DATE: March 15, 2019

TO: District Policy Committee Members

FROM: Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager

1. Introduction/Opening Comments

   NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

   *Policy Committee information (Agendas, Manager’s Memos, Minutes, etc.) is available on the District’s website at www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.*

2. Clerk’s Report/Additions to the Agenda

   A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the January 17, 2019 Policy Committee meeting are included as Attachment A.

   B. Additions to the Agenda

       Please contact Susan Schumacher at 513-946-7734 or susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org if you have items to add to the agenda.

3. District Revenue Updates/Analysis

   Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year, as included in Attachment B.

4. Policy Items

   A. Organics Diversion Grant Recommendations

       This new grant program is designed to assist communities, schools, non-profits and for-profit organizations with innovative organics waste reduction and recycling programs that significantly reduce waste in Hamilton County. A total of $100,000 is allocated for the 2019 Organics Diversion Grant. Attachment C includes a summary of grant proposals received.

       *Staff Recommendation:* District Staff recommends that the Policy Committee approve the grant award recommendations for forwarding to the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Informational Items

   A. Results of 2018 Residential Food Waste Collection Pilot

       The District funded a pilot drop off site for residential food waste at the Civic Garden Center from September through December 2018. Staff will report on the results and learnings from the pilot.

   B. Student Representative Recruiting

       Staff has begun recruiting applicants for the 2019-2020 Student Representative on the Policy Committee. The Student Representative is a non-voting member of the Policy Committee.
C. 2018 Fourth Quarter Performance Measures
   Attachment D provides the results of the District’s programs through the fourth quarter of 2018.

D. District Program Trends
   Attachment E outlines a five-year trend (2014-2018) for a selection of the District’s programs and a waste reduction rate comparison of large urban counties in Ohio.

E. Environmental Enforcement Program Update
   The District funds an Environmental Enforcement Deputy position to enforce illegal dumping and tire transport laws in Hamilton County. Attachment F shows activity of the deputy though February 28, 2019.

F. Household Hazardous Waste and Yard Trimmings Drop-Offs Opening

6. Tentative Future Agenda Items

7. Policy Committee Members' Comments

8. Public Comments

9. Upcoming District Meetings
   The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019. This meeting will be held at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:00 p.m.)