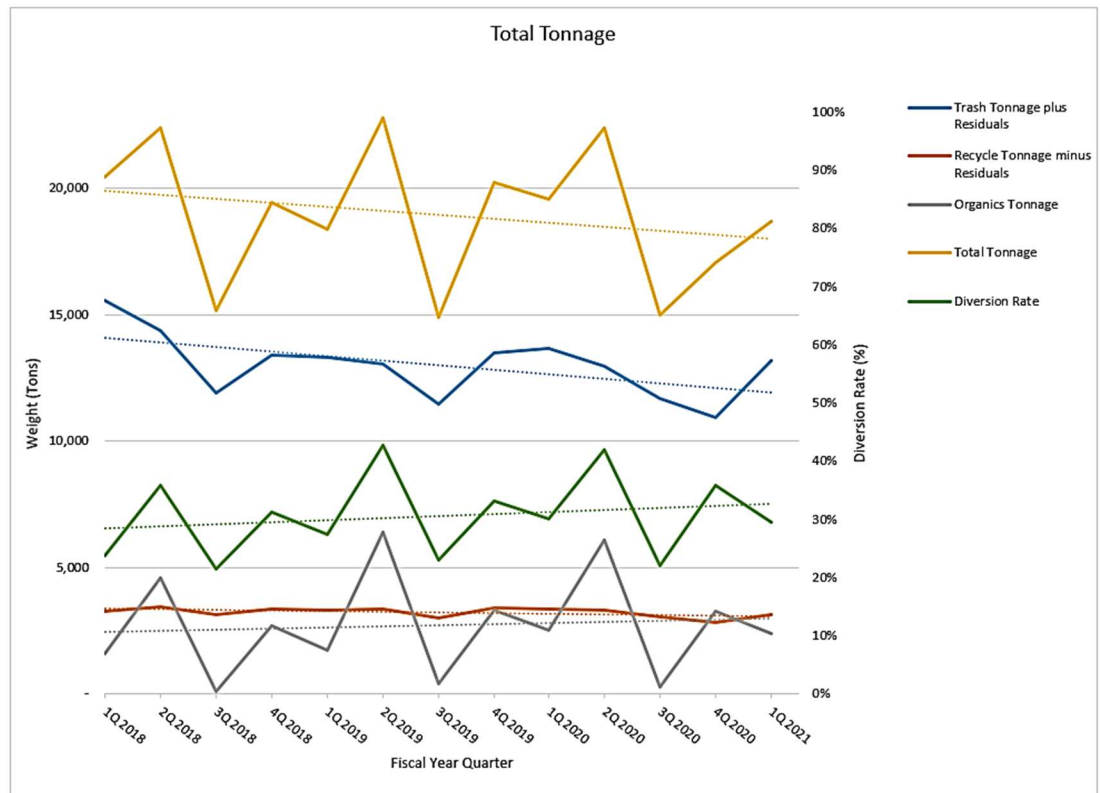
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METRICS UPDATE

- Residential and commercial diversion rates are calculated on a calendar year and, thus, are not being provided at this time.
- Streams trending down: total tonnage, trash, and recycling. Recycling is trending down very slightly.
- Compost is trending up.
- Diversion rate is trending up.



BUDGET UPDATE

City staff strive to provide our stakeholders, including the Environmental Commission’s Solid Waste Working Group, with regular budget updates. A summary of FY20 numbers is below. The City is still finalizing data and a more detailed summary will be provided in the next Quarterly Report. Below is an updated schedule to present quarterly operations and maintenance updates, as well as an annual update on the Unrestricted Fund Balance.

FY 20 SOLID WASTE FUND (0072)	
Revenues	\$18,604,621
Expenditures	\$18,431,277
Estimated Unrestricted Fund Balance as of 06/30/20	\$9,512,728

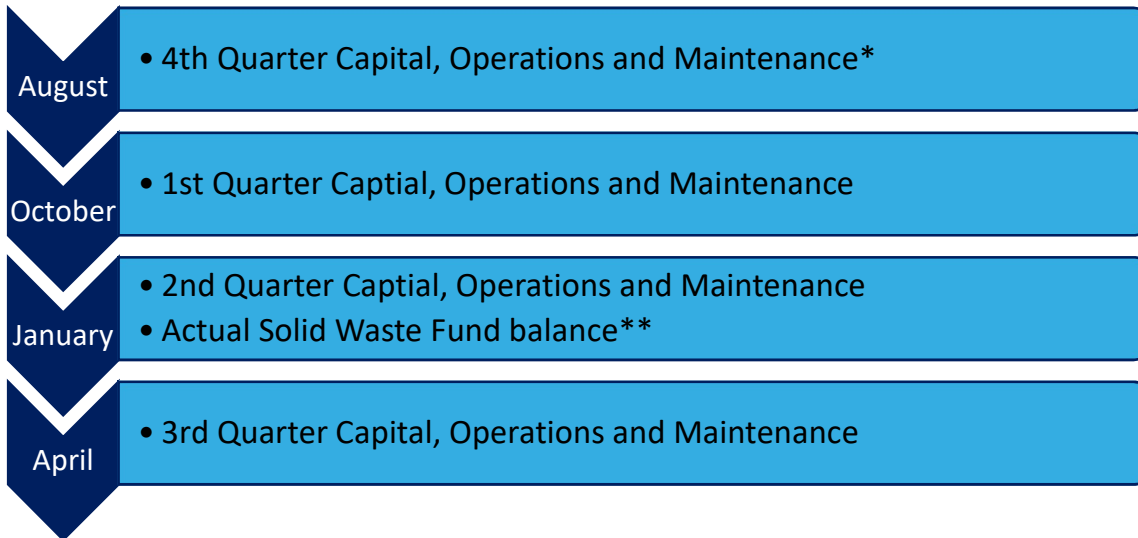
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Budget Schedule



*Presenting 4th Quarter data in August instead of July allows our financial staff to more accurately incorporate final invoices and present year-end numbers.

**While the City provides Solid Waste Fund Balance projection to City Council during annual Budget Work sessions, the Actual Solid Waste Fund Balance is posted in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, typically available in late fall.

Refer to the attached Budget Performance Reports for the revenues and expenditures as of September 30, 2020. Some items of note are:

- The revenue is approximately 82% actual to budget and includes 100% of the Solid Waste Millage Collection.
- Expenditures are 16% actual to budget. It should be noted that there are significant invoices yet to be paid for this quarter.