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Delaware County Seeking Public Input to Help Develop Next Steps in the County's "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" Efforts

Delaware County is seeking members of the public for an Advisory Committee as part of its process to update its Municipal Waste Management Plan. Members of the Advisory Committee on the Municipal Waste Plan will work with the national consulting team of Zero Waste Associates and County staff to identify ways to significantly reduce, reuse, repair, compost, and recycle its discards over the next ten years.

"We want to reduce the amount of waste our residents and businesses generate and find more environmentally and economically beneficial ways to manage the materials that we do discard," said Francine Locke, Chief Sustainability Officer. "Our goal is to create an implementable, up-to-date plan that is guided by best practices from throughout the country, that will work for Delaware County, and that is informed by resident and business input. Throughout this process, will be providing opportunities for the public to weigh in on goals, guiding principles, programs and priorities."

To meet State requirements, as well as assure broad input from key stakeholders that reflect the priorities of the new Plan, the County is expanding the Advisory Committee's membership to include representatives in several additional categories.

REQUIRED	ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
Third Class City	Environmental Justice Organization
First Class Township	School or University Representative
Second Class Township	Reuse Business
Borough	Recycling Organization
Citizen Organization	Composting Organization
Industry (Business or Business Organization)	Recycling Market Development Organization
Private solid waste industry operating within the county	Faith Community
Private recycling or scrap material processing industry operating within the county	County staff - Planning, Economic Development, Sustainability, Legal
County Recycling Coordinator	Solid Waste Authority – Board Member, Staff
	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Representative

The Advisory Committee responsibilities include working with the consulting team to create agendas for three public meetings, encouraging representation and input from their constituencies, serving as "hosts" and conveners for the public meetings, and participating in a Public Hearing and a County Commission meeting. Those interested in serving on the Advisory Committee must submit a short application by March 4, found here: https://forms.gle/nD7D1NkdoUGZJzhw8

The final Municipal Waste Management Plan will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by the end of the calendar year.

