



**RIDGEFIELD CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, April 17, 2025

TMI Building

101 Mill Street, Ste 210, Ridgefield, WA 98642

I. STUDY SESSION - 4:00 P.M.

- 1. Clark County Solid Waste Management Plan Update and North County Transfer
Siting Study - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**

II. ADJOURN

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Clark County Solid Waste Management Plan Update and North County Transfer Siting Study

GOVERNING LEGISLATION

Chapter 70.95 RCW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT — REDUCTION AND RECYCLING
Chapter 70A.205.040 RCW

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

Approval of Resolution No. 487 adopting the Clark County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, 2015

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Clark County designating Clark County as the lead agency for the revision to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, November 2023.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

State law requires each city and county within the State to prepare and periodically revise a coordinated and comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP). The City of Ridgefield has delegated preparation of the Solid Waste Management Plan to Clark County by Interlocal Agreement, approved by Council in November 2023. All of Clark County's cities and towns are signatory to that agreement.

Clark County is in the process of developing an update to the CSWMP in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan. As part of the update, the plan will provide information for all existing and proposed solid waste handling facilities, a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling element, and the county's moderate risk management plan. A component of the updated plan is assessing the public ownership of transfer facilities, which are currently operated under contract with Columbia Resource Company.

It is anticipated that the County will adopt the updated plan later in 2025. Council will be asked to review and approve the draft plan prior to that date.

This Study Session will focus on the draft CSWMP and highlights of changes from the previous adopted CSWMP as they pertain to Ridgefield.

Clark County Solid Waste is also assessing the potential transfer to public ownership of the Central Transfer Facility on NE 117th Avenue between Brush Prairie and Vancouver. County staff will present the study process, timelines, and what is being assessed.

Additionally, Clark County is beginning a site evaluation study for a new North County Transfer Station. City staff have requested the study include consideration of a regional decant facility, which would be

an additional resource to the City for disposal of street sweeping collected material.

Time permitting, County Solid Waste staff will talk about their solid waste station at the April 19 Cleanup Day. The County's Solid Waste collection station will be located at the City's Public Works Operations Yard this year. Note that with the Pioneer Street construction closure, there will be a temporary detour route through the PacTrust development for residents coming from the west and south.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:

Study Session: Discussion and Comment on the draft CSWMP and North County Transfer Station study elements.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. County Solid Waste Program Update to RF Council

Clark County Solid Waste Operations

Spring 2025 updates



Outline

- Overview of 2025-2030 solid waste management planning process
- Next steps for CSWMP adoption
- North County Transfer Facility Siting Study
- Update for Public Ownership - Cost Benefit Analysis
- Quick reminder, Clean Up Day is April 19, Solid Waste Station in a new location



