

Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal Update



City of Courtenay
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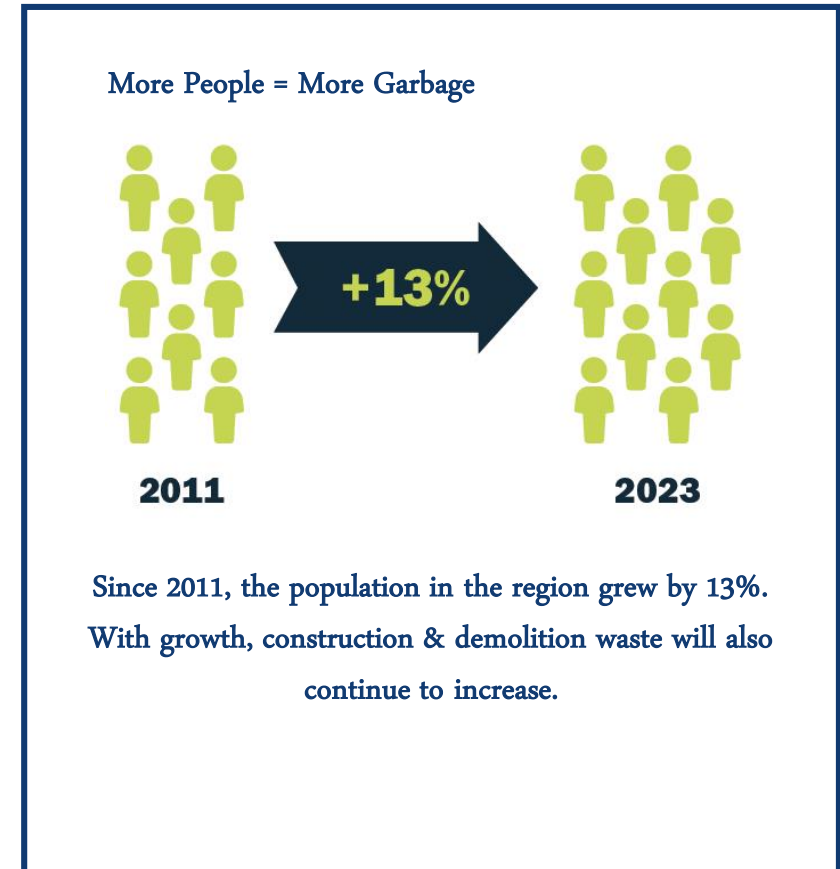
What is a Solid Waste Management Plan?



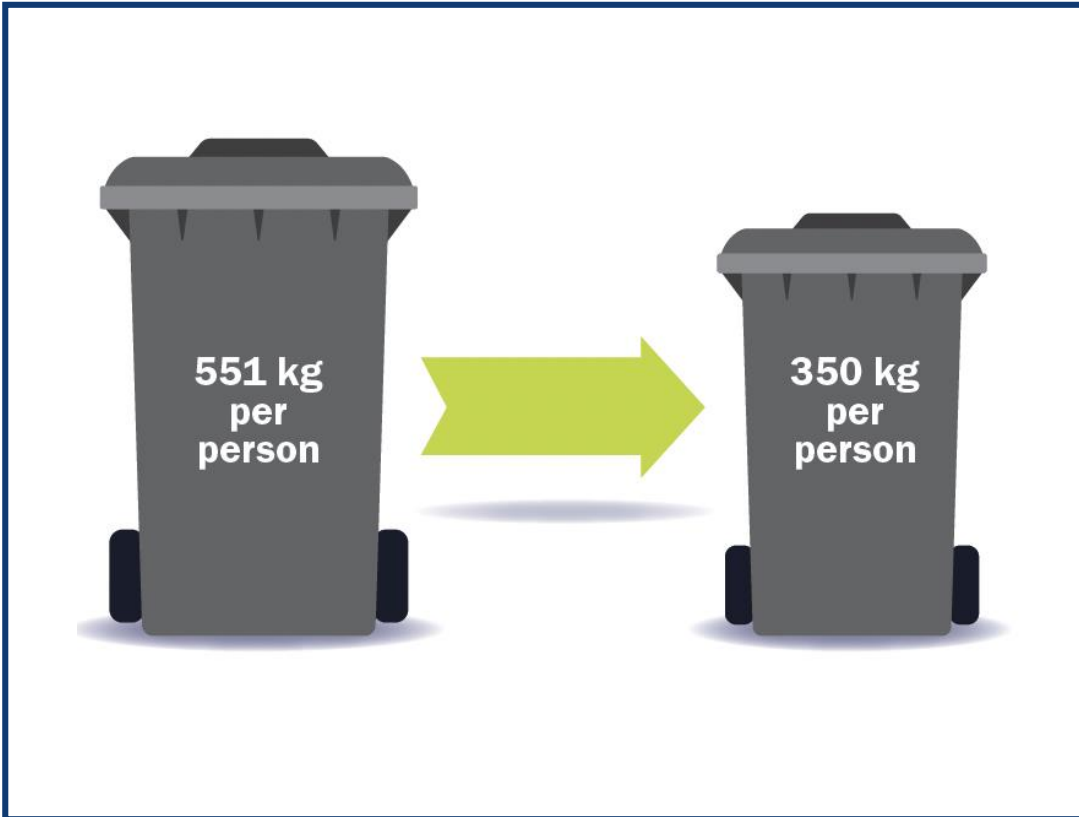
- The long-term vision for garbage and recycling.
- Presents the programs, services, infrastructure and policies that guide the design and implementation of solid waste for the next decade.
- The current Regional Solid Waste Management Plan was approved by the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy in 2013.

