

**The Joint Wheeler County
Solid Waste Management Plan 2014**

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Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan

I. Introduction

Wheeler County is located in the southern region of the State of Georgia. Created by a State Legislative act in 1912, Wheeler County is a community with a significant elderly population that is experiencing minimal growth. Located just south of Interstate 16 between Savannah and Macon, Wheeler County has good transportation routes connecting the county to several of Georgia's major cities. These transportation routes serve as major thoroughfares through Wheeler County. Many motorists traveling east and west across the state utilize State Route 30/U.S. 280 as an efficient means of transportation. State Route 19 also serves as a quick and efficient route to travel to U.S. Interstate 16 to reach Macon and Atlanta. With an estimated 2002 population of 6,579, the county's population increased 27.6 percent from 1980 to 2002. In 2000, the number of occupied housing units was 2,011. A vast majority of Wheeler County's land area consists of agriculture and forestland. The largest employer in Wheeler County by far is the Wheeler Correctional Facility, which employs 331 people and houses 1,486 prisoners and is operated by the Corrections Corporation of America. There are no other commercial industries located in Wheeler County that employ 50 or more people. This makes the prison a critical employer for the economy of Wheeler County.

Wheeler County has two incorporated cities that are participating in this solid waste plan. The City of Alamo is the county seat of Wheeler County. Its 2000 population was 1,943. The City of Glenwood had a 2000 population of 885. Although part of the City of Scotland is located in Wheeler County, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has assigned it to Telfair County for planning purposes, and that is consistent with City wishes.

II. Waste Disposal Stream Analysis

A. Inventory of Waste Stream Generators

Contributing to the overall waste stream in the unincorporated areas of Wheeler County are households and industry. These sectors contribute different items such as paper, plastic, brown goods, food, and industrial waste.

It is estimated that approximately 90 percent of the materials is household garbage and 10 percent is industrial. In the City of Alamo, households, industries, and institutions contribute to the overall waste stream. Households contribute approximately 45 percent of the overall waste stream. Institutions, such as the schools in the Wheeler County School System and the Wheeler Correctional Facility, contribute about 50 percent and industries contribute approximately five percent. In the City of Glenwood, households, a school, and minimal industries contribute to the overall waste stream. These sectors contribute paper, plastics, food, and glass. Households contribute approximately 85 percent of the waste stream. Institutions, such as the Wheeler County Hospital and the Tri-County Alternative Program for Success or TAPS, contribute approximately 10 percent and industry approximately 5 percent of the waste stream.

B. Anticipated Waste Amounts

Several steps were required to determine the amount of municipal solid waste that is generated in Wheeler County in terms of pounds per person per day through the years of 2003 to 2014. First, the total population for the county was projected from 2004 through 2014. Once the population was projected, the amount of waste that was disposed of by Wheeler County and its municipalities from 2001-2003 was recorded for each year. This amount was then divided by population estimates from 2001-2003 to get a per capita amount of municipal solid waste. It was then decided to utilize the highest per capita number (0.464 in 2003) to avoid being overly conservative. Then, the 2003 per capita number was utilized to get a constant rate of the amount of solid waste disposed for the remaining years of the per capita municipal solid waste generated. Thus, it was assumed that the annual rate of growth would remain consistent in order to best produce a reasonable estimate.

To determine the total tonnage disposed, the projected population for each year (2003-2014) was then multiplied by the highest per capita number (0.464 in 2003) to determine an amount disposed for each year.

The total number of recyclables collected each year in Wheeler County are not estimated to be large enough to warrant projections. Citizens drop off

newspapers, aluminum cans, glass, and plastics in the county's two recycling bins; however, the amount accumulated for each item is estimated to not reach one ton in total capacity each year. Therefore, estimates are not warranted.

The total tonnage of disposed waste for each year was determined to be the total amount of waste generated per year, because the recyclables were not estimated. That total was then divided by 365 to get the total tons per day. Next, the total tons per day were multiplied by 2,000 (2,000 lbs. equals one ton) to get the total pounds per day. That total was then divided by the projected population to get the total pounds per person per day of waste generated. This number resulted in the total number of tons of municipal solid waste disposed of in Wheeler County for 2003-2014 as shown in Table 1.

The composition of the municipal solid waste generated each year from 2003-2014 is also broken down in tons based upon the GA ^{DCR} ~~EPA~~ state figure during the first two seasonal sorts in 2003. The figures for Wheeler County are assumed to be the same as the state figures because no figures were available at the local level. These figures are shown in Table 2.

Table 1
Annual Projections of Wheeler County
Municipal Solid Waste 2003-2014 (in Tons)

Year	Population	Tons Disposed	Tons Recycled	Total Generated	Lbs./Person/Day Generated
2003	6,593	3,059	N/A	3,059	2.54
2004	6,792	3,151	N/A	3,151	2.54
2005	6,815	3,162	N/A	3,162	2.54
2006	6,850	3,178	N/A	3,178	2.54
2007	6,878	3,191	N/A	3,191	2.54
2008	6,911	3,207	N/A	3,207	2.54
2009	6,938	3,219	N/A	3,219	2.54
2010	6,968	3,233	N/A	3,233	2.54
2011	7,021	3,258	N/A	3,258	2.54
2012	7,074	3,282	N/A	3,282	2.54
2013	7,127	3,307	N/A	3,307	2.54
2014	7,180	3,332	N/A	3,332	2.54

Source: US Bureau of the Census, www.census.gov, Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff, 2004

Table 2
Annual Projections of Wheeler County
Municipal Solid Waste Separated by Type 2003-2014 (in Tons)

Year	Inorganics	Paper	Plastic	Glass	Metal	Organic	C & D
2003	98	1,162	486	125	177	820	193
2004	101	1,197	501	129	183	844	199
2005	101	1,202	503	130	183	847	199
2006	102	1,208	505	130	184	852	200
2007	102	1,213	507	131	185	855	201
2008	103	1,219	510	131	186	859	202
2009	103	1,223	512	132	187	863	203
2010	103	1,229	514	132	188	866	204
2011	104	1,238	518	134	189	873	205
2012	105	1,247	522	135	190	880	207
2013	106	1,257	526	136	192	886	208
2014	107	1,266	530	137	193	893	210

Sources: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff, GA ~~EPD~~, 2004
DCR

III. Waste Reduction Element

A. Inventory of Current Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

As a part of the State of Georgia's efforts to reduce the amount of waste by 25 percent, Wheeler County and its municipalities have a recycling bin in the City of Alamo and in the City of Glenwood. Citizens drop off newspapers, aluminum cans, glass, and plastics. Newspapers are picked up by the Wheeler County training center for packaging purposes. The Wheeler County Cooperative Extension Service also collects chemical jugs for recycling and proper disposal. However, the amount accumulated for each item is estimated to not reach one ton in total capacity per year as previously mentioned. The Wheeler County recycling program targets all residents of Wheeler County and encourages the recycling of items through proper disposal. This program has had only limited success since its inception with the County's resources being limited due to a small tax base. It has also been limited by the small, low density population in the county, and resulting low total waste generation. The County continuously needs to look for ways to expand the program.

B. Source Reduction

Wheeler County and its municipalities do not have formal waste reduction programs through reuse programs, financial incentives, waste audits, waste exchanges, or industrial process changes.

C. Recycling

Wheeler County has developed a recycling and collection program for the County and its municipalities, but with limited effectiveness. The County has established two recycling bins, but additional ones are needed. The program is not very large at the present time, however; it has potential to grow once additional funds become available.

IV. Yard Trimming Mulching/Composting

A. Inventory of Composting and Mulching Programs

Wheeler County does not currently have a composting/mulching program in use nor do they anticipate a program in the near future. However, the County encourages residents to take yard trimmings to the City of Alamo

VII. Land Limitation Element

A. Natural Environmental Limitations

Wheeler County's abundant natural resources are becoming recognized by its citizens as an increasingly important asset to the county's future growth and development. A growing interest is emerging in protecting the area's fragile resources while balancing the need for growth. The following discussion highlights the natural environmental limitations of Wheeler County.

