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#	Comment	Organization	Page in Plan	Department Response	Text Revision
1	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance by requiring buildings of a certain age to be deconstructed and every demolition or renovation project to have a salvage period.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
2	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance by requiring all real estate developments that receive financial assistance, such as tax increment financing, or special zoning approvals must meet the required waste hierarchy and reuse percentage.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
3	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance - Explore ways to integrate waste diversion management with local economic development strategies and grow employment for residents in waste diversion employers.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	Revision implemented. Added Recommendation 8.6 to page 63.	Recommendation 8.6: "Explore ways to increase the market for reused and recycled C&D materials, such as incorporating them into projects at County facilities, or partnering with other entities to increase awareness of the value and utility of these materials."
4	Discuss in the Plan Update the integration of waste diversion with the local economic development efforts.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston, Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	54	Revision implemented. Added text to final paragraph on page 54.	It is also important to boost markets for reuse and recycling of C&D waste. The County has worked with partners such as the US Environmental Protection Agency, Archeworks and Builtworlds, to educate architects and designers on how these materials may be incorporated into projects. Further opportunities should be sought.
5	Comment on Recommendation 8.3 - Public education and outreach programs should also include information on deconstruction.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
6	Comment on Recommendation 8.4 - Include information about reuse warehouses and deconstruction as part of contractors' education.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
7	Revise recommendation 8.4 - Evaluate potential for construction and demolition contractor's registration programs through which Cook County would ensure contractors had full knowledge of Cook County Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance <b>and train in deconstruction.</b>	Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction. Training on the deconstruction process requires technical knowledge in the construction trade which CCDES does not have available.	

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8	Public Education and Outreach: Provide information about the locations of reuse centers and deconstruction companies in Cook County in the Solid Waste Plan and on the Cook County sustainability website.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations. Locations of reuse centers are currently available on the Departments online system (Green Halo).	
9	Public Education and Outreach: Provide educational information on the Cook County Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance and the financial and environmental benefits or reuse and deconstruction to all contractors; on permit applications; on real estate purchase & sale agreements; and on commercial lease agreements.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	Information to contractors and permit applications - This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.  This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction. The Department does not have access to real estate purchase & sale agreements and commercial lease agreements therefore information cannot be included on such agreements.	
10	Public Education and Outreach: Educate developers/architects/builders/building owners about the advantages of salvaging materials and incorporating reclaimed materials into design.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
11	Public Education and Outreach: Educate about the social, financial and environmental benefits of following the "Three Rs" waste hierarchy.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
12	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance by ensuring that all requests for demolition, deconstruction or alterations of a structure present a waste diversion plan at the beginning and end of their projects.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
13	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance: Track all waste disposal and diversion through Cook County's Geen Halo system and report on progress. Require evidence of using the waste heirarchy, showing high levels of salvage, reuse, and recycling before finally using landfills.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	CCDES tracks waste disposal and diversion in the online system Green Halo. CCDES also reports quarterly diversion rates in STAR Performance Measures. Green Halo requires evidence (receipts) of salvage, reuse, recycling and disposal.	

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14	Incentivize C&D Diversion: Create incentives for projects that show plans for high levels of reuse and waste diversion (e.g. expedited permits).	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations. CCDES approve demolition permits within 48 hours.
15	Incentivize C&D Diversion: Reward renovation and new construction projects using a certain percentage of reclaimed materials over those using new materials.	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction. CCDES does not approve or work with renovation or new construction projects.
16	General note regarding responsible waste management: ensure that garbage ends up in landfills that are managed responsibly and use methane capture technology to generate energy.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.
17	General note regarding responsible waste management: Research the viability of local biodigesters to produce methane (or other useful by-product) to run municipal vehicles.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.
18	General note regarding responsible waste management: research viability of local restaurants selling used cooking oil to run municipal vehicles.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	For County vehicles, this comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.
				For municipal vehicles, this comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.
19	General note regarding waste reduction techniques: Encourage communities to offer landfill pickups only one time per week and move to increase recycling pickups.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.
20	General note regarding waste reduction techniques: make landfill costs more transparent by making them a line item on property tax bills or, better yet, pull out landfill costs and bill for them separately.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.
21	General note regarding waste reduction techniques: Encourage haulers to offer different size options for landfill bins so customers pay more for larger bins.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	55	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.
22	Revision to Recommendation 4.5: Establish sites for public organic waste drop off <u>or potentially a program of organic waste pick-up with lawn waste.</u>	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.
23	Comment on Recommendation 4.6: Require grocery stores to place items close to expiration date for sale at reduced pricing.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.

