



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Genesee County Local Units of Government

FROM: Derek Bradshaw, Director
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: August 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Genesee County Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Genesee County is excited to announce that we are going to develop a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off facility. This will be open to county residents on a weekly basis and will be free of charge. Over the next year you will continue to see the regular Recycle Day collection events while we plan, design, and implement the drop-off location. Not only will this drop-off facility be more convenient, but it will also better address the demand for HHW recycling and at a much lower cost.

As you may be aware our current HHW vendor has more than doubled their prices in the last couple of years. These exorbitant costs have made our current process unsustainable. This drop-off facility will be funded through a recent increase to the Genesee County Solid Waste Ordinance surcharge. This surcharge is primarily collected from two landfills operating in the county. The surcharge has been in place since 2002 and helps to support HHW recycling programs throughout the county. It has recently changed from \$0.12 per cubic yard of waste to \$0.45 per cubic yard of waste, generating about \$1.1 million annually. Approximately **88% of this surcharge is funded through waste not generated by Genesee County residents**, but instead from Canada, other states, and other Michigan counties.

I am excited to see Genesee County be able to provide for Should you have any questions, please contact me by cell at (810) 429-0910, work at (810) 766-6546, or by email at dbradshaw@geneseecountymi.gov

Sincerely,

Derek Bradshaw, Director
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

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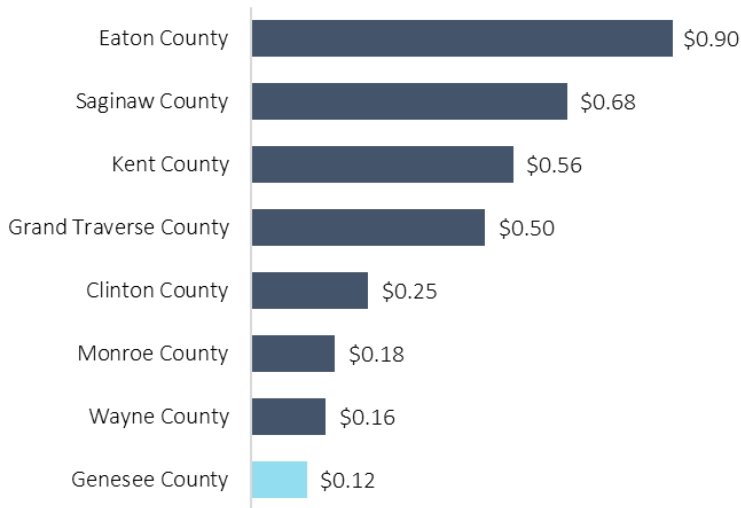
Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

Solid Waste Ordinance Increase Info

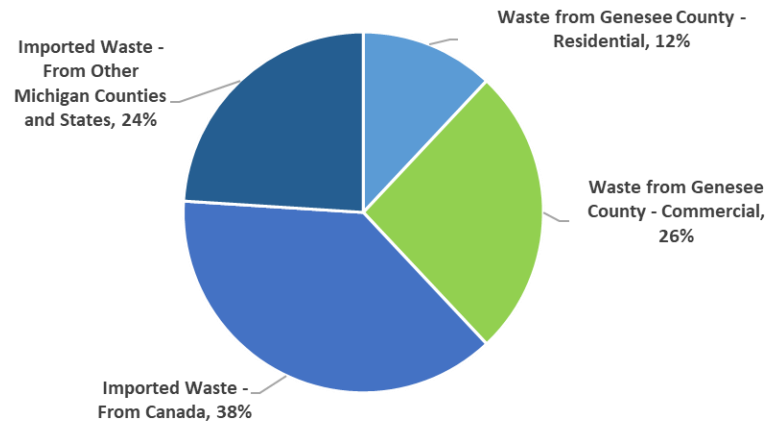
Current Revenue and Proposed Revenue

Current Revenue: \$290,000 (\$0.12 per cubic yard). Proposed Revenue: \$1,087,500 (\$0.45 per cubic yard)

Other Counties' Solid Waste Ordinance Surcharges



Waste Disposed in Genesee County Landfills



Percent of Solid Waste Ordinance Surcharge Paid for by Residents

Please note that residents do not pay a solid waste ordinance fee directly. Each community negotiates their own contract with a waste hauling company. As an estimate, 12% of solid waste ordinance fee is paid by Genesee County residents; this equals approximately \$130,500 countywide at the proposed increased solid waste ordinance fee of \$0.45 per cubic yard. If the fee is passed through to residents, each household would pay approximately \$0.78 annually.