According to the 1989 Hydrologic Atlas 18 of the Georgia Geologic Survey, Wheeler County's significant groundwater recharge areas are contained in the Southern Coastal Plain Major Land Area and the Miocene/Pliocene Recent Unconfined Aquifer and are located along the county's southern border with Telfair County west and south of Alamo, the central portion of the county north and south of Alamo including the city limits, and the Little Ocmulgee River in the western edge of the county. These areas have been identified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in a companion pollution susceptibility map as having medium to high pollution susceptibility, with areas of high pollution susceptibility being located mainly south of Alamo with one area located west of the city. A countywide ordinance modeled after the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Part V Environmental Planning Criteria is in effect that protects the county's groundwater recharge areas from possible contamination due to toxic or hazardous substances. A sizable portion of Wheeler County (19.74 percent) has also been designated as wetlands on the National Wetlands Inventory prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Much of the wetlands in the county are located along the Oconee and Ocmulgee River Basins as well as the Little Ocmulgee River, but not all of the wetlands in the county are confined to these areas. These areas of the county are known to contain a variety of habitats of protected flora and fauna, as well as nesting and breeding grounds for a number of protected animals. The County also has two rivers, the Ocmulgee and the Oconee rivers, which are identified for protection under the 1991 River Corridor Protection Act. The Ocmulgee River flows on the southern end of the county, forming the county's southern boundary with Jeff Davis County. The Oconee River flows along the eastern side of the county, forming the county's eastern boundary with Montgomery County. A variety of hunting and fishing

opportunities are located along the rivers, making them very popular for recreational uses. Three boat landings are located along the Wheeler County side of the Oconee River, just east of Glenwood off of U.S. Highway 280, which offer the potential for tourism opportunities. Development along the river has been minimal, generally limited to weekend hunting/fishing dwellings. More significant residential development is occurring in the southeastern portion of the county south of Glenwood. One other major river, the Little Ocmulgee River, is also located in Wheeler County. However, the segment of this river that is located in the county does not meet the minimum flow criteria necessary to qualify as a protected river corridor under present DNR standards. Nonetheless, the river flows through the City of Alamo as mentioned earlier, and it is a part of the county's groundwater recharge areas.

These resources (except for the Little Ocmulgee River mentioned above) are somewhat protected throughout Wheeler County under a model ordinance that was based on DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria and adopted by all of the local governments in the county in 2000. This ordinance provides for strict limitations on the use of land near these identified resources.

Two other environmental resources identified by DNR under the Part V Environmental Planning Criteria, water supply watersheds and protected mountains, are not present in Wheeler County and thus are not applicable.

B. Criteria for Siting Solid Waste Facilities

Wheeler County had a joint landfill with Treutlen County that was closed in the late 1990s, and the County presently continues to monitor that site. The County and the cities of Alamo and Glenwood currently handle the collection and disposal of solid waste within their respective jurisdictions. Wheeler County and the City of Alamo both contract with the Telfair County landfill to accept solid waste from their jurisdictions for disposal and are responsible for transporting the waste they collect to the landfill. The City of Glenwood transfers its solid waste to the Toombs County landfill, where the City has a contract for that landfill to accept the City's solid waste. Because of the county's abundant natural resources and the intent of the County's Community Vision to utilize these resources in the County's future growth and development, the County does not believe that the location of any

additional solid waste handling facilities would be compatible with the community's vision for its future growth and development.

While the City of Alamo is the only local government in Wheeler County that has a zoning ordinance in place, the City of Glenwood and the unincorporated area of Wheeler County do have some land use regulations in place, such as subdivision regulations. There are several factors to be taken into consideration when determining the compatibility of solid waste handling facilities to the surrounding area. The Natural and Cultural Resources element and other portions of the Wheeler County Joint Comprehensive Plan, as well as this Solid Waste Management Plan, identify areas where such a facility may or may not be acceptable. The County does not desire such a facility to locate within a five (5) -mile radius of either of the municipalities. This will allow room for residential areas in and near the cities to grow and expand around the cities in those areas that are planned for future residential development. Simultaneously, it is desired that such facilities locate at a minimum of one-half mile from any residential area. This will lessen the possibility of adversely impacting adjacent properties through reduced property values or undue burdens on existing infrastructure.

Other considerations include airport safety. The County has one airport that is jointly owned by Telfair County and is located adjacent to the Little Ocmulgee State Park near McRae. It is the County's intention that no solid waste handling facility locate within at least one (1) mile of the Telfair-Wheeler County Airport to ensure the safety of incoming and outgoing aircraft from interference caused by birds that might be attracted to the solid waste facility. Flood plains are another consideration. The County does not desire that such a facility locate in the 100-year flood plain. In fact, DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05 (1) (d) states that a facility cannot restrict the flow of the 100-year flood. Wetlands and groundwater recharge areas are protected by the countywide ordinance based on DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria. The County is also desirous of protecting the many and various natural streams that dot the area's landscape. It is desired by the County that no facility locate within one-half mile of any stream. Solid waste handling facilities are also discouraged from locating near any area of the county that is identified as prime farmland or as having either archaeological or cultural

significance. Fault areas, seismic impact zones, and unstable areas do not apply to Wheeler County.

C. Local Procedures for Siting Solid Waste Facilities

As part of the site selection process, an applicant must prepare an engineering report detailing how the solid waste handling facility will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The report must also discuss how the facility will be compatible with surrounding land uses and community facilities, including detailing the impact on roads and any required improvements, the uses of land in close proximity, adjacent properties, required water system improvements, wastewater management systems, and erosion control measures. It should also articulate information pertaining to the operation of the facility, such as the hours of operation, location and size of the facility, capacity, types of materials to be accepted, disposal fees, private or public usage, and number of employees.

Along with an engineering report, the applicant must prepare a Public Participation Plan. This plan will highlight to the County how the applicant will inform the public, businesses, and interested parties of the proposed facility. The plan must identify the order in which these parties will be notified and the manner in which such notification will be conducted. The County would then review the plan, and upon approval, the applicant would execute the plan and prepare a Public Participation Report that would document the results of the Public Participation Plan. A Public Hearing would then be held at the applicant's expense to solicit the views and concerns of local citizens.

Finally, the applicant must provide an Impact Statement and an Environmental Assessment prior to any action by the County or any public hearing. This is so that the proposed impact on the current solid waste management infrastructure, collection capability and disposal capacity, and the County's ability to meet the state's 25% per capita waste disposal reduction goal can be adequately addressed, along with the potential impact on the surrounding natural environment. The Impact Statement should also address compatibility of the project with the Wheeler County Joint Comprehensive Plan and this Solid Waste Management Plan. Upon the

completion and submittal of all required documentation, public hearings, and public meetings, the County will then conduct a review and issue its findings as to the approval or rejection, based on all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and compatibility with local plans.

D. Land Limitation Needs:

1. There is a need to develop a formal application process with rules and procedures regarding solid waste handling facilities that are consistent with the newly updated Solid Waste Management Plan.

Land Limitation Goals:

1. Wheeler County seeks to create a formal application process that will insure that solid waste handling facilities are located in areas that are suitable for such facilities, are compatible with surrounding land uses, are in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, preserve the existing rural character and maintain/enhance the current quality of life while providing for compatible and quality future growth and development, prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and are not considered for location in areas that have been identified as unsuitable due to environmental or land use limitations.

