

**Gwinnett County Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:30pm**

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Second Floor,
Facilities Management Conference Room C,
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

Present: Robert Blatecky, Daniel Hilton, Krupesh Patel, Dr. Marshall Shepherd

Absent: Dr. Candace Timpte

Citizen Attendees: In person: 2; Online: 4

Employee Attendees: In person: 7; Online: 1

1. Call to Order
Robert Blatecky, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 5:37pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 3-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes}
3. Approval of Minutes
The January 17, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 3-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes}
4. Sustainability Officer Introduction
Mendie White, Gwinnett County Sustainability Officer, introduced herself and provided a description of her background and previous roles related to environmental sustainability. GCSC members introduced themselves to Mendie and elaborated on their current roles pertaining to sustainability.
5. Solid Waste and Recycling Discussion
Chris Fetterman, Gwinnett County Solid Waste Management Section Manager, presented an overview on Solid Waste and Recycling. The topics for the presentation included the current partners of Gwinnett County, the history of the solid waste program, the current services provided, the management of contracts and agreements, the measurement of key performance indicators, recycling accomplishments, and recycling education projects. Discussion topics included composting efforts, multifamily housing recycling opportunities, the financing of the recycling program, the advantages of eliminating the 18-gallon bin, and recycling volume trends.
6. Public Comments
Dr. Scott Presson congratulated Gwinnett County on the addition of the Sustainability Officer and encouraged the county to take advantage of funding opportunities.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 3-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes}

Solid Waste Update

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Partners

- Residential Solid Waste Haulers
- Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful
 - Earth Day and America Recycles Day
 - The Recycling Partnership
 - Georgia Environmental Protection Division and Ripple Glass
- Georgia Recycling Coalition

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Support Services

- Solid Waste Plan
- Solid Waste Ordinance
- Residential Hauler Agreement
- Curbside Residential Recycling Program

Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful

- American Clean Up
- Stop Handbills
- Bring One for the Chipper

Support Services/
Clean and Beautiful

- Earth Day
- America Recycles Day

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Water Resources

- Fats Oils Grease (FOG) reduction of biosolids in landfills

Water Resources/
Clean and Beautiful

- Adopt-A-Stream
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events

Transportation/
Clean and Beautiful

- Take Pride in Gwinnett
- Adopt-A-Road

Brief History

2010

Program established
per settlement and
release agreement

2020

Second amendment
clarified and
added terms






2018

First amendment
extended contract
and established rates

2022

Third amendment
modified rates
and performance
requirements

Current Haulers

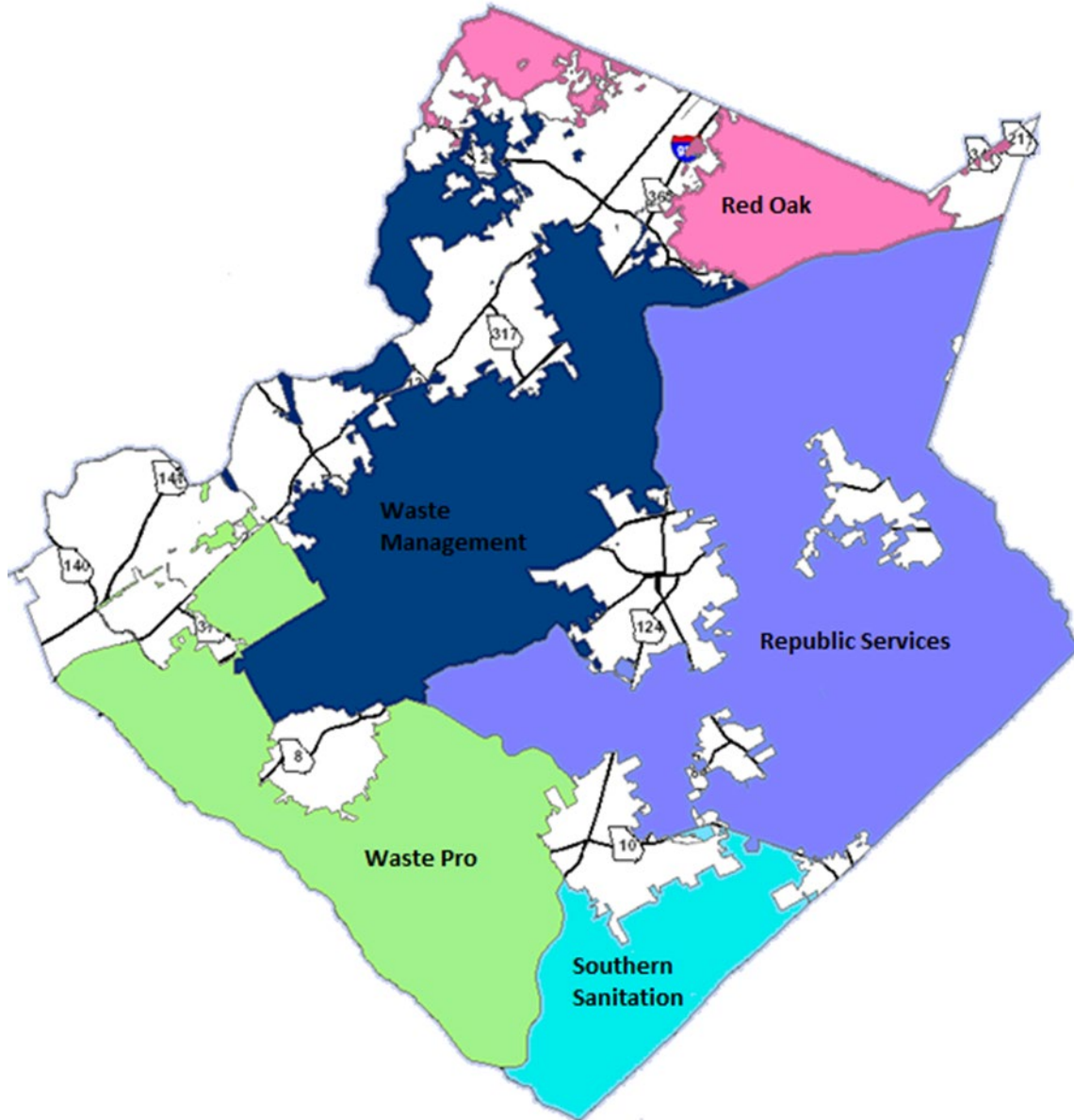
	Hauler	Service Units
	Republic Services	70,382
	Waste Management/ Advanced Disposal	60,250
	Waste Pro of Georgia	48,283
	Southern Sanitation	15,317
	Sanitation Solutions/ Red Oak Sanitation	14,506
	Total Service Units	208,738

Service Areas

○ Municipalities

Haulers

- Waste Management
- Republic Services
- Red Oak Sanitation
- Southern Sanitation
- Waste Pro of Georgia



Services

- Required Services
 - Trash
 - Recycling
 - Bulky Goods
 - White Goods
- Optional Service
 - Yard Waste (direct with hauler)



Manage Solid Waste Agreements

- Conduct site audits
- Track performance metrics
- Hold haulers accountable
- Assess liquidated damages



Performance Metrics

- Missed Collections
 - Recyclables, Recyclables (Area), Backdoor Recyclables
 - Trash, Trash (Area), Backdoor Trash
 - Bulky Waste/White
 - Yard Trimmings
- Missed Cart/Bin Delivery
- Escalated Issues

Recycling Activities

- Internal recycling activities
- External recycling activities
 - 18-gallon bins and 65-gallon carts
 - Earth Day
 - America Recycles Day
 - Glass recycling drop off locations
 - Hosted week-long shredding event
- Threats to recycling

Recycling Education

- Consistent Hauler Websites
- Revamping Solid Waste Website
- School, Social Groups, Events Education
- Internal Recycling – Public Facing



Discussion

- If you had a magic wand and could make a change with recycling in Gwinnett County, what would you do?
- Eliminate the 18-gallon bin?
- Multifamily housing recycling?
- Hold more community events?
- Incentivize recycling?
- Specific suggestions for recycling education?
- Composting opportunities?