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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

March 12, 2013

The Honorable Mary Samide  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District  
470 Center Street, Building 4  
Chardon, Ohio 44024-1071

Mr. Neil Hofstetter, Policy Committee Chairperson  
Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District  
9141 Clay Avenue  
Montville, Ohio 44064

**RE: Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55(C)(1) Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan Approval**

Dear Commissioner Samide and Mr. Hofstetter:

The Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Director) has reviewed and approved the ratified draft solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District (District). Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. Attachment 1 is a summary of the implementation schedule that was derived from the District's Plan.

The District should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule and timeline contained in the approved Plan and in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Director's Final Findings and Orders. Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C)(4) also requires the Policy Committee to "...annually review implementation of the approved plan... and report its findings and recommendations regarding implementation to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district."

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio." The Commission, in its discretion, may reduce the fee if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

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Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
77 South High Street  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the approved Plan, please contact me at (614) 728-5356.

Sincerely,

Ernie Stall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Materials and Waste Management

Enclosures (2): Director's Final Findings and Orders  
Attachment 1 to the Findings and Orders

cc (with enclosures): Robert Villers, Director, Geauga-Trumbull Joint SWMD  
Lynn Sowers, Environmental Supervisor, DMWM-NEDO

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OHIO E.P.A.  
MAR 12 2013

By *Joseph Lassiter* Date: 3-12-13

ENTERED DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL

In the matter of:

Geauga-Trumbull Joint	:	Director's Final
Solid Waste Management District	:	Findings and Orders
5138 Enterprise Boulevard	:	
Warren, Ohio 44481	:	

**I. JURISDICTION**

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District (District), pursuant to the authority vested in the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C).

**II. PARTIES**

These Orders shall be binding upon the District.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

**IV. FINDINGS**

The director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.56, the policy committee of a solid waste management district (SWMD) with an approved solid waste management plan that contains a planning period of fifteen or more years is required to submit an amended solid waste management plan that complies with the requirements in Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53 to the director of Ohio EPA on or before the fifth year anniversary of the date the existing solid waste management plan was approved.
2. The District's existing solid waste management plan was approved on January 5, 2007 and covers a planning period of fifteen years. The District's draft amended solid waste management plan was due to Ohio EPA on January 5, 2012.
3. On December 16, 2011, Ohio EPA received a draft amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the director of Ohio EPA is required to provide the policy committee of a SWMD with a written, nonbinding advisory opinion regarding a draft solid waste management plan and any recommended changes to it that the director considers necessary to effect its approval.
  5. On January 30, 2012, Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on December 16, 2011 to the District's Policy Committee.
  6. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the policy committee of a SWMD is required to submit a draft solid waste management plan that was ratified in accordance with the criteria established in Division (B) of ORC Section 3734.55 to the director of Ohio EPA to be reviewed for compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53.
  7. On January 17, 2013, Ohio EPA received a ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.
  8. The director has determined that the District's ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan is in compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of Section 3734.53 of the ORC.

#### V. ORDERS

1. The District's ratified, draft, amended plan that was received by Ohio EPA on January 17, 2013 is hereby approved.
2. The District shall proceed to implement its approved solid waste management plan in accordance with the strategies, programs, and activities described in the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan and contained in the implementation schedule included as Attachment 1 to these Orders.

#### VI. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

### **VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal, or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against the District for noncompliance with these Orders.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require the District to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734 or any other applicable laws in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the District to raise any administrative, legal, or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of the District. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations which may occur.

### **VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



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Scott J. Nally, Director  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



**ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS**  
**Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the**

**Geauga-Trumbull Joint Solid Waste Management District**

Several sections of the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) submitted by the Solid Waste Management District or Authority identified above are considered to be part of the implementation schedule required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.53(A)(13). This attachment lists the elements that Ohio EPA understands to constitute the implementation schedule contained in the District's or Authority's Plan. These elements are listed in the table below.