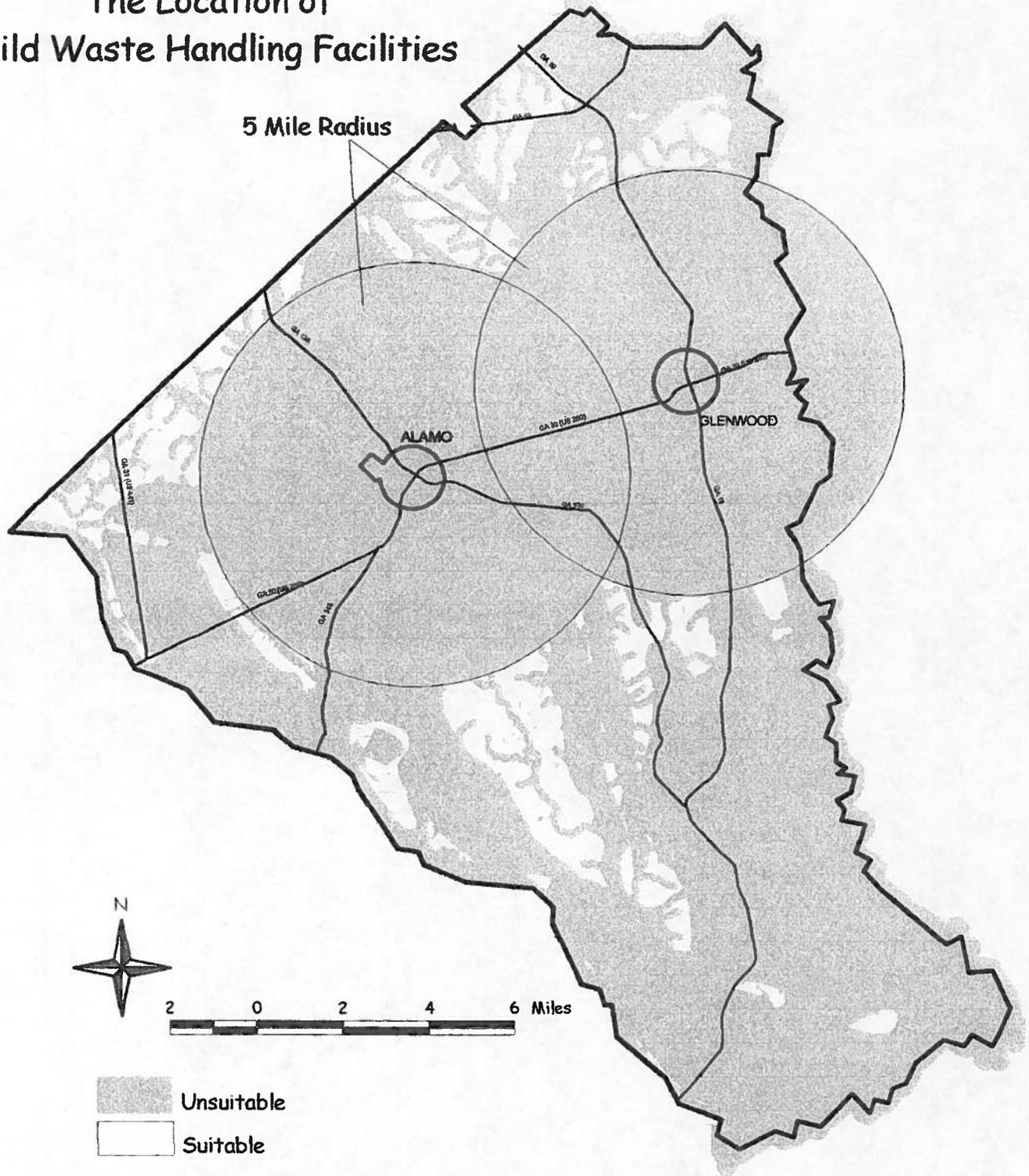
VIII. Education and Public Involvement Element

A. Existing Local Government Programs

The local governments in Wheeler County have a couple of different programs to educate the public concerning solid waste management. In 2002, Wheeler County received funds through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Scrap Tire Management Program to develop a local codes enforcement program to combat the problems of littering and illegal dumping countywide. All of the county's municipalities are also covered by this program. In addition to enforcing the countywide codes ordinance, the local codes enforcement officer has the responsibility of educating the general public about proper solid waste management and source reduction. Realizing that educating the youth of the county is essential to any public education effort, the code enforcement officer routinely gives presentations to the local schools and distributes literature and other materials promoting the use of

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Areas Unsuitable For
The Location of
Solid Waste Handling Facilities



SOURCE: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC
Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC, 2004

recycling and the proper disposal of household waste and other materials. Informational articles are periodically submitted to the local media to help reach out to the public at large, and the codes enforcement officer gives presentations and training programs to various local civic organizations from time to time. The County's codes enforcement program has had limited effectiveness to date in helping to reduce the amount of illegal dumping due to the lack of abundant and available resources. However, littering, though still present to some degree, is not as much of a problem as was the case previously. Because of its effectiveness on both the enforcement front and the education side, Wheeler County needs to continue its codes enforcement program and expand as appropriate.

In addition to utilizing the codes enforcement program, Wheeler County has a limited recycling program that has been in existence since the late 1990s. The County funds and operates two recycling bins, one each in the cities of Alamo and Glenwood. Citizens countywide can bring certain recyclable items they may have and drop them off at either recycling bin on a voluntary basis. Items that are accepted for recycling include aluminum cans, glass, newspapers, and plastics. However, the use of recycling by local citizens appears to be rather minimal at the present time. Newspapers are collected periodically by the Wheeler County Training Center to be used for packaging purposes. The Wheeler County Cooperative Extension Service collects chemical jugs for recycling and to ensure proper disposal of this hazardous form of waste. Currently, the County's recycling program does not accept such items as tires, batteries, or white goods due to limited funding. However, a need does exist for such a program to be implemented. Citizens may presently take these items to a local filling station where they are collected by a private company to be disposed of properly. A local auto repair shop in Alamo accepts white goods where they are crushed for extra weight for vehicles. A local furniture store in Glenwood will also accept white goods for disposal as well.

The County utilizes its Codes Enforcement program to promote increased recycling activities among the general public by utilizing the local media for various promotional efforts, and by speaking to numerous civic organizations and the local schools and distributing informational materials. With all of

Wheeler County's schools located within the City of Alamo, the City along with the County's Codes Enforcement officer works closely with the school system to provide educational programs and activities to students concerning recycling and waste reduction. Since the formation of recycling activities in the County, there has been a small increase in recycling participation by the public. The lack of available resources due to the County's small tax base creates limits on the scope of any program that is undertaken. There has been some initial discussion at the local level about possibly entering into a regional recycling program with a neighboring county or counties. A possibility does exist that perhaps the County could consolidate its recycling efforts with Montgomery County and its successful operation. This is a potential avenue that merits some exploration by local officials. The County recognizes the need to foster increased utilization of recycling activities countywide and will continue to pursue avenues to expand its recycling operations and increase usage by the local citizenry.

The local governments in Wheeler County do not currently participate in many local or regional public involvement programs. Wheeler County currently participates in the Keep America Beautiful program and plans to continue to do so. Neither municipality participates in any regional or state programs at this time, but there is a need to do so in the future.

B. Solid Waste Advisory Committee/Task Force

This is not applicable currently in any of the local governments in Wheeler County. There are no plans to establish such a committee in the near future.

C. School System Programs

The only currently organized education program through the Wheeler County School System is that mentioned earlier in conjunction with the City of Alamo, as well as previously mentioned through the countywide codes enforcement program.

D. Litter Control Programs

In addition to its codes enforcement program, Wheeler County and the cities of Alamo and Glenwood have previously utilized inmates from the Wheeler Correctional Institute in Alamo to conduct roadside pickups and other cleanup

methods. Although this program has been discontinued at the present time due to budget cuts at the state level, the local governments hope that funding will be available in the future to restart the program. The County also utilizes the volunteer efforts of the Wheeler County 4-H Club from time to time as well.

E. Regional RDC Programs

There currently are no RDC programs in effect in Wheeler County, nor are there any plans to establish a program(s) in the near future.

F. Summary of Needs/Assessment

The general priority needs as determined by the local governments for public education and involvement are as follows:

1. There is a need to continue an active codes enforcement program countywide with an increased emphasis on litter control, promoting the use of recycling, source reduction, and reuse where appropriate. Additional funds to expand the program's scope should be pursued as necessary.
2. There is a need to increase the promotion and utilization of recycling activities throughout Wheeler County.
3. There is a need to continue a recycling/waste reduction education program within the Wheeler County School System, in conjunction with the education program offered by the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement and the City of Alamo.
4. There is a need for the cities of Alamo and Glenwood to participate in local, regional, and state beautification activities.