Clark County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

For years 2025-2030

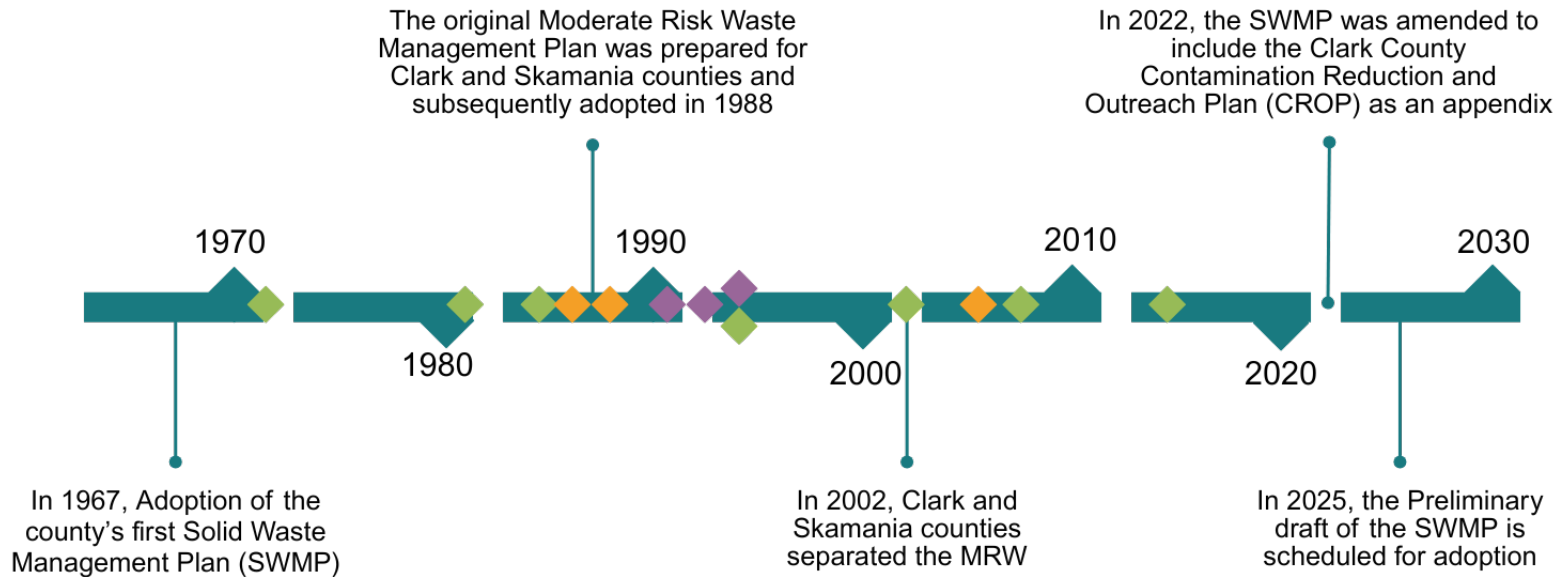


Overview of solid waste management planning

- RCW 70A.205.075 requires all counties in the state to prepare a 20-year solid waste management plan
- RCW 70A.300.350 requires all counties in the state to prepare a local hazardous waste plan
- Between full revisions, counties are required to maintain the CSWMP in “current condition”
 - Ecology is working on a checklist requiring the CSWMP to be reviewed annually to ensure “current condition”
- In between revisions, amendments can be made for changes
 - E.g. Legislative updates, new hauling or transfer station contracts



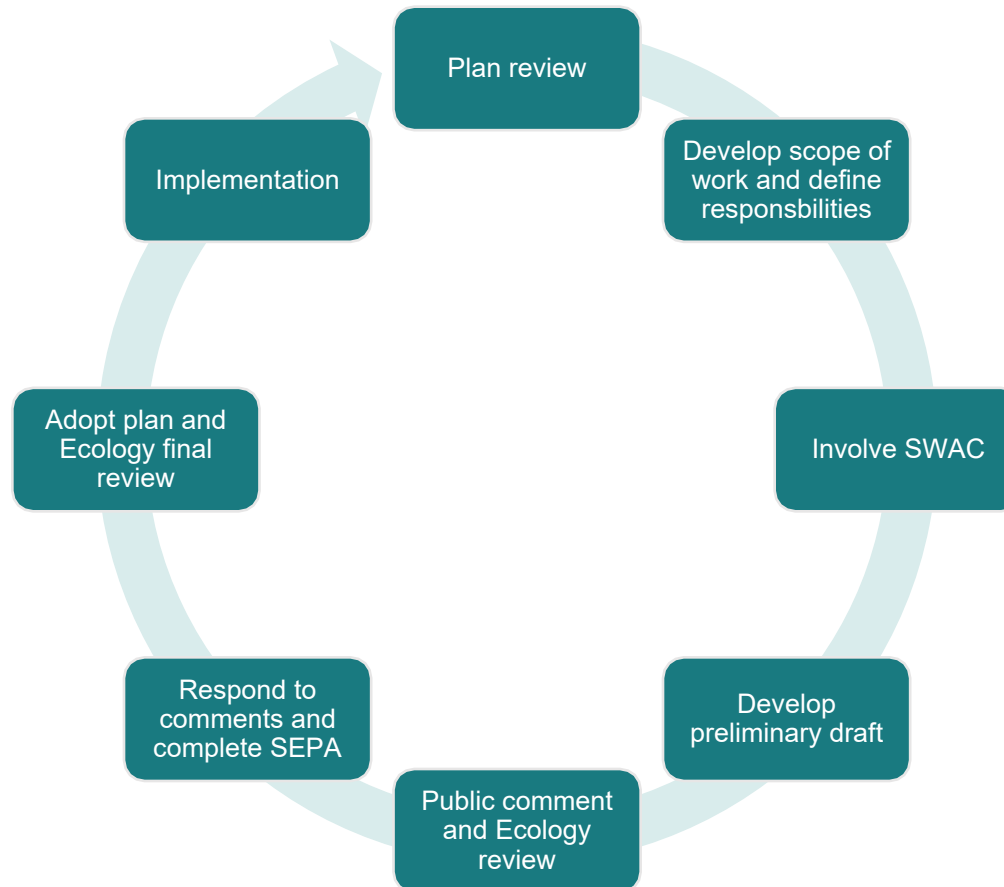
History of solid waste planning in Clark County