**Implementation Schedule for Facilities, Strategies, Programs and Activities**

1. Elements of the Plan	2. According to the Plan, when will implementation of this strategy begin and end?	3. Which Goal will this strategy be used to demonstrate compliance with?
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**Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education**

8735 Commercial Recycling & Source Reduction - The District will continue to promote & encourage recycling in the commercial sector. Source reduction information will be provide and waste audits will be offered if requested (Table VI-5)	1994, ongoing	Goals 3, 4
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**Curbside Recycling, Subscription**

6357 Geauga County - South Russell Village (Table VI-5)	1995 - ongoing	Goal 2
8723 Geauga County, Auburn Township (Table VI-5)	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
8724 Geauga County, Bainbridge Township (Table VI-5)	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
8725 Geauga County, Chardon City (Table VI-5)	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
8722 Trumbull County, Cortland City (Table VI-5)	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
7550 Trumbull County, Howland Township (Table VI-5)	2008 - ongoing	Goal 2
7551 Trumbull County, Liberty Township (Table VI-5)	2008 - ongoing	Goal 2
8726 Trumbull County, Newton Falls City (Table VI-5)	2011, ongoing	Goal 2
8727 Trumbull County, Weathersfield Township (Table VI-5)	2011, ongoing	Goal 2

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**Drop-off Recycling, FS, Rural**

6308 Geauga County - Burton Township Sheriff Post #2 (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6310 Geauga County - Chardon Township Hall (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6311 Geauga County - Claridon Town Hall (Table V-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6316 Geauga County - Hambden Town Hall (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6319 Geauga County - Huntsburg Township Park (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6324 Geauga County - Middlefield Village Maintenance Garage (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6325 Geauga County - Montville Township Community Center (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6330 Geauga County - Parkman Township Maintenance Garage (Table IV-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6333 Geauga County - Thompson Township Road Department (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6334 Geauga County - Troy Township Community Center (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6304 Trumbull County - Bloomfield Township Garage (Table IV-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6305 Trumbull County - Braceville Township Road Department (Table IV-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6306 Trumbull County - Bristol Township Garage (Table IV-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6312 Trumbull County - Farmington Township Hall (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6313 Trumbull County - Gustavus Township Fire Department (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6314 Trumbull County - Hartford Township Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6320 Trumbull County - Johnston Township Fire Station (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6322 Trumbull County - Lordstown Village Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6323 Trumbull County - McDonald Village Maintenance Garage (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2

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6332 Trumbull County - Southington Township Hall (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6336 Trumbull County - Vernon Township Hall (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6335 Trumbull County - Vienna Township Fire Department (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
8732 Trumbull County, Fowler Township Garage (Table VI-5)	2007, ongoing	Goal 2
7828 Trumbull County, Newton Township Administrative Building (Table VI-5)	2000 - ongoing	Goal 2
7549 Trumbull County, Shepard of the Valley (Table VI-5)	2009 - ongoing	Goal 2

**Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban**

6327 Geauga County - Newbury Township Garage (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6301 Geauga County - Bainbridge Township (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6347 Geauga County - Chester Township Hall (Table VI-5)	2000 - ongoing	Goal 2
6326 Geauga County - Munson Township Vetter Baseball Field (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6331 Geauga County - Russel Township Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
8730 Geauga County, Chardon City, Notre Dame School	2011, ongoing	Goal 2
6303 Trumbull County - Bazetta Township Road Department (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6307 Trumbull County - Brookfield Township Fire Department (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
6353 Trumbull County - Champion Middle School (Table VI-5)	2010, ongoing	Goal 2
6351 Trumbull County - Girard City Street Department (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6315 Trumbull County - Howland Township Fire Department (Table VI-5)	1999 - ongoing	Goal 2
6348 Trumbull County - Howland/Trumbull Recycling Center (Table VI-5)	1976- ongoing	Goal 2
6317 Trumbull County - Hubbard City Fire Department (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2

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6318 Trumbull County - Hubbard Township Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6345 Trumbull County - Kinsman Township Garage (Table VI-5)	2001 - ongoing	Goal 2
6329 Trumbull County - Niles City Water Department (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6350 Trumbull County - Warren City Fire Station (Table VI-5)	existing - ongoing	Goal 2
6341 Trumbull County - Warren Township Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goal 2
8580 Trumbull County Career and Technical Center (Table VI-5)	2011 - ongoing	Goal 2
8731 Trumbull County, Howland Township Administrative Building (Table VI-5)	1999, ongoing	Goal 2
8729 Trumbull County, Trumbull County Administration Building (Table VI-5)	1997, ongoing	Goal 2
8739 Trumbull County, Warren City, Christ Episcopal Church (Table VI-5)	2010, ongoing	Goal 2
<b>Health Dept. Funding/Open Dumps</b>		
6387 Environmental Enforcement Program - The District will help fund an environmental law enforcement program in conjunction with the health department's program (Table VI-5)	2007, ongoing	N/A
6364 Health Department Enforcement - Provide financial assistance to Ohio EPA approved health districts to conduct solid waste enforcement programs (Table VI-5)	1993 - ongoing	N/A
<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>		
6375 Amnesty Day - The District will offer (1) HHW amnesty collection day to residents in order for them to drop-off material for recycling & proper disposal (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goals 2, 5
6377 HHW Hotline - The District has a non-dedicated 1-800 number to answer questions regarding HHW (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goals 3, 4, 5
6376 Seasonal HHW Waste Recycling Facility - The District operates a seasonal drop-off facility to recycle and properly dispose of HHW material - May through September (Table VI-5)	2005 - ongoing (open May - Sept)	Goals 2, 5
<b>Industrial Recycling and Reduction</b>		
6384 Industrial Surveys - The District will conduct surveys of all industries in the District to determine existing waste and recycling activities in the industrial sector (Table VI-5)	1994, ongoing	Goals 3, 4