G. Education and Public Involvement Goals

1. Maintain a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among Wheeler County and all municipalities in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.
2. Support the continuation of educational programs within the Wheeler County School System concerning recycling and source reduction activities, and establish new programs as needed.
3. Increase the voluntary recycling and reduction opportunities for businesses and industries.
4. Increase participation in local, regional, and state beautification efforts, both in the incorporated and unincorporated areas, and form local programs as appropriate.

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IX. Wheeler County – Waste Stream Element

STWP ITEM: Establish ongoing data collection system/procedure addressing collection, reduction, transfer and disposal.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County has a data collection system in place to monitor the quantity of waste collected and transferred to the Telfair County landfill. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Manage data collection system.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

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X. Wheeler County – Collection Element

STWP ITEM: Continued status quo for solid waste collection.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The County has a number of unstaffed green boxes throughout the County that are utilized for solid waste collection. This arrangement will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Conduct investigation for privatizing collection services.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The County held discussions with Sullivan Environmental Services, Inc. concerning privatizing solid waste collection services in Wheeler County. However, the County determined that contracting for solid waste collection is not feasible at the present time. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Maintain and develop a drop-off system for recyclable materials.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County provides unmanned recycling bins and encourages citizens to drop off their recyclable items at the bins on a voluntary basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Research the possibility of setting up convenience stations
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: Establishing convenience stations was determined to not be feasible at this time due to the lack of funding resources to adequately staff the stations.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

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XI. Wheeler County – Waste Reduction Element

- STWP ITEM:** Develop drop-off system for recyclable materials.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County provides two unmanned recycling bins to its citizens throughout the county. Citizens are encouraged to bring their recyclable items to the bins on a voluntary basis. Items that are accepted include aluminum cans, newspapers, glass, and plastics. The Cooperative Extension Service office collects chemical jugs for recycling twice per year. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Determine drop-off sites.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The County has two unmanned recycling bins that are utilized for the collection of household recyclable items countywide. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County formerly contracted with a private vendor for the collection of cardboard for recycling but no longer does so. The County's determination is that it is not feasible at this time to contract with a private vendor for the collection of recyclables.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Operate drop-off program.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Target specific recyclables for commercial collection.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Coordinate commercial recycling program with residential drop-offs.**
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Administer commercial recycling program.**
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection.**
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Construct and operate a construction and demolition landfill.**
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: A construction and demolition landfill has not been constructed due to a lack of interest and feasibility at the present time.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop disposal fee incentives for reduction and recycling for industries.**
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: Disposal fee incentives were not enacted due to a lack of feasibility at the present time.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

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XII. Wheeler County – Disposal Element

STWP ITEM: Close Landfill – Phase 1-4 (Treutlen – Wheeler).
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: Phases 1-4 of the Treutlen-Wheeler County landfill were closed in 1995. A thirty-year monitoring program is currently ongoing. The monitoring of the landfill will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Conduct investigation for a transfer station.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: A transfer station was deemed to not be necessary at this time due to the close proximity of the Telfair County landfill, which Wheeler County utilizes through a contract to dispose of waste collected by Wheeler County.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Establish ongoing data collection system for monitoring disposal quantities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County has in place a data collection system for monitoring the quantity of waste disposed by the County in the Telfair County landfill. The maintenance of this system will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Contract and transfer solid waste to the Telfair County Sanitary Landfill.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XIII. Wheeler County – Joint Education Element

STWP ITEM: **Develop a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among the County and each of the cities in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A countywide education and technical assistance program is in place through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Target audiences for education programs and administer the education program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop school system programs to coordinate efforts for educating students.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A program is in place through the Wheeler County School System to educate students concerning recycling and general solid waste management. The County's Codes Enforcement officer also gives presentations to the local schools on a routine basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop programs to inform citizens of recycling and reduction opportunities.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Committee for public involvement.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: There is no current interest in developing such a committee, and there are no current plans to establish one in the near future.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Create educational opportunities in conjunction with the commercial recycling program.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: Wheeler County does not have a commercial recycling program in place at this time due to a current lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop educational materials for recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate special promotions for recycling activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop and coordinate volunteer base for educational activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XIV. Wheeler County – Financing Element

STWP ITEM: Determine most effective methods of revenue recovery for solid waste management programs.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Determine tipping fees for disposal facility.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The County charges tipping fees to commercial customers. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Update user fees for waste collection and drop-off system.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Fees to commercial customers will be updated as needed, but this activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Engage in full cost accounting for solid waste management activities.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial and industrial sectors.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

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Wheeler County – Land Limitations Element

STWP ITEM: To monitor local, state, and federal regulations to ensure site suitability for future solid waste management facilities.

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: This was determined to be unnecessary due to the County's utilization of the Telfair County landfill for solid waste disposal.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

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XV. City of Alamo – Waste Stream Element

STWP ITEM: **Establish ongoing data collection system/procedure addressing collection, reduction, transfer and disposal.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The City has a data collection system in place to monitor the quantity of solid waste collected and disposed in the Telfair County landfill. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

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XVI. City of Alamo – Collection Element

- STWP ITEM:** Continued status quo for solid waste collection.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The City has a twice per week curbside collection program in place, and transfers the collected waste to the Telfair County landfill. This arrangement will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Conduct investigation for privatizing collection services.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The City held discussions with Sullivan Environmental Services, Inc. concerning contracting for solid waste collection. However, the City determined that this was not feasible due to an increase in the City's sewer rates that would have to take place. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.
- STWP ITEM:** Maintain and develop a drop-off system for recyclable materials.
COMPLETE: Wheeler County provides unmanned recycling bins and encourages citizens to drop off their recyclable items at the bins on a voluntary basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XVII. City of Alamo – Waste Reduction Element

STWP ITEM: **Develop drop-off system for recyclable materials.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County provides two unmanned recycling bins to its citizens throughout the county. Citizens are encouraged to bring their recyclable items to the bins on a voluntary basis. Items that are accepted include aluminum cans, newspapers, glass, and plastics. The Cooperative Extension Service office collects chemical jugs for recycling twice per year. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Determine drop-off sites.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The City has one recycling bin for citizens to drop-off their recyclable items on a voluntary basis. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: The County formerly contracted with a private vendor for the collection of cardboard for recycling but no longer does so. The County's determination is that it is not feasible at this time to contract with a private vendor for the collection of recyclables.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Operate drop-off program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Target specific recyclables for commercial collection.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate commercial recycling program with residential drop-offs.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Operate a mulching program at a centralized site.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: The City collects yard debris and offers it to its citizens to be used for residential landscaping. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XVIII. City of Alamo – Joint Education Element

STWP ITEM: **Develop a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among the County and each of the cities in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A countywide education and technical assistance program is in place through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Target audiences for education programs and administer the education program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop school system programs to coordinate efforts for educating students.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A program is in place through the Wheeler County School System to educate students concerning recycling and general solid waste management. The County's Codes Enforcement officer also gives presentations to the local schools on a routine basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop programs to inform citizens of recycling and reduction opportunities.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Committee for public involvement.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: There is no current interest in developing such a committee, and there are no current plans to establish one in the near future.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Create educational opportunities in conjunction with the commercial recycling program.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: Wheeler County does not have a commercial recycling program in place at this time due to a current lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop educational materials for recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate special promotions for recycling activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop and coordinate volunteer base for educational activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XIX. City of Alamo – Financing Element

STWP ITEM: Determine most effective methods of revenue recovery for solid waste management programs.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Update user fees for waste collection and drop-off system.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: User fees will continue to be updated as needed, but this will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Engage in full cost accounting for solid waste management activities.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial and industrial sectors.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

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XX. City of Glenwood – Waste Stream Element

STWP ITEM: **Establish ongoing data collection system/procedure addressing collection, reduction, transfer and disposal.**

COMPLETE: **Yes.**

PROJECT STATUS: The City has a data collection system in place to monitor the quantity of solid waste collected and disposed in the Toombs County landfill. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

**Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan
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XXI. City of Glenwood – Collection Element

STWP ITEM: Continued status quo for solid waste collection.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The City has a once per week curbside collection program in place, and transfers the collected waste to the Toombs County landfill. This arrangement will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Conduct investigation for privatizing collection services.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The City held discussions with Sullivan Environmental Services, Inc. concerning contracting for solid waste collection. However, the City determined that this was not feasible at this time. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Maintain and develop a drop-off system for recyclable materials.