Solid Waste Management Plan	Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan
◆ Updated ◆ Amended	◆ Amended



Process for updating the plan

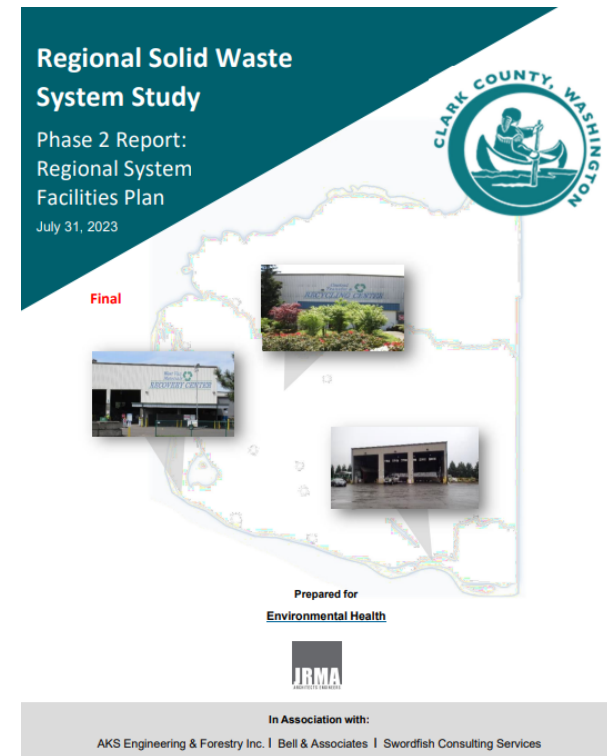


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Process for updating the plan

- 2023
 - Completion of the Regional Solid Waste System Study
 - Used to inform the preliminary draft for future needs
 - The contracted firm assisted in initiating updates to the 2015 SWMP
 - ILAs for planning with city, town, and county councils.
 - Identified Clark County Solid Waste Operations as lead planning agency
 - Removed need to update ILAs with each planning cycle
 - Included timeframe to review and adopt or decline plan



Process for updating the plan

- 2024
 - Participation in meetings with Ecology to modernize the guidelines
 - Completed updated preliminary draft
 - Submitted and passed SEPA process
 - Submitted and passed WUTC questionnaire and rate review
 - Posted preliminary draft for public comment



Process for updating the plan

- Public commenting
 - Public comments are open for 30 days with 30 days notice prior to commenting period
 - Advertised using flyers, social media posts, list serves, press release, and on our website
 - Received 162 comments



Clark County
Comprehensive
Solid Waste
Management Plan

For Years
2025-2030

We want your trash talk!

Give feedback for the 2025-2030 preliminary plan for solid waste disposal, recycling, and educational outreach programs in Clark County!



Scan the QR code or visit the website below for a digital copy of the plan.

