

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee

What is a Solid Waste Management District?

- A solid waste management district (SWMD) is a government agency that oversees how solid waste is managed, including recycling, in its member counties. Currently, there are 52 SWMDs in Ohio. Of those, there are 37 single-county SWMDs and 15 multi-county SWMDs.
- The Geauga-Trumbull SWMD oversees solid waste in both Geauga and Trumbull Counties.

Who makes up the Policy Committee?

Members of the Policy Committee are set forth in Section 3734.54(B) and (C) of Ohio Revised Code:

1. County - President of the Board of County Commissioners
2. City - Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Corporation having the largest population within the boundaries of a County (i.e. City Mayor)
3. Township - A representative selected to represent all Townships and Villages within each County (President of the Township Association)
4. Health District - Health Commissioner of the Health District having the largest territorial jurisdiction within a County

A County, City, Township, or Health District representative can choose a designee to represent them at Policy Committee meetings.

The four local government members appoint three private sector members as follows:

5. Generator - One representing an industrial, commercial, or institutional generator of solid waste,
6. Public - One having no affiliation with the waste industry or entities that are significant generators of solid waste, and
7. Citizen - One representing the general interests of the citizens

The private sector members serve 2-year terms, but can be reappointed with no term limits.

Because Geauga-Trumbull SWMD encompasses 2 counties, there is a representative for each of these committee members for each county, totaling 14 members, plus an additional general interests of citizens member to serve at-large.

What does a Policy Committee do?

Ohio law defines the role and the responsibilities of Policy Committees, which, among other responsibilities, include the following:

1. The preparation and adoption of a solid waste management plan that must be approved by 60% of the political subdivisions within the District, the Boards of County Commissioners of each of the Counties making up the District, and the Ohio EPA. The plan is the SWMD's strategy for achieving the recycling goals of the state solid waste management plan and meeting the needs of its constituents. As

- part of its plan, the SWMD must also ensure there are safe and sanitary ways to manage all solid waste generated within the SWMD.
2. The annual review of the District's progress in implementing the District Plan and report of its findings to the Board of Directors.
 3. The annual review and evaluation of the effectiveness of each program in the District Plan and report is findings to the Board of Directors with recommendations to continue, amend, or discontinue the program.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates in 2021:

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 1:00 pm

All meetings will be held at the District offices at:

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District
5138 Enterprise Dr.
Warren, OH 44481

Meetings are also open for virtual attendance through Zoom for as long as Ohio Sunshine Laws permit open meetings of this kind.