COMPLETE: Wheeler County provides unmanned recycling bins and encourages citizens to drop off their recyclable items at the bins on a voluntary basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XXII. City of Glenwood – Waste Reduction Element

STWP ITEM: **Develop drop-off system for recyclable materials.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Wheeler County provides two unmanned recycling bins to its citizens throughout the county. Citizens are encouraged to bring their recyclable items to the bins on a voluntary basis. Items that are accepted include aluminum cans, newspapers, glass, and plastics. The Cooperative Extension Service office collects chemical jugs for recycling twice per year. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Determine drop-off sites.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The City has one recycling bin for citizens to drop-off their recyclable items on a voluntary basis. This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: The County formerly contracted with a private vendor for the collection of cardboard for recycling but no longer does so. The County's determination is that it is not feasible at this time to contract with a private vendor for the collection of recyclables.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Operate drop-off program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Target specific recyclables for commercial collection.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate commercial recycling program with residential drop-offs.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: The County does not carry out a commercial recyclables collection program at this time due to a lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XXIII. City of Glenwood – Joint Education Element

STWP ITEM: **Develop a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among the County and each of the cities in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A countywide education and technical assistance program is in place through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Target audiences for education programs and administer the education program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop school system programs to coordinate efforts for educating students.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: A program is in place through the Wheeler County School System to educate students concerning recycling and general solid waste management. The County's Codes Enforcement officer also gives presentations to the local schools on a routine basis. This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop programs to inform citizens of recycling and reduction opportunities.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: **Develop Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Committee for public involvement.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: There is no current interest in developing such a committee, and there are no current plans to establish one in the near future.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Create educational opportunities in conjunction with the commercial recycling program.
COMPLETE: No.
REASON NC: Wheeler County does not have a commercial recycling program in place at this time due to a current lack of feasibility.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop educational materials for recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Coordinate special promotions for recycling activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis through the Wheeler County Codes Enforcement program and will be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Develop and coordinate volunteer base for educational activities.
COMPLETE: Yes.
PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the New STWP.

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XXIV. City of Glenwood – Financing Element

STWP ITEM: Determine most effective methods of revenue recovery for solid waste management programs.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Update user fees for waste collection and drop-off system.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: User fees will continue to be updated as needed, but this will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Engage in full cost accounting for solid waste management activities.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial and industrial sectors.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This activity will continue on an ongoing basis but will not be restated in the New STWP.

**Wheeler County Solid Waste
Management Plan**

Short Term Work Programs

**Wheeler County
City of Alamo
City of Glenwood**

WHEELER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
2005-2014

		COLLECTION ELEMENT			
ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE	
Maintain unmanned green boxes for solid waste collection	2005-2014	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr.	Local	
Maintain unmanned recycling bins as the drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Maintain drop-off system for special management items	2005-2009	Private Haulers	NA	NA	
WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT					
ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE	
Continue drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Operate drop-off program for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection	2005-2014	Wheeler County	NA	NA	
Develop countywide composting/mulching program	2007	Wheeler County	\$5,000	Local	
Develop collection program for tires, batteries, and white goods	2007	Wheeler County, City of Alamo, City of Glenwood	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	

WHEELER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
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ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE
Maintain an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Develop educational materials for reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Coordinate special promotions for recycling opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Maintain and coordinate a volunteer base for educational activities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement, Garden Club	NA	NA

CITY OF ALAMO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
 SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
 2005-2014

ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	COLLECTION ELEMENT	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE
Maintain curbside collection program for solid waste in the City	2005-2014		City of Alamo	\$10,000/yr.	Local
Maintain unmanned recycling bins as the drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009		Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Maintain drop-off system for special management items	2005-2009		Private haulers	NA	NA
		WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT			
ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING		PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE
Continue drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009		Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Operate drop-off program for recyclable materials	2005-2009		Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection	2005-2014		City of Alamo	NA	NA
Operate a mulching program	2005-2014		City of Alamo	\$5,000/yr.	Local
Develop collection program for tires, batteries, and white goods	2007		Wheeler County, City of Alamo, City of Glenwood	\$10,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local

CITY OF ALAMO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
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 2005-2014

ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE
Develop school system programs to coordinate efforts for educating students	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement, School System	NA	NA
Maintain programs to inform citizens of recycling and reduction opportunities, and develop new programs as appropriate	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Create educational opportunities to encourage recycling among commercial establishments	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Maintain an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Develop educational materials for reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Coordinate special promotions for recycling opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Maintain and coordinate a volunteer base for educational activities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement, Garden Club	NA	NA

CITY OF GLENWOOD SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
2005-2014

		COLLECTION ELEMENT			
ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE	
Maintain curbside collection program for solid waste in the City	2005-2014	City of Glenwood	\$10,000/yr.	Local	
Maintain unmanned recycling bin as the drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Maintain drop-off system for special management items	2005-2009	Private Haulers	NA	NA	
WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT					
ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE	
Continue drop-off system for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Operate drop-off program for recyclable materials	2005-2009	Wheeler County	\$100,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection	2005-2014	City of Glenwood	NA	NA	
Develop countywide composting/mulching program	2007	Wheeler County, City of Alamo, City of Glenwood	\$10,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	
Develop a collection program for tires, batteries, and white goods	2007	Wheeler County, City of Alamo, City of Glenwood	\$10,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local	

CITY OF GLENWOOD SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
 SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
 2005-2014

ACTIVITY	YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING	PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT	PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS	FUNDING SOURCE
Develop school system programs to coordinate efforts for educating students	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement, School System	NA	NA
Maintain programs to inform citizens of recycling and reduction opportunities, and develop new programs as appropriate	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Create educational opportunities to encourage recycling among commercial establishments	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Maintain an education program directed toward increasing the voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Coordinate educational activities through media opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Develop educational materials for reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Coordinate special promotions for recycling opportunities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Maintain and coordinate a volunteer base for educational activities	2005-2014		Wheeler County Codes Enforcement, Garden Club	NA	NA

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compost/mulch area for decomposition. The City of Alamo does have a composting/mulching program. The City provides curbside pickup and households can voluntarily take their compost/mulch to the compost/mulch site that the City of Alamo operates located on Hartley Road. The City has approximately 2,500 square foot of capacity to properly process compost/mulch. The City does collect yard trimmings, and they are added to the compost/mulch area. Processed compost/mulch is used to supply city flowerbeds, and it is placed in washed out places. The City of Glenwood does not have a composting/mulching program, nor does it have an everyday curbside pickup that collects yard trimmings. The City does recommend taking the items to the City of Alamo compost/mulch site.

B. Special Management Items

Wheeler County and its municipalities do not have a program in order to collect tires, batteries, and white goods throughout the county. Citizens may take items to a local filling station where a private company that properly disposes them picks them up. White goods can be taken to a local body shop in Alamo where they are placed in cars and crushed for extra weight or to a local furniture store in Glenwood where they are properly disposed.