<https://bit.ly/SolidWasteManagementPlan>

Submit your comments August 1 - 30

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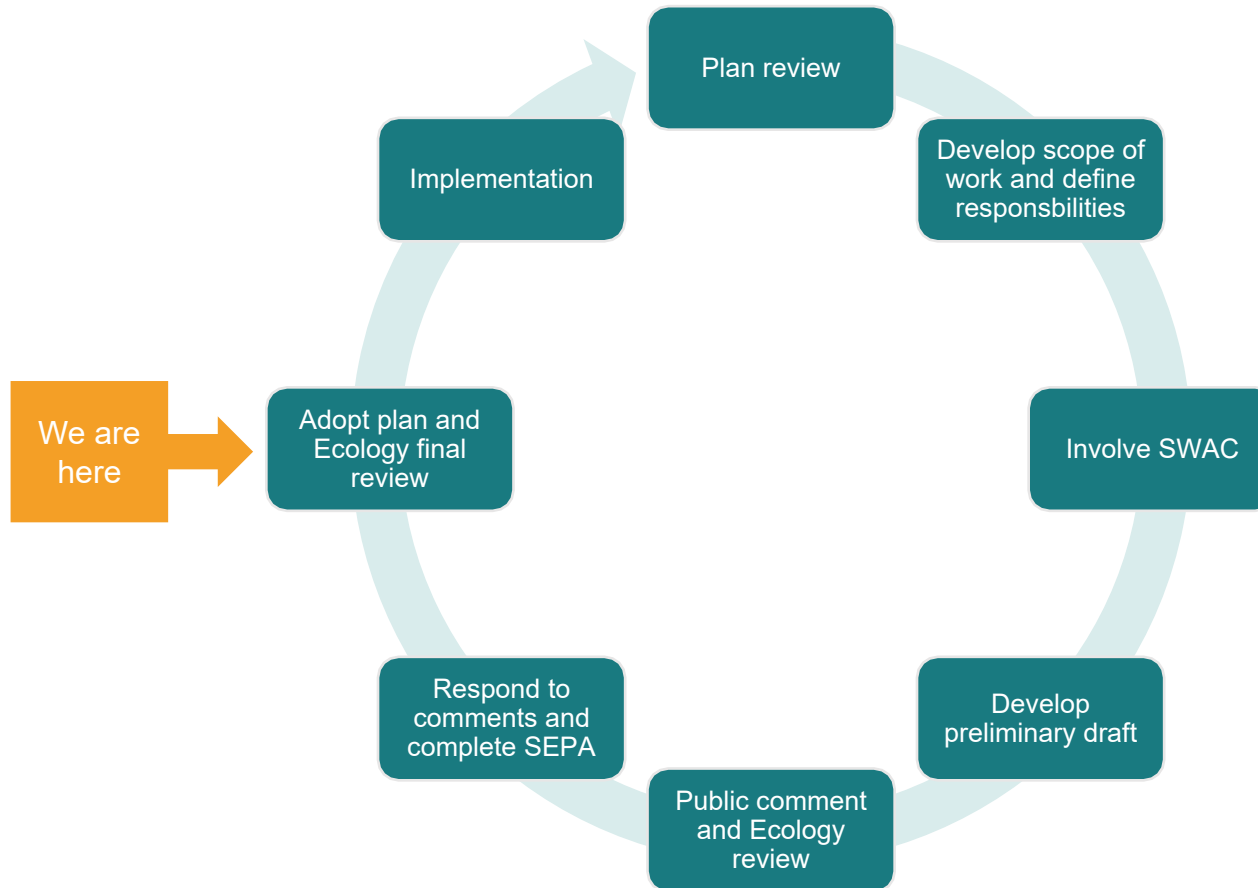


Process for updating the plan

- 2024 - 2025
 - Comments received by the public were implemented as edits, put in a “parking lot” for the next revision, and/or submitted to SWAC for consideration
 - Comments received by Ecology were categorized as required, recommended best practice (likely to become requirements), and minor edits
 - Ecology required a rewrite for chapter 6 due to updates to the Organics Management Law guidance and chapter 11 due to changes to our transfer station contract with Columbia Resource Company
 - All changes implemented in the draft were brought to SWAC for consideration
 - Received formal SWAC support of the plan on April 10th



