

### 2.1 Introduction

Although the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority has chosen to prepare the Inventory and Assessment, Needs and Goals, and Implementation Strategy for each of the solid waste management planning elements on a county-by-county basis, the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority will continue to meet and carry out activities for two or more counties when it benefits participants. This section identifies the regional Needs and Goals and Implementation Strategies to be undertaken at a regional level during the planning period.

### 2.2 Implementation Strategy

#### 2.2.1 Summary of Needs and Goals

- As part of this planning process, a need for more regionally specific waste composition data was identified. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs is in the process of developing online waste composition data specific to regions in the State. Northeast Georgia is one of the regions where landfill sampling is being performed.
- The Regional Solid Waste Management Authority has identified a need to continue to investigate opportunities to work together on waste reduction approaches. The current approach is to hold regularly scheduled meetings, often with experts coming to talk about potential waste reduction programs; this has filled the need to identify and implement joint waste reduction programs.
- County representatives to the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Board expressed an interest in defining a procedure to ensure that private haulers operating in the region meet certain standards. Of particular interest was a way for counties to stay informed about private haulers with outstanding balances at disposal facilities and transfer stations in the region. Concepts for regional oversight of private haulers ranged from a regional permitting process to a regional database of complaints against haulers submitted by counties.
- The Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority has identified a need for joint public education and involvement. This includes holding joint public hearings on the regional planning process and continuing joint training programs for Authority Board members. One of the topics of

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particular interest is a joint training programs for judges and prosecutors on environmental laws.

- The NEGRSWMA has always taken the lead on solid waste management planning for the region. Even if the counties each develop individual implementation strategies, regional planning has proven to be a more cost-effective and efficient way to get the solid waste management plans for 57 local governments prepared. The NEGRSWMA will continue to play a role in updating the plan as needed for each county as their deadline approaches.

Table 2-1 contains activities that will be undertaken on a regional basis over the next five years.

Table 2-1  
 Northeast Georgia Solid Waste Management Plan Short-Term Work Program  
 2004 - 2008  
 Regional Implementation Strategy

Action	04	05	06	07	08	Responsible Party	\$\$	Possible Funding
<b>AMOUNT OF WASTE ELEMENT</b>								
<i>Goal: To determine the amount and composition of solid waste generated in the region in order to establish a sound information base upon which to make management decisions and determine if state and local goals are met.</i>								
1. The NGRSWMA will promote and disseminate DCA's waste composition data specific to the region, when available.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	NEGRSWMA dues
<b>COLLECTION ELEMENT</b>								
<i>Goal: To ensure efficient and effective collection of solid waste in the region over the next ten years.</i>								
1. The NGRSWMA Board will develop an approach to share information about private haulers operating in the region among counties.	x					NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	--
2. The NGRSWMA Board will implement the selected approach to share information about private haulers operating in the region among counties.		x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	N/A	NEGRSWMA dues

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<b>WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT</b>								
<i>Goal: To ensure a 25 percent reduction by 1996 in the amount of solid waste received at disposal facilities and to sustain waste reduction programs for the next 10 years.</i>								
1. The NEGRSWMA will continue to explore opportunities for two or more counties to work together on waste reduction programs.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	--
<b>DISPOSAL ELEMENT</b>								
<i>Goal: To ensure that disposal facilities in the region meet regulatory requirements and can continue to support and facilitate effective solid waste handling programs for the next ten years.</i>								
1. The NEGRSWMA will continue to share information about disposal strategies implemented on a county by county basis.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	--
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT</b>								
<i>Goal: To ensure that residents and businesses in the region understand the issues, needs, and goals of the solid waste management system.</i>								
1. The NEGRSWMA will hold public hearings on the solid waste management plan and other regional solid waste management issues, as needed.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	NEGRSWMA dues

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2. The NEGRSWMA Board will continue to hold roundtables on solid waste management issues of interest to all counties in the region.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	--
3. The NEGRSWMA will investigate the issues and costs involved in developing a training program on environmental laws and enforcement for local judges and prosecutors.	x					NEGRSWA Board members and staff	--	--
4. The NEGRSWMA will hold a training program on environmental laws and enforcement for local judges and prosecutors.		x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA staff	\$60,000	Registration fees
5. Counties will continue to share their public education and information materials and approaches at NEGRSWMA meetings.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWA Board members	--	--
<b>PLANNING</b>								
<i>Goal: To ensure that all local governments in the region meet planning deadlines and requirements.</i>								
1. The NEGRSWMA will prepare the multi-jurisdictional solid waste management plan and all updates and hold public hearings accordingly.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWMA Board members and staff	---	NEGRSWMA dues

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2. The NEGRSWMA will assist member counties with submitting their updated solid waste management plan section as needed to meet state requirements and deadlines.	x	x	x	x	x	NEGRSWMA staff	---	Dues and/or supplemental contracts with individual counties