C. Waste Reduction Assessment

The Wheeler County recycling program's current waste reduction programs are not adequate to achieve the state's 25% per capita waste disposal reduction goal. While the programs are somewhat successful at best, more funding is needed to expand the program to achieve the State of Georgia's waste reduction goals. However, the small size and population of Wheeler County is a limiting factor. **The county and municipalities may utilize nearby local governments to have access to recycling equipment and storage capabilities. Should a natural disaster or another event generate a large amount of unanticipated waste, there are several options of removing such waste that will be considered. The county's recycling program would be utilized to recycle as much of the waste as possible.**

Composting/mulching would be used where practical. After these options are utilized, if a large quantity of waste remains it would be sent to the landfill that each local government is contracted with to dispose of their waste. If the recycling program should become interrupted in case of a

natural disaster or other event, the public will be notified on what procedures will take place via the media. This notification will take place through the newspaper and public service announcements on the radio. The time frame required would probably be at least one week to be able to go through the proper procedures to continue the recycling program.

D. Waste Reduction Needs:

1. Expand and continue to utilize the City of Alamo's yard trimming collection program.
2. Continue the current utilization method of disposing of yard waste by the City of Alamo.
3. Citizens of Wheeler County need to utilize the filling station and the body shop as a means of collecting tires, batteries and white goods.
4. Encourage the expansion of recycling activities county-wide, and continue to upgrade the county's recycling facilities.

Waste Reduction Goals:

1. Develop a composting/mulching program county-wide.
2. Develop a county-wide collection program for tires, batteries, and white goods.

V. Collection Element

A. Inventory of Current Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Programs

At the present time Wheeler County operates a collection system for rural residents of the county. The County utilizes dumpsters located throughout the county to collect household garbage. The County picks up the dumpsters two times per week serving 2,540 customers. Once the garbage is collected, it is taken to the Telfair County Landfill, which it has a capacity to operate for approximately 16 more years. Its remaining capacity is 669,585.00 cubic yards. The County also has 29 commercial sites where it collects garbage. The commercial rate is \$40.00 per month for once a week pickup and \$75.00 for twice a week pickup. The City of Alamo utilizes curbside pickup to collect

their household waste at a rate of \$8.25 for residential and \$9.75 for commercial customers, which picks up garbage twice a week. The City of Alamo takes the collected garbage to the Telfair County Landfill once a week. The City of Glenwood also uses curbside pickup in order to collect waste. The City is responsible for the pickup one time per week when it is taken to the Toombs County Landfill at a rate of \$28.00 per ton. The Toombs County Landfill has a capacity to operate for approximately 22 more years. Its remaining capacity is 1,954,689.00 cubic yards.

Wheeler County and its municipalities do not have a program in order to collect tires, batteries, and white goods throughout the county. Citizens may take items to a local filling station where a private company that properly disposes of them picks them up. White goods can be taken to a local body shop in Alamo where they are placed in cars and crushed for extra weight or to a local furniture store in Glenwood where they are properly disposed. Citizens of Wheeler County and its municipalities may take recyclables to one of two recycling bins located in Wheeler County.

Inventory of Landfills and Haulers of Solid Waste Serving Wheeler County

Telfair County Landfill
Route 1/County Road 143
McRae, GA 31055

Toombs County Landfill
P.O. Box 112
Lyons, GA 30436

Wheeler County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 181
Alamo, GA 30411

City of Alamo
PO Box 646
Alamo, GA 30411

City of Glenwood
PO Box 616
Glenwood, GA 30428

B. Yard Trimmings Collection

The City of Alamo provides curbside pickup for yard trimmings. Citizens of Wheeler County and the City of Glenwood are encouraged to take their yard trimmings to the City of Alamo compost/mulch site located on Hartley Street.

C. Adequacy of Collection Programs

The collection methods utilized to collect solid waste by Wheeler County and its municipalities are adequate to serve the citizens of Wheeler County, although they may wish to investigate privatization in the future. With several regional landfills located in close proximity to Wheeler County, the accessibility of a landfill for solid waste collection purposes by the local governments is adequate. The collection method utilized by Wheeler County to collect recyclables is somewhat effective at best. A program to collect white goods, tires, and batteries needs to be developed as funds become available. The cities of Alamo and Glenwood utilize the convenience centers for the collection of recyclables. The cities of Alamo and Glenwood do not have a program in order to collect tires, batteries, and white goods. However, citizens may take their items to the filling station or to the local body shop located in the county.

D. Illegal Dumping

There is a minimal problem in Wheeler County with illegal dumping. The County utilizes code enforcement to combat the problem of illegal dumping. Thus far, the program is proving to be a success in the incorporated as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. While there are few instances of illegal dumping occurring in the City of Alamo, if it should happen, the City utilizes the Wheeler County Code Enforcement Program to combat the problem(s). Illegal dumping is a minimal problem within the City of Glenwood, but if it occurs, the City relies on the Wheeler County Code Enforcement to correct the problem(s).

E. Collection Needs:

1. Citizens of Wheeler County need to utilize the yard trimmings collection program provided by the City of Alamo.
2. Continue current means of collecting solid waste in the unincorporated areas of the county and encourage the increased utilization of recycling by all citizens.
3. Wheeler County needs to investigate the feasibility of establishing a collection program for tires, batteries, and white goods.

Collection Goals:

1. Continue the current method of collection and voluntary drop-off of recyclables county-wide.
2. Continue the current method of collection and voluntary drop-off of special management items county-wide.

F. Contingency Strategy

In case of a natural disaster or another event that may interrupt the flow of garbage pickup, Wheeler County and its municipalities may utilize another private contractor to resume collection of solid waste. The County and municipalities may also utilize nearby local governments to have access to solid waste collection equipment, **if an excessive amount of waste is generated.** The cities of Alamo and Glenwood have an understanding with two other municipalities (City of Soperton and City of Mount Vernon) to work together to solve any problem(s) that may arise. The City of Alamo also has a backup truck it may utilize. If these options are necessary to adequately serve Wheeler County, the local governments would be required to go through the proper procedures to be able to put the options into operation. The time frame would probably require at least one week to follow all proper procedures to continue solid waste collection. **If the recycling program should become interrupted in case of a natural disaster or other event, the public will be notified on what procedures will take place via the media. This notification will take place through the newspaper and public service announcements on the radio.**

VI. Disposal Element

A. Disposal

The Telfair County Landfill is a public municipal solid waste landfill located in Telfair County. According to GA EPD, in 2003, Telfair County had a remaining capacity of 669,585.0 cubic yards. Its average daily tons in 2003 was 70.0, and it has a rate of fill of 140.00 cubic yards per day. Its estimated fill date is September 24th, 2020, which means that the landfill has approximately 16 years of remaining capacity. Telfair County accepts household wastes.

The Toombs County Landfill is a public municipal solid waste landfill located in Toombs County. According to GA EPD, in 2003, Toombs County had a remaining capacity of 1,954,689.0 cubic yards. Its average daily tons in 2003 was 150.0, and it has a rate of fill of 300.00 cubic yards per day. Its estimated fill date is November 3rd, 2026, which means that the landfill has approximately 22 years of remaining capacity. The Toombs County Landfill accepts household wastes.

B. Thermal Treatment Technologies

Wheeler County and its municipalities do not have any thermal treatment technologies, nor are any planned in the future.

C. Adequacy for Planning Period

The Telfair Landfill will be adequate to meet the needs of Wheeler County and the City of Alamo for the ten-year planning period. The remaining capacity as of 2003 was 669,585.0 cubic yards, or an estimated life of 16 more years.

The Toombs County Landfill will be adequate to meet the needs of the City of Glenwood for the ten-year planning period. The remaining capacity as of 2003 was 1,954,689.0 cubic yards, or an estimated life of 22 more years.

D. Disposal Needs:

1. Continue to utilize the regional landfill facilities.

Disposal Goals:

1. Continue to utilize the current method of solid waste disposal throughout the county.

E. Assurance of Ten-year Disposal Capacity (See Attachment A)

Continue to utilize the current method of solid waste disposal throughout the county.