Why is a Solid Waste Management Plan Needed?

- The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategies recommends plans be renewed every 10 years.
- As communities, regulations, and public needs change, CSWM must adapt to meet the evolving environment through the delivery of effective, cost efficient and convenient solid waste management services.
- Waste disposal is a long-term problem, without quick solutions.



What is the goal of a SWMP?



The goal is to produce less garbage.

On average, each person in the service area generates 551 kg of waste annually. The provincial target is 350 kg per person.

The CSWM service manages over 75,000 tonnes of waste and recycled materials annually and oversees diversion and education programs for the CVRD and the SRD.

The SWMP Renewal Process



1.
**Initiate the
Process**
2022



2.
**Set the Plan
Direction**
2022-2023



3.
**Evaluate
Options**
2024-2025



4.
**Prepare and
Adopt the Plan**
2026

Step 3 - Evaluating Options

Strategies & Actions + Costs & Impacts

- Community input helped to form the goals and principles, and a technical evaluation has identified strategies and actions to get there.
- We are asking the public, businesses and interested parties to **review the strategies and actions, along with their costs and impacts.**
- Survey, open houses, landfill tours, education booth at local community events.



Waste Reduction Strategies

① Support reuse



② Encourage repair



③ Educate and reach out to communities



④ Support multi-family waste separation



⑤ Reduce industry, commercial and institutional waste



⑥ Reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste



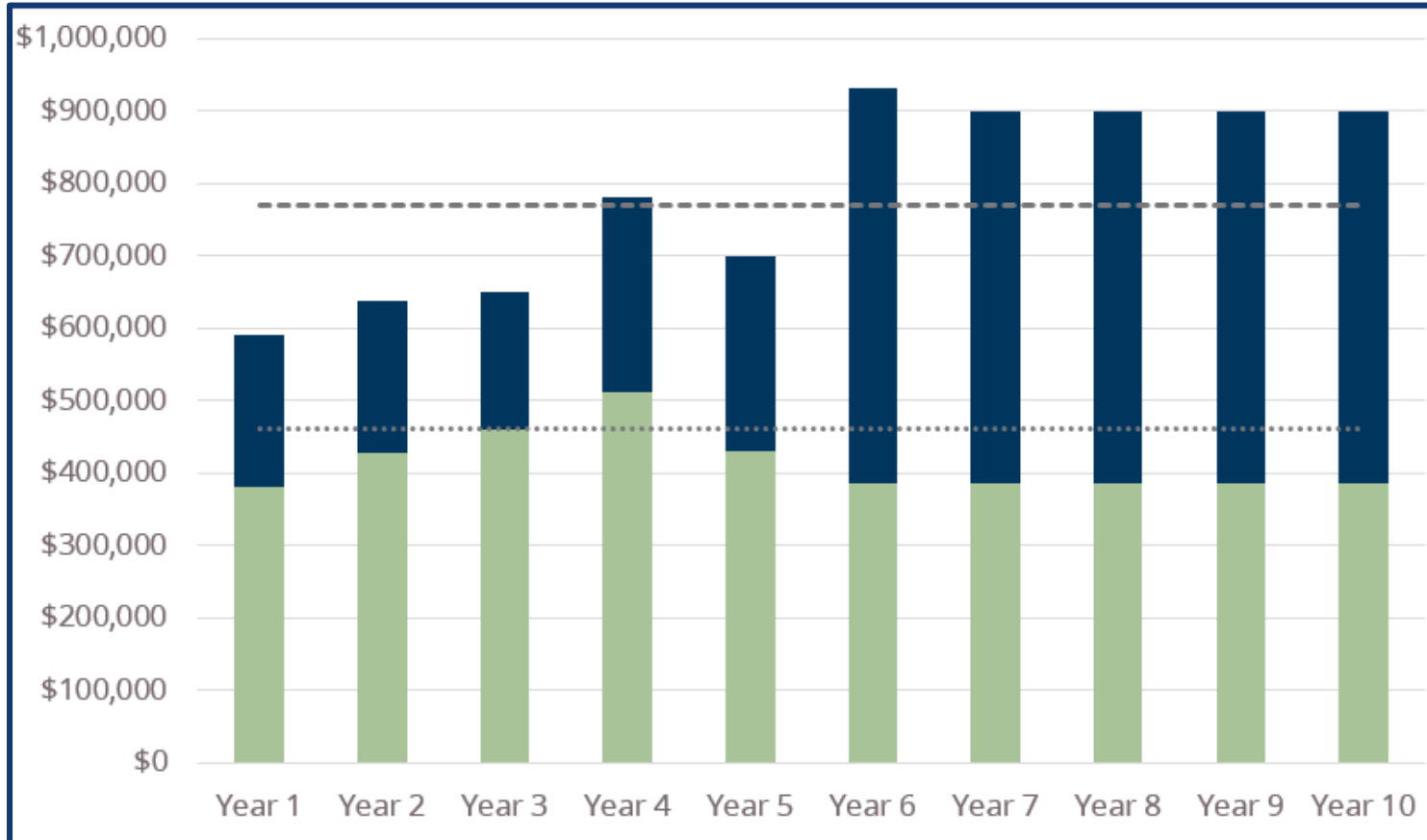
⑦ Equalize access to services



⑧ Track solid waste



What Could This Cost?



The general revenue cost increase would be about \$7.50 per year for a household with a \$670,000 home.

- Cost Recovery Potential Through Fees
- Cost Recovery Potential Through General Revenue
- 3% of 2024 Operational Budget