Current status



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Current status



Public and Ecology comments have been processed



SWAC approved the chapters rewritten

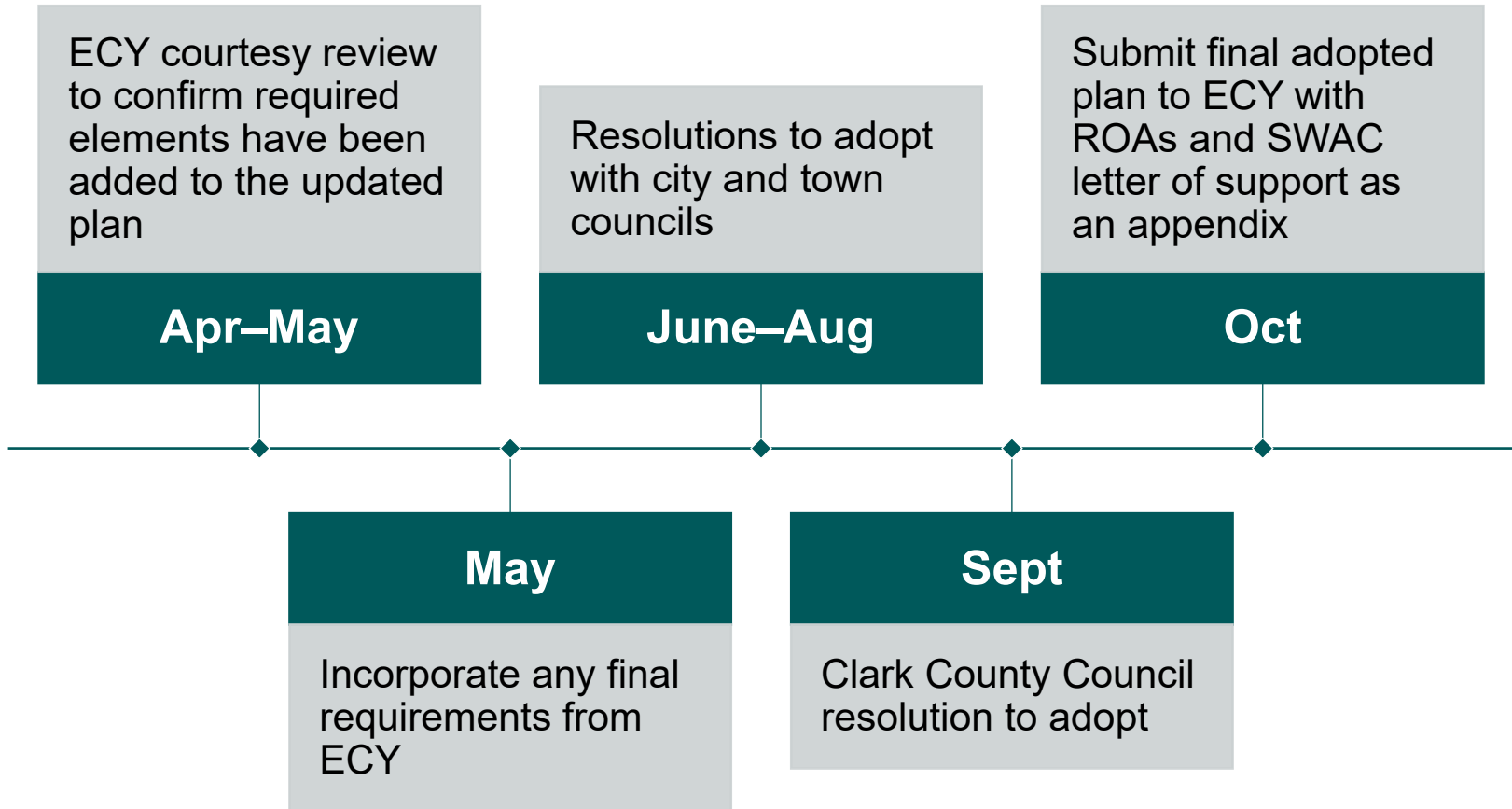


Ecology to complete a courtesy review within the next month



Beginning Resolution of Adoption process with the city, town, and county councils