F. Contingency Strategy for Disposal

In case of a natural disaster or another event that may interrupt the flow of garbage pickup or generate a large amount of extra waste, Wheeler County and its municipalities have access to a number of regional landfill facilities in close proximity to Wheeler County to handle the excess waste that such an event might generate. These facilities are located in Wayne and Candler counties. If this option becomes necessary, the County would be required to go through the proper procedures to be able to put this option into operation. The time frame would probably require at least one week to follow all proper procedures to continue solid waste disposal. **If the recycling program should become interrupted in case of a natural disaster or other event, the public will be notified on what procedures will take place via the media. This notification will take place through the newspaper and public service announcements on the radio.**

VII. Land Limitation Element

A. Natural Environmental Limitations

Wheeler County's abundant natural resources are becoming recognized by its citizens as an increasingly important asset to the county's future growth and development. A growing interest is emerging in protecting the area's fragile resources while balancing the need for growth. The following discussion highlights the natural environmental limitations of Wheeler County.

According to the 1989 Hydrologic Atlas 18 of the Georgia Geologic Survey, Wheeler County's significant groundwater recharge areas are contained in the Southern Coastal Plain Major Land Area and the Miocene/Pliocene Recent Unconfined Aquifer and are located along the county's southern border with



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June 30, 2004

Mr. Bobby Cox, Sr. City Administrator
City of Alamo
P.O. Box 646
Alamo, Georgia 30411

Dear Mr. Cox;

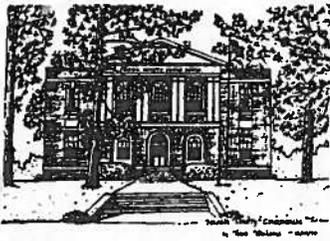
This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by the City of Alamo. Waste is hauled by the City to the Telfair County Landfill and the Georgia EPD permit number for this facility is 134-015-D.. This facility has a remaining capacity of 35 years. This assurance is based upon the total disposal of approximately 5,891.07 tons per year of commercial, residential, and the industrial waste in the City of Alamo.

We thank the City of Alamo for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy R. Selph".

Roy R. Selph
Chairman



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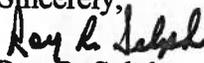
June 30, 2004

Mr. O.C. Adams, Chairman
Wheeler County Board of Commissioners
209 West Forest Avenue
P.O. Box 181
Alamo, Georgia 30411

Dear Mr. Adams,

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners. Waste is hauled by the County to the Telfair County Landfill and the Georgia EPD permit number for the facility is 134-0150D. This facility has a remaining capacity of 35 years. This assurance is based upon the total disposal of approximately 5,891.07 tons per year of commercial, residential, and industrial waste in Wheeler County.

We thank the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

Roy R. Selph
Chairman

Toombs County Commissioners

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BETH TAYLOR
County Clerk &
Office Manager

September 08, 2003

Mayor G.M. Joiner, Jr.
City of Glenwood
P.O. Box 616
Glenwood, GA 30428

Dear Mayor Joiner,

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by the City of Glenwood. Waste is hauled by the City to the Toombs County Landfill and the Georgia EPD Permit number for this facility is 138-006D. This facility has a remaining capacity of 23 years. This assurance is based upon the total disposal of approximately 190 tons per year of commercial, residential, and industrial waste in the City of Glenwood.

We thank the City of Glenwood for this partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



Charles Rustin
Chairman,
Toombs County Commissioners

Heart of Georgia

Altamaha

Regional Development Center



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Eastman, GA 31023
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Fax (478) 374-0703

331 West Parker Street
Baxley, GA 31513
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September 10, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Potentially Interested or Affected Local Governments, State and Federal Agencies, Regional Development Centers, and Local Authorities

FROM: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC WFL

SUBJECT: **Wheeler County/City of Alamo/City of Glenwood Full Joint Local Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal under Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and Full Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update Submittal under Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990**

Wheeler County, the City of Alamo, and the City of Glenwood have submitted a Full Local Plan Update of their joint plan, *Ready and Set To Go: Wheeler County-City Comprehensive Plan, 2014*, for formal review and comment under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Also submitted is a full update of their joint solid waste management plan, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan*, for formal review and comment under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990. The new plans are titled: *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood, 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan, 2014*. The formal "Notification of Local Plan Submittal and Regional Review Hearing/Comment Opportunity" form is attached. Local governments will find two copies of the notification form attached. One copy should be posted on your government's official notice board in conformity with required procedures; the other copy is your official notice of local plan update review.

A regional review public hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held on the submitted plan updates at the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC office in Baxley, Georgia on September 23, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. This date is tentative pending sufficient interest from potentially interested or affected parties to warrant a hearing. The purpose of this regional review public hearing is to have an open forum for local governments, Regional Development Centers, state agencies, and other parties to present their view on the submitted local plan update. While this hearing, if held, will allow for informal questions and comments, all formal and official comments must be made in writing to be accepted. Formal comments will have to be submitted in writing to this RDC prior to, during, or received within two calendar days after the date of the regional review public hearing.

Potentially Interested or Affected Parties

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For those persons or agencies wishing to review the submitted local plan updates prior to the regional review public hearing, a complete copy is available for review at the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners Office, the Alamo City Hall, the Glenwood City Hall, or the offices of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center. Copies cannot be mailed. Complete copies of the plan updates and any submitted comments will also be available for review at the regional review public hearing.

Should you be interested in requesting the regional review public hearing to be held, please contact the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC office at (912) 367-3648 or e-mail to HEARTOGA@bellsouth.net by no later than September 16, 2004.

WFL

Enclosure

File: 300.001.18, 400.016

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County, Georgia has participated with the cities of Alamo and Glenwood in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plans and solid waste plans with new full plan updates;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Programs" for Wheeler County in each plan;

WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of these comprehensive and solid waste management plans as mandated by the appropriate Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including an initial joint public hearing prior to development of the plans held on January 8, 2004 to receive input, and a final public hearing held on July 1, 2004 to brief the public on the draft plans and receive further input prior to submission of the plans for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved both *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan* and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan*, including the Wheeler County Short-Term Work Programs, as its local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and as a guide for its future growth and development, and as its solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for both plans have been met, and that *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* are hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of both plans by the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 9th day of July, 2004.

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alamo, Georgia has participated with Wheeler County and the City of Glenwood in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plans and solid waste plans with new full plan updates;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Programs" for the City of Alamo in each plan;

WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of these comprehensive and solid waste management plans as mandated by the appropriate Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including an initial joint public hearing prior to development of the plans held on January 8, 2004 to receive input, and a final public hearing held on July 1, 2004 to brief the public on the draft plans and receive further input prior to submission of the plans for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alamo has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved both *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan* and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan*, including the City of Alamo Short-Term Work Programs, as its local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and as a guide for its future growth and development, and as its solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alamo certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for both plans have been met, and that *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and the *Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* are hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of both plans by the City of Alamo as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 14th day of July, 2004.

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____

Dolma Blount
My Commission Expires Feb. 2, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glenwood, Georgia has participated with Wheeler County and the City of Alamo in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plans and solid waste plans with new full plan updates;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Programs" for the City of Glenwood in each plan;

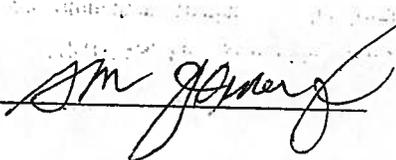
WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of these comprehensive and solid waste management plans as mandated by the appropriate Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including an initial joint public hearing prior to development of the plans held on January 8, 2004 to receive input, and a final public hearing held on July 1, 2004 to brief the public on the draft plans and receive further input prior to submission of the plans for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glenwood has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved both *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan* and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan*, including the City of Glenwood Short-Term Work Programs, as its local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and as a guide for its future growth and development, and as its solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, respectively.

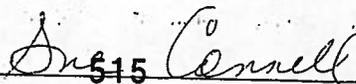
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Glenwood certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for both plans have been met, and that *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and the *Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* are hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of both plans by the City of Glenwood as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 6 day of July, 2004.

