

# Solid Waste Planning in NY: The Next Generation

Sharing Power:  
Coordinating SWMP Implementation  
Among Co-Equal Partners:  
The Districts

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# HISTORY

Town is the Planning Unit

Includes all entities within  
geographic boundaries

Town works with other jurisdictions

# **BREAKDOWN OF TOWN PLANNING UNIT**

*A Unique System of:*

5 Sanitary Collection Districts

3 Town Collection Districts

22 Incorporated Villages

1 Town

1 County

1 State

*TRANSLATION.....*

# OFFICIALS

- **35 Sanitation District Commissioners**
- **22 Village Mayors**
- **88 Village Trustees**
- **22 Village Superintendents of Public Works**
- **1 County Executive**
- **19 County Legislators**
- **1 Governor**
- **3 State Senators**
- **9 State Assembly Members**
- **1 DEC Regional Director**
- **1 DEC Solid Waste Engineer**
- **3 DEC Monitors**
- **1 Town Supervisor**
- **6 Town Council Members**
- **Solid waste Advisory Committee, 20+Civic Associations, etc.**
- ***TOTAL: 300+ Concerned Individuals***

# CURRENT ISSUES

- New State Regulations. Current Scoping Process under way for NYSDEC regulations and new SWMP requirements.
  - Uncertainty of New DEC Regulations.
  - What will new plan require?
- Political Structure: Now vs. 20 Years Ago
  - District Scrutiny & Consolidation Talks (Roslyn Schools, Enron, Arthur Andersen)
- Market Conditions: High Revenue recyclables, everyone wants to keep their “Profits”. Costly recyclables, Town gets them to pay for.
- New WTE/Covanta Contracts:
  - New IMAs
  - Negotiating for different taxing jurisdictions

# THE PROCESS

- Create Consensus and Foster Cooperation.
  - Work with “partners” to ensure proper compliance with all aspects of the State SWMP during both the scoping period and beyond.
- The Plan:
  - Meetings: Conduct a series of initial meetings to with all Partner groups including officials and staff (for example Public Works directors) to discuss the requirements of the state SWMP and establish a plan to provide the proper information necessary and understand what stakeholders have and what they need.
  - Collect Data. Develop a survey style questionnaire to obtain information regarding the proposed solid waste operations of and tonnage estimates expected over the next 20 years for each of the “partners”.
  - Future Information: With technological improvements and changing commodity markets, future data collection will have to adapt to changes. All Partners will have to remain focused and work together to properly promote the State’s SWMP.

# RELATIONSHIPS

- Relationships are the key to successful compliance
- Information sharing will ease the process
- Uniform data reporting and clear delineation of the types of waste categories will help ensure compliance
- Associations such as SWANA, LISOA, NYSAR, NYSWAM & Federation of NYSWAA will become more important as key sources of information and an avenue to work through with the NYSDEC to ensure fair and equitable laws, promulgations, funding and fee structures proposed and ultimately enacted by NYS.