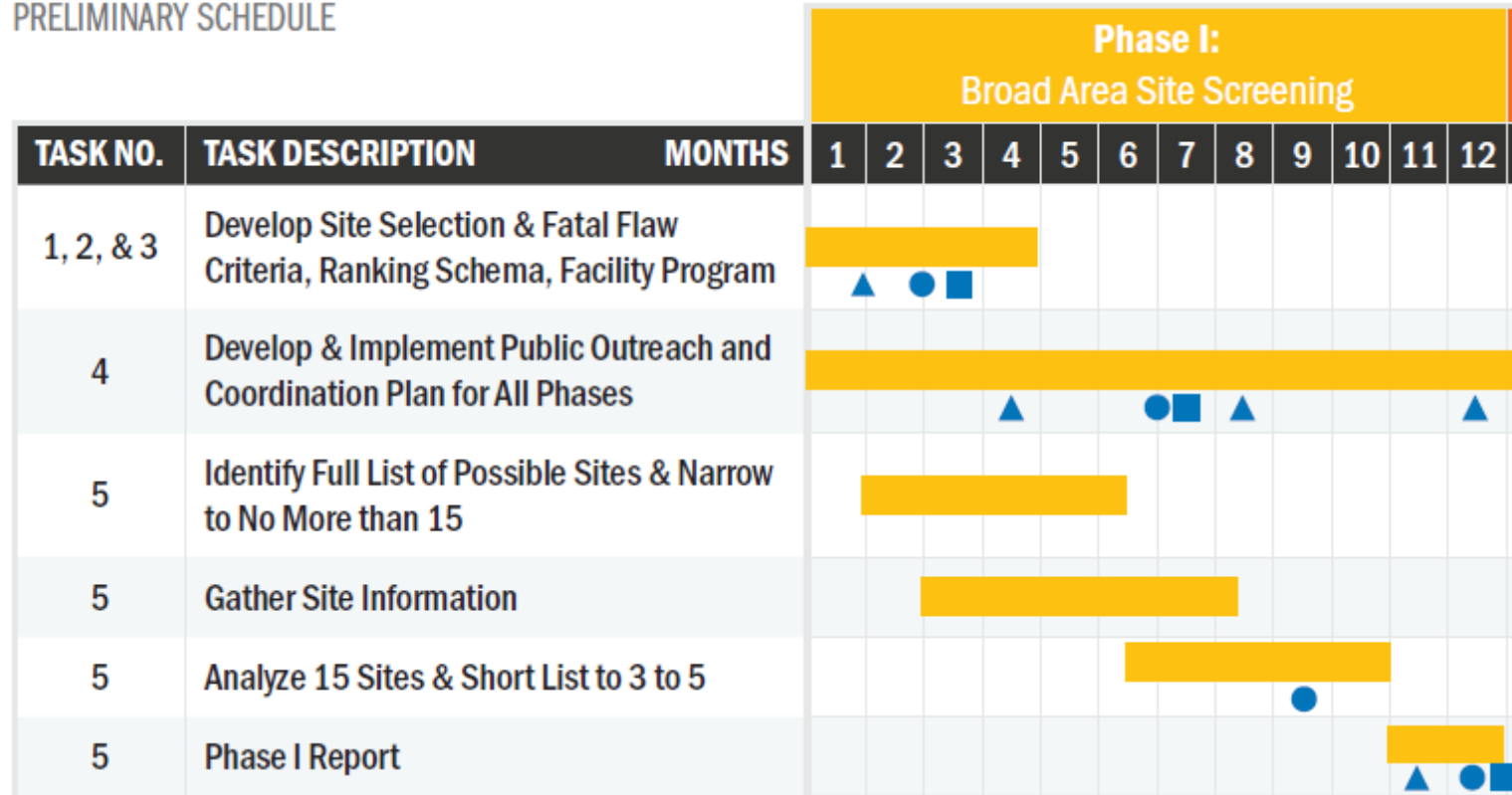
Next steps to adoption



North County Recycling and Transfer Siting Station

Preliminary project schedule

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



- Key**
- Indicates Anticipated Stakehold Briefing Including RSWSSC, SWAC, SRC
 - ▲ Indicates Anticipated Public Outreach Event
 - ▲ SEPA Required Public Outreach
 - Indicates Anticipated Council Briefing



Transfer station siting guiding principles

- Transfer stations are essential public facilities
- Transfer stations are “forever” facilities
- Transfer stations must be a good neighbor



Cost Benefit Analysis - Scope of analysis

Financial cost and benefits of three ownership, operation, and maintenance options:

- Option 1 – Private ownership, operation and maintenance (status quo)
- Option 2 – Public ownership with competitively procured operation and maintenance
- Option 3 – Public ownership, operation and maintenance



Scope of analysis

Nonmonetary considerations such as:

- Regional system control
- Operational flexibility
- Risks (service, claims, monetary, etc.)
- Direct responsibility for operation, maintenance, capital improvements, renewals and replacements, etc.
- Consistency with North County Recycling and Transfer Station Ownership
- Other



Look ahead – milestone dates

Milestone	Date
Complete stakeholder interviews and information gathering	April 4 th
Draft financial pro forma	April 30 th
End of comment period for pro forma	May 15 th
Finalized financial pro forma	June 10 th
Draft analysis report	July 15 th
RSWSSC Briefing	July (TBD)
Final analysis report	August/September
Final RSWSSC Briefing	August/September



