



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The 2012 City of Madison Adopted Operating Budget contains funding of \$150,000 to work with Dane County on long range sustainable waste and energy solutions.

Title

Directing Engineering, Streets, and Planning to do a study on potential waste disposals and to issue and Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with the study. City staff will report their findings to the Mayor and Common Council.

Body

Whereas, the City of Madison provides collection of solid waste from its residents and,

Whereas even though the City of Madison diverts over 66% of its waste stream from the landfill, it still sent 50,250 tons to the Dane County's Rodefild landfill in 2010, and,

Whereas, the Rodefild landfill site has only 2 years of capacity remaining and that the best case scenario is that the County can extend the capacity to five years by installing a leachate recirculation system, building a transfer station to remove construction waste, and vertically expanding the Rodefild facility, and

Whereas, Dane County has funds of \$200,000 to prepare a new County Solid Waste Plan, which may include the siting of a new County landfill, and

Whereas, it generally takes ten years to get site approval, construct, and open a new landfill, and

Whereas, a new landfill is critical for the protection of public health and the environment, and that adequate disposal capacity for solid waste is important for economic development, and

Whereas, it is projected that hauling waste from Madison to the next closest landfill will increase the Streets Division's operating costs by over \$620,000, and that disposal costs can also be expected to rise with a switch to a private sector facility,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Common Council directs staff from Engineering, Streets, and Planning to study any and all potential solid waste disposal options for the City of Madison's waste stream including, but not limited to, working with Dane County on siting a new landfill which would be operated by Dane County and/or expanding the Rodefild site, and other landfill options that do not include County involvement. The staff team is also directed to look at new alternatives to landfilling material such as anaerobic digestion of organics, increased recycling and waste reduction and that the staff team shall prepared a report for the Mayor and Common Council and they shall submit that report no later than July, 2012.

Be It Further Resolved that Streets and Engineering are authorized to issue and Request For Proposals for hiring a consultant to assist them in this study.