BY:



ATTEST:



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County, Georgia has participated with the cities of Alamo and Glenwood in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan and solid waste plan with new full plan updates; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Programs" for Wheeler County in each plan; and

WHEREAS, these plans have previously been submitted for formal review, comment, and recommendation to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as mandated by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the new joint comprehensive plan, the *Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025* has previously been certified as meeting all requirements of the Georgia Planning Act, and has already been officially adopted by the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, has now been certified by these review agencies as meeting all requirements of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act for Wheeler County, after minor revision; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County is now desirous of adopting the new joint solid waste management plan, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the revised *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including the new Five-Year Short Term Work Program for Wheeler County, as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and thus replacing the previous solid waste management plan adopted in 1993; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners instructs that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center as required by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED, this 7th day of March, 2005.

H. S. N. D.

ATTEST:

Elaine J. Clark

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alamo, Georgia has participated with Wheeler County and the City of Glenwood in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan and solid waste plan with new full plan updates; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025*, and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* including separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Programs" for the City of Alamo in each plan; and

WHEREAS, these plans have previously been submitted for formal review, comment, and recommendation to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as mandated by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the new joint comprehensive plan, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025* has previously been certified as meeting all requirements of the Georgia Planning Act, and has already been officially adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alamo; and

WHEREAS, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, has now been certified by these review agencies as meeting all requirements of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act for the City of Alamo, after minor revision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alamo is now desirous of adopting the new joint solid waste management plan, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alamo hereby approve and adopt the revised *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including the new Five-Year Short Term Work Program for the City of Alamo, as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and thus replacing the previous solid waste management plan adopted in 1993; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alamo instructs that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center as required by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED, this 9th day of March, 2005

BY: [Signature]

ATTEST: [Signature]

Appling Bleckley Candler Dodge Emanuel Evans Jeff Davis Johnson Laurens

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ALTAMAHA
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

331 West Parker St., Baxley, Georgia 31513
Ph (912) 367-3648 Fax (912) 367-3640

Date: 3/21/05

Time: 2:40

To: Mary Harrington/Randy Hartmann

Agency/Co.: DCA Office of Waste Management

Fax Number: (404) 679-0646

The following is being faxed to you:

Formal notification of the official Full
Solid Waste Management Plan Update adoption
by Wheeler County and the City of
Alamo.

You are receiving this from: Bill Lindsey
Name

Comments:

An official copy of this notification will
be mailed to you.

Total pages sent: 4 Excluding this cover sheet.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

November 5, 2004

Mr. Alan R. Mazza
Executive Director
Heart of Georgia RDC
5405 Oak Street
Eastman, Georgia 31023

Dear Alan,

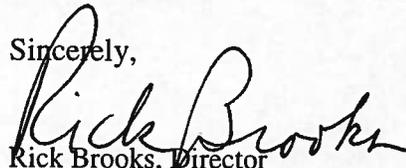
Our staff has reviewed the 2004 Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan and, while the plan is very well done in nearly every respect, we have determined that it does not meet the requirements as outlined in the 2004 Solid Waste Minimum Planning Standards. According to the Minimum Planning Standards (Chapter 110-4-3-.04 (5)):

Inventory and Assessment: The inventory will provide local governments with basic information about existing programs and infrastructures in order to assess the usefulness of current programs. It must include the following activities:

- Preparation of an inventory of current programs, capacities, and facilities for the five core planning elements including routine operations. Under special conditions resulting from any type of disaster which generates significant volumes of waste and/or special wastes the plan shall identify procedures for the collection, waste reduction (recycling), disposal, and public notification of alternative programs for the commercial and residential waste generated from the disaster.

The plan currently has no information on how debris from any type of disaster is managed in the county. When this omission is corrected, our staff will complete the review of the 2004 Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Sincerely,


Rick Brooks, Director

Planning and Environmental Management Division

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WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and similar "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glenwood, Georgia has participated with Wheeler County and the City of Alamo in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and both of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan and solid waste plan with new full plan updates; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plans, *The Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo and Glenwood 2025* and *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including separate "Five Year Short-Term Work Programs" for the City of Glenwood in each plan; and

WHEREAS, these plans have previously been submitted for formal review, comment, and recommendation to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as mandated by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the new joint comprehensive plan, the *Joint Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo, and Glenwood 2025* has previously been certified as meeting all requirements of the Georgia Planning Act and has already been officially adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Glenwood; and

WHEREAS, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, has now been certified by these review agencies as meeting all requirements of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act for the City of Glenwood, after minor revision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glenwood is now desirous of adopting the new joint solid waste management plan, *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014* as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Glenwood hereby approve and adopt the revised *The Joint Wheeler County Solid Waste Management Plan 2014*, including the new Five-Year Short Term Work Program for the City of Glenwood, as its official solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and thus replacing the previous solid waste management plan adopted in 1993; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Glenwood instructs that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center as required by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures, and to other agencies as appropriate

SO RESOLVED this 5th day of April, 2005

BY: [Signature]

ATTEST: [Signature]



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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS **COPY**

Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

May 4, 2005

Honorable Derwood Tootle
Mayor, City of Bellville
Post Office Box 121
Bellville, Georgia 30414-0121

Dear Mayor Tootle:

We have received notification that Evans County and the cities of Bellville, Claxton, Daisy, and Hagan have adopted the 2005 - 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Evans County and the cities of Bellville, Claxton, Daisy, and Hagan have regained eligibility for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

As you have experienced, in addition to proper and thorough long-range planning, effective solid waste management requires the ability to adapt when circumstances indicate that such action is necessary. Through continued review, and revision when necessary, solid waste planning provides your local government with more control over its destiny and assists you in dealing more effectively with both short-term and long-term management decisions.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please call Mary Harrington in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-3144.

Sincerely,

Mike Beatty
Commissioner

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cc: Alan Mazza, Executive Director, Heart of Georgia RDC

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August 17, 2009



MEMORANDUM

TO: Potentially Interested or Affected Local Governments, State and Federal Agencies, Regional Development Centers, and Local Authorities

FROM: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC

SUBJECT: Wheeler County/City of Alamo/City of Glenwood Partial Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989

Wheeler County and the cities of Alamo and Glenwood have submitted a Partial Update of their existing joint comprehensive plan, *The Wheeler County Joint Comprehensive Plan: Wheeler County, Alamo and Glenwood, 2025* for formal state and regional review and comment under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. This Partial Update consists of a list of Issues and Opportunities identified by the local Government Committee, an analysis of Areas Requiring Special Attention, an analysis of consistency with DCA's Quality Community Objectives, and an Implementation Program consisting of Long Term Policies and a new Five-Year Short Term Work Program for each local government. Also included is a Report of Accomplishments for the existing Short Term Work Program for each local government. This Partial Update is to serve as an interim policy guide until a full plan update is prepared in 2015, per DCA requirements.

The purpose of this notification is to allow surrounding local governments, Regional Commissions, state agencies, and other potentially interested parties to present their view on the submitted document. For those persons wishing to review and comment, a draft copy of the Partial Update is available on the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission website, www.hogarc.org (click on the "Documents" link). Formal comments must be made in writing in order to be accepted.

Please submit any comments that you wish to have taken into consideration to either Bill Lindsey (lindsey@hogarc.org) or the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC's general e-mail address (HEARTOGA@bellsouth.net) by no later than September 1, 2009.

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September 28, 2004

Mr. Alan Mazza, Executive Director
Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center
5405 Oak Street
Eastman, Georgia 31023

Dear Alan:

Our staff has completed its review of the proposed comprehensive plan update for Wheeler County and the cities of Alamo and Glenwood. The focus of our review was to determine if the comprehensive plan update is in compliance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning. We have determined that the comprehensive plan update meets the Minimum Standards compliance requirements.

Please remind the local government that extension of their Qualified Local Government (QLG) status is contingent upon official adoption of the comprehensive plan update. Official adoption can take place no earlier than **October 16, 2004**, for the local governments to be in compliance with the Minimum Standards. As soon as we receive notification from your office that the plan updated has been adopted, we will send Wheeler County and the cities of Alamo and Glenwood official notification that their QLG status has been extended.

Sincerely,

Rick Brooks, Director
Planning and Environmental Management Division

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