Clean Up Day April 19

Household Hazardous Waste



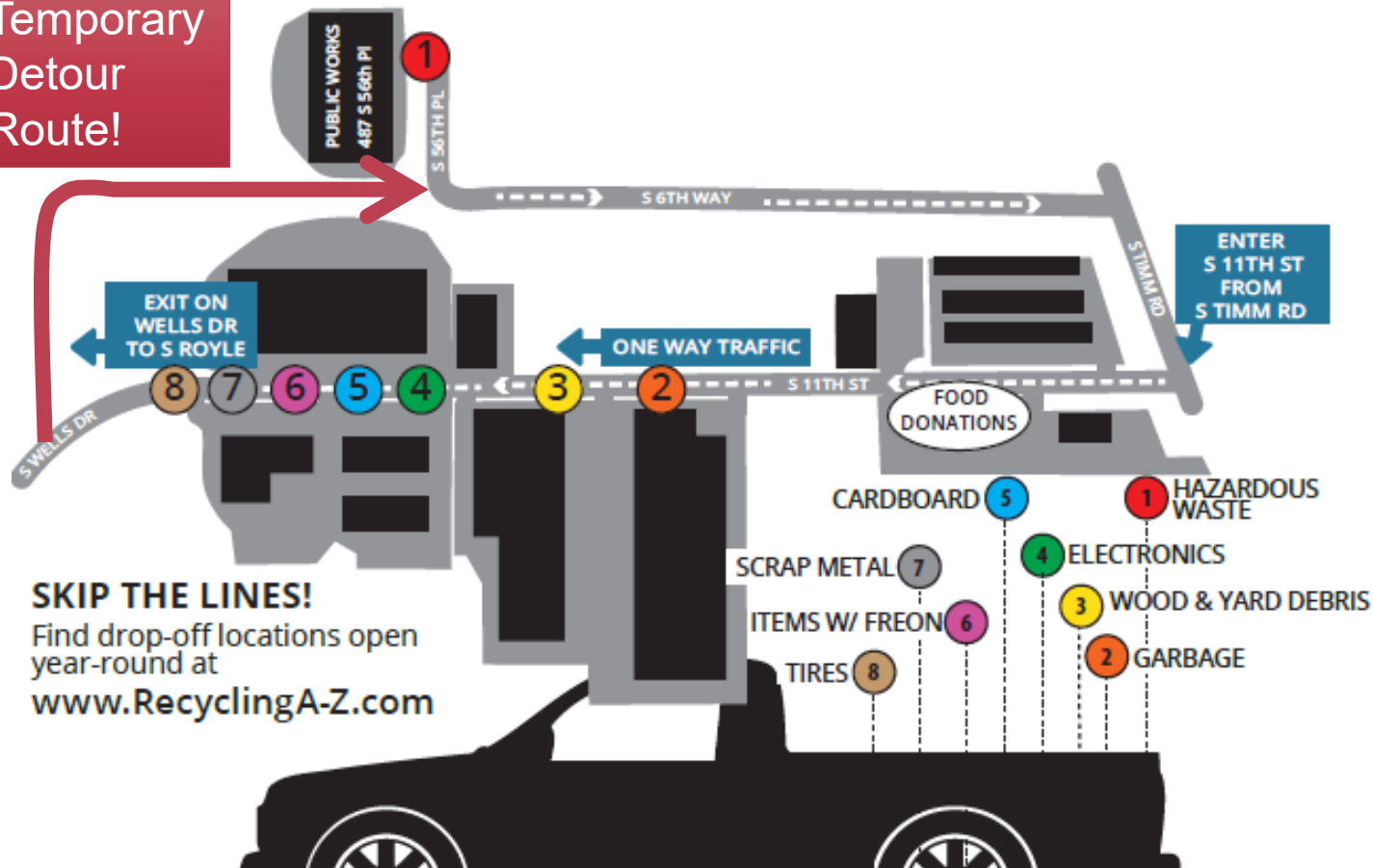
HHW Event Information

- April 19th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- County staff (traffic flow, answer questions)
- ACT staff (safely manages the waste)
- City of Ridgefield residents (HHW + Clean Up Day)
- Unincorporated Ridgefield residents (HHW only)



Recycle Day Event Site Map

Temporary
Detour
Route!



Questions?

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