



**RATIFICATION OF THE DELAWARE, KNOX, MARION, MORROW  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (2026-2040)**

***RATIFICATION PERIOD JANUARY 13, 2025 through APRIL 12, 2025***

PLEASE pass a resolution in support of the Plan Update!  
It counts as a “no” vote if you don’t vote at all.

Every solid waste district in Ohio must develop and update their solid waste management plan periodically. Once updated, the plan must be ratified by each political subdivision. **The plan becomes ratified when city/village councils and township trustees representing 60% of a district’s population**, including its largest cities and the legislative authority of the counties, vote to approve the plan. If the plan is not ratified, the Ohio EPA will write a plan without local input and order the district to implement it. **This fact sheet provides general information about the District’s solid waste plan update which is now out for ratification. The ratification period is from January 13, 2025 through April 12, 2025.**

**The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste Management Plan**

This Plan Update describes the waste management programs to be implemented during the planning period and how these programs meet the nine waste reduction and recycling goals established in the State Solid Waste management Plan. The Plan Update includes a five-page executive summary followed by 23 appendices which include detailed program descriptions, historical data, and data projections for the planning period.

**How to Review the Plan Update**

The Plan Update can be viewed at the District’s website- [dkmm.org](http://dkmm.org), or at the District’s office located at The Morrow Community Services Center, 619 West Marion Road, Entrance B, Suite 107, Mount Gilead.

**Plan development**

The Plan Update was written by the District in conjunction with the District’s Policy Committee through an 18-month process. The Policy Committee consists of one representative of each category from each county and one member at large for a total of 29 members. Members represent the following categories: commissioners, largest city, townships, health commissioner, industrial sector, citizen, and public interest.

**Plan Implementation and Funding**

The District employs two staff who are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Plan Update. The District is funded by a designation fee. This fee of \$6.00 is collected for each ton of waste produced within the four-county district. The District’s current fee of \$6.00 has not changed since 2012. To continue current programming and allow for new initiatives to be implemented, an increase in the fee is needed. **With this Plan Update, the designation fee will increase to \$7.50 per ton.** This Plan continues to authorize the District to establish facility designations in accordance with Ohio Revised Code.

**Programs and Services**

All of the existing programs and services offered will continue with the ratification of this Plan Update and several new programs will be initiated as well.

Current & Ongoing Programs	New & Upgraded Programs
Drop-Off Recycling Locations Robust Education Program Residential Yard Waste Composting Technical Support for Businesses & Industries Municipal Tire Grant Solid Waste Monitoring & Enforcement	Downtown Business Recycling Open Dump & Tire Dump Cleanup Funding Waste Audit Implementation Grant More Hazardous Waste Collection Opportunities More Electronics Recycling Opportunities DKMM Recycling Grant Residential Food Waste Composting

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