



Cuyahoga County
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
CuyahogaRecycles.org

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Ohio EPA and OSWDO: SWMD New Coordinator Training

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Policy Committee; District Staff; County
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CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

We are the public agency helping the people of Cuyahoga to reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and in their communities.

VISION

Our vision is for Cuyahoga County to be a national leader in the movement toward a world without waste



Background

June 24, 1988 - Ohio Solid Waste Disposal Act

- Mandated that all counties establish a Solid Waste District
- Mandated each district establish a Solid Waste Policy Committee to prepare, adopt and submit to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency a Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to R.C. 343.01 and R.C. 3734.54

Formation of CCSWMD

August 29, 1988

- Resolution No. 883536 was passed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners to form a single-county Solid Waste Management District pursuant to R.C 3734.52
- District encompasses all incorporated and unincorporated territory of Cuyahoga County and a small portion of neighboring Geauga County (Village of Hunting Valley). District and Cuyahoga boundaries different!
- It is an urban county encompassing 458.3 square miles with 77.78% of its land covered with high and low intensity development

CCSWMD Policy Committee

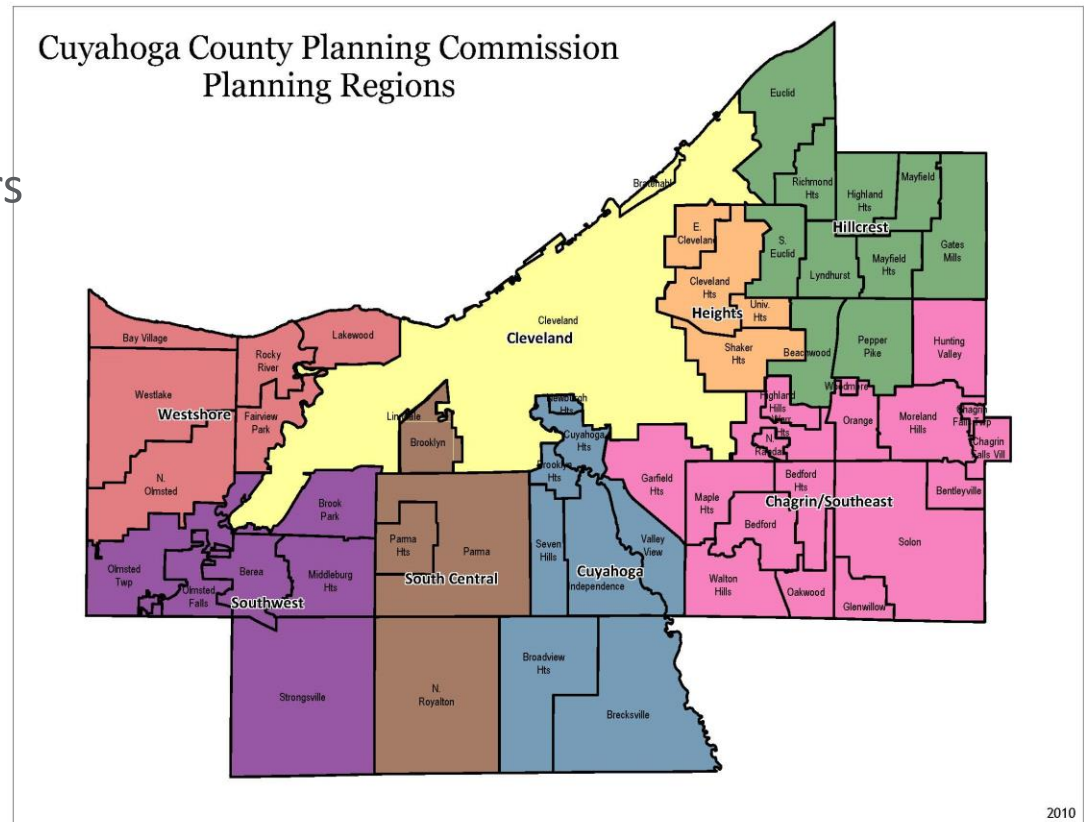
March 30, 1989

- Director of the Ohio EPA approved the County's waiver request to have the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission appointed to act as the Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District pursuant to R.C. 3734.54(D)
- Ohio law was amended on October 29, 1993, to add two members to policy committees
 - Member representing the general interests of citizens
 - Member representing industrial, commercial or institutional waste generators
 - Policy Committee expanded from 11 to 13 members

CCSWMD Policy Committee

October 29, 1993

- 3 County Commissioners
- 8 Regional Representatives
- Citizen Representative
- Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Waste Generator Representative



Commissioners Gone

2011

- Board of County Commissioners, acting in their capacity as the Board of Directors of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District replaced due to adoption of the new County Charter
- New three member board
 - Member representing County Council
 - County Executive or their designee
 - Member appointed by County Executive (now Director of Public Works)

Independent Political Subdivision

2019

- Various legal opinions established District as separate political subdivision pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 343.01
- District's autonomy resolved during purchase of current building
 - District holds title to real estate (District offices and Convenience Center building)
 - Viewed by County as an independent board
- Still intertwined with County
 - Utilize County Fiscal Officer
 - Utilize County Treasurer
 - Board comprised of 3 County employees

Ohio EPA

Counselor and Regulator

- Planning assistance
 - Plan updates
 - Grant applications
 - Program development
 - Scrap tire management
 - Illegal dumping
- Facility watchdog
 - Landfills (none in-district - export to 11 out-of-district)
 - Transfer stations (9 in-district and 4 out-of-district)
 - Compost facilities (14 in-district and 12 out-of-district)

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Programs and Services

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- Recycling Information, Brochures & Speakers
- Business Recycling Assistance and Workshops
- Education Programs for Adults and Youth
- Composting and Recycling Seminars
- Grant Programs
- Local Government Contracting Assistance
- Waste Management Consulting
- Special Recycling Programs
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Scrap Tire Collection
- Computer & Electronics Recycling
- Campaign Sign & Holiday Lights Recycling, Small Appliance Collections

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District Staff

Meet us...



Jessica Fenos, Assistant Director

- solid waste planning
- reports
- surveys
- contracts
- maps of facilities

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Maria Ortiz, Business Administrator

- accounts payable/receivable
- budget planning
- purchasing
- HR
- public records requests

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Cristie Snyder, Communications Specialist

- marketing communications and outreach
- website
- advertising/PR
- social media
- media relations
- newsletters

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Doreen Schreiber, Business Recycling Specialist

- business recycling assistance
- setting up a recycling program
- recycling seminars
- speakers and booths
- food waste policies
- zero waste initiatives

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Carin Miller, Education Specialist

- composting information
- classroom visits
- education seminars
- adult presentations
- workshops
- speakers and booths

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Matthew Walters, Recycling Programs Coordinator

- household hazardous waste program
- special recycling programs
- warehouse management

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THANK YOU!

Visit CuyahogaRecycles.org to learn more about reducing, reusing and recycling at home, at work and in the community.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the leading resource in Cuyahoga County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

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