- 5% of 2024 Operational Budget

Strategy 4: Improve Multi-family Waste Reduction

Support recycling & organics collection in multi-family buildings.



Supporting Actions:

- **Action 11:** Require new multi-family buildings to have space for recycling and organics bins and pickup.
- **Action 13:** Start organics collection in multi-family buildings.

Strategy 5: Improve Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (ICI) Waste Reduction & Diversion

Encourage waste diversion through advocacy, policy, education and technical support. Model waste diversion at local government facilities.



Supporting Actions:

- **Action 19:** Encourage local government facilities to model good practices.

Strategy 6: Reduce Construction, Renovation, and Demolition Waste

Provide policies, funding, resources, and infrastructure upgrades to divert more building material.



Supporting Actions:

- **Action 20:** Prioritize deconstruction and relocation of homes through policy recommendations to local governments.
- **Action 21:** Require relocation or deconstruction over demolition where recommended through assessment by local governments.
- **Action 23:** Develop policies and supports for local governments to speed up creation of policies that make it easier to move or deconstruct a building.

Strategy 7: Equalize Access to Services

Review standards and offer more diversion options to areas where service is limited.



Supporting Actions:

- **Action 27:** Review service standards and add materials, depots or collection events so more people can access waste and recycling services equally across the CSWM service.
- **Action 29:** Require all businesses and households to separate their garbage, recycling, and compost before disposal.

SWMP in Your Community



CVWMC Saturday October 4

Upcoming: Driftwood Mall October 15, 2025

Weigh In On Waste



EngageComoxValley.ca/SWMP

Survey – OPEN until October 16

- Actions
- Strategies
- Costs
- Webinars
- Timeline
- Q&A

Thank You



Questions?