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6385 Waste audits - The District will work with industries as needed to perform waste audits. The information will be used to help industries recycle (Table VI-5)	1997, ongoing	Goals 3, 4
<b>Lead-Acid Battery Programs</b>		
6383 Lead -Acid Batteries - The District will continue accepting lead-acid batteres during HHW collection program (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goals 2, 5
<b>Market Development Programs</b>		
6386 Market Development Grants - The District will help local industries that are interested in manufacturing a product from materials in the waste stream to obtain grants that are available (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 7
<b>Other Programs</b>		
6380 Great American Litter Cleanup - The District will participate in the Great American Cleanup and organize volunteers to cleanup their community (Table VI-5)	1994 - ongoing	N/A
8738 Private Facilities (Table VI-5)	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
6381 Waste Sorts - The District will attempt to schedule waste sorts at solid waste facilities that accept District waste (Table VI-5)	1997 - 2008/2010, ongoing	N/A
<b>Other Residential/Commercial Recycling</b>		
6378 Appliance Collection - The District will provide collection days to residents to drop off appliances and freon bearing appliances for recycling and proper freon removal (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 2
6362 Commercial Drop-off Recycling & Source Reduction - six (6) existing commercial drop-off programs (Planet Aid, Abitibi Consolidated, Protect-N-Shred, Associated Paper Stock, Wal-Mart in Ohio) (Table VI-5)	ongoing	Goal 2
8737 Curbside Feasibility Study - The District will conduct a feasibility study within the city of Warren fr a curbside recycling program (Table VI-5)	2014, ongoing	Goal 2
8736 Scrap Food Waste Composting Program - District will hold an informational seminar about food waste composting. After, District will seek proposals from schools to participate in this program. A grant will be awarded to purchase a digester (Table VI-5)	2013, ongoing	Goal 2
<b>Residential Sector Education and Awareness</b>		
6366 Awareness Program - District will use the awareness program to promote and publicize environmental issues & programs, through newsletter, brochures, etc. (Table VI-5)	1994/1997 - ongoing	Goals 3, 4

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6365 Education Program - presentations, workshops, videos, brochures, etc. (Table VI-5)	1994/1997 - ongoing	Goal 3, 4
6363 Newsletter (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 3, 4
<b>Scrap Tire Programs</b>		
6368 Educational Materials - Develop and distribute educational materials on the proper management of tires (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goals 4, 5
6367 Inventory open dump sites - Maintain inventory of open dump sites, refer to enforcement agency (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 5
6369 List of scrap tire management facilities - District maintains a current list of where the public can dispose of tires (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 5
6371 Scrap tire grants - District provides grants to political subdivisions to conduct collection events and to pick up illegally discarded tires (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 5
<b>Web Page and Social Media</b>		
6379 District Website - The District website provides information on various District programs (Table VI-5)	1998 - ongoing	Goals 3, 4, 5
<b>Yard Waste Programs</b>		
6373 Christmas Tree Recycling Grants - Provide grants to communities throughout the District to conduct Christmas tree recycling (Table VI-5)	2001 - ongoing	Goals 2, 5
6374 Monitor/Tracking Yard Waste - District will monitor yard waste being delivered to compost facilities, open dumped, or landfilled (pg. 54)	1997 - ongoing	Goals 2, 5
6372 Technical Assistance - Provide technical assistance to communities that are interested in the development or expansion of current yard waste management programs (Table VI-5)	1997 - ongoing	Goal 5