

Macon County Solid Waste Plan Public Hearing 14Dec2015

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Businesses, government, and households who recycle know it to be relatively easy and rewarding.

Do county commission offices currently recycle?

I prefer voluntary residential and business recycling. To that point, I am disappointed the county has not implemented a plan to protect our sensitive environment for those of us who wish to participate.

Unlike the previous plan, I hope the commission will aggressively use the suggestions presented by these professionals to do what is right for the citizens and our county.

A fact provided by this work states our population has decreased 14% since 2000. Based on our current population, the county should be producing 7,000 tons of garbage LESS per year. The report states as our county population decreases our solid waste disposal is increasing. Moreover, the daily national average of solid waste per person has decreased to 4.4 pounds yet ours has increased to 5.8 pounds.

As landfills are closed upon reaching their maximum capacity, I doubt anyone on the commission would want a replacement landfill in their neighborhood.

Therefore, the Macon County Commission needs to be sensitive to our precious environment.

My suggestions and concerns:

- I am confident the Town of Shorter and East Alabama Recycling Partnership (EARP) of Lee County would be happy to assist the county.
- The last sentence of page 8 of the plan needs to comply with Alabama State Code 23-5-7 in that “the county commission of each of the several counties and the governing body of each city or town **shall** cause signs to be erected.”
- The county needs to aggressively enforce littering laws including getting warrants before Judge Biggers: lost revenue and a cleaner environment.
- The plan on page 9 recommends, “...increased punitive fines for illegal dumping as a deterrent.” I agree and for **littering as well**.
- I also agree, the county must not be in the garbage collection or landfill business but must closely monitor citizens’ costs and services.
- Enhance education and a public service with countywide paper shredding and E-days.
- This plan also suggests a Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Committee. I offer my passion and energies to serve.