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24	Revision to Recommendation 4.7: Use organics collection events to educate residents about best practices and the benefits of composting, <b>and food waste reduction.</b>	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	Revision implemented on page 59.	Recommendation 4.7: "Use organics collection events to educate residents about best practices and the benefits of composting, <b>and food waste reduction.</b> "
25	Comment on Recommendation 4.7: Provide information to residents and businesses about the food scrap pickup services available in their area.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
26	Comment on Recommendation 4.7: Educate communities about the connection between food scrap diversion and climate change.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
27	Comment on Recommendation 4.7: Provide incentives and recognition to businesses and institutions that compost.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations. The Department is involved with the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition which recognizes such businesses and institutions.	
28	Add another Recommendation to Food Scraps/Organics Recommendations: Require retailers and restaurants to reduce, reuse, or recycle their extra food, with financial sanctions if they do not comply.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.	
29	Participate in the "Love Food Hate Waste" campaign to encourage food waste reduction on a county-wide scale.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
30	Add another recommendation to Food Scraps/Organics: Eliminate single-use plastic. Require food service retailers and manufacturers to only use biodegradable, compostable or recyclable packaging.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
31	Institute a true plastic bag ban with no substitutions or loopholes for anything but compostable bio-based bags.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed. State legislation is pending on a plastic bag tax.	
32	Institute a plastic straw-free, plastic stirrer-free policy for all food and beverage service establishments.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	59	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.	

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33	Comment to Recommendation 6.2: Educate haulers to not pick up e-waste and create educational stickers or flyers for haulers to leave that let customers know why their e-waste was not picked up.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	61	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
34	Comment on Recommendation 7.3: Promote the institutionalization of Bulk Supply Programs at a school district-level.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
35	Comment on Recommendation 7.3: Require school districts and businesses to buy at least 5% of their furniture/supplies second hand.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.	
36	General Recommendations: Define an overarching Zero Waste Management Plan that includes all the goals and recommendations of this plan but includes source reduction (waste prevention) as the most important strategy towards waste reduction.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	The general content of the Solid Waste Management Plan is required by and defined by the State and focuses on management of waste. Working towards zero waste through materials management is an excellent goal which we will work towards in our sustainability work.	
37	Revision to Recommendations: Promote business that sell in bulk	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	This comment does not fall within the scope of the plan or is outside of the County and CCDES' jurisdiction.	
38	Revision to Recommendations: Create legislation to allow BYOC (container) policies for food-related business	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
39	Revision to Recommendations: Promote re-use through community strategies	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
40	Revision to Recommendations: Define and approve ordinances that deter/ban the use of single-use plastics.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	State legislation currently in progress for plastic bag tax.	
41	Revision to Recommendation 7.5: Update County Code to require amounts of waste and recycling from County facilities to be reported annually <b>and to develop a waste diversion plan that shows plan to reduce waste annually.</b>	Citizens' Greener Evanston	62	Revision implemented on page 62.	Recommendation 7.5: "Update County Code to require amounts of waste and recycling from County facilities to be reported annually <b>and to develop a waste diversion plan that shows plan to reduce waste annually.</b> "

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42	Improve construction and demolition (C&D) debris diversion: Revise/update the 2012 Cook County Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance to align with other progressive districts noted in this document.	Citizens' Greener Evanston	63	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
43	There is bias towards reuse in the Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion Section of the Plan Update.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	General	The Department follows US EPA's Waste Management Hierarchy which lists source reduction and reuse as the most preferred method.	
44	Consider utilizing the US EPA's "Methodology to Estimate the Quantity, Composition, and Management of Construction and Demolition Debris in the United States." for the estimates in the Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion Section of the Plan Update	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	45	The methodology in the Plan Update and the US EPA's methodology both give a range for estimates on construction and demolition debris. The force of the statement in the Plan Update is to give an idea of the proportion of the waste stream that is C&D.	
45	The County needs to support economic landfill diversion options whenever possible, especially when the only other option is landfilling.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	50	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
46	Add "and recycling" to first sentence on first full paragraph on page 48	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	48	The Department realized the words "and recycling" was cut out of the pdf version provided for public comment. Revision implemented.	
47	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance: Require all C&D facilities to use the Certification of Recycling Rates (CORR) program to verify recycling rates.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	49	CCDES will take suggestions for new regulatory measures under advisement. Before bringing requests for approval of a new regulatory measure to the Board additional research into policy and financial impacts need to be completed.	
48	Improve the Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance: Utilize the LEED facility average to be used to gain points under the program because that is the most efficient and overall accurate way to measure recycling.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	49	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
49	Mention Massachusetts' statewide requirement that C&D waste must pass through a C&D recycling facility before it can be disposed.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	50	Revision implemented. Added text to page 50.	Massachusetts bans certain construction and demolition materials, such as brick, asphalt paving, metal, wood, and clean gypsum wallboard from landfills.
50	Comment on Recommendation 8.1: the County should follow EPA guidelines for the definition of "reduction" and "recycling".	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	57	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	

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51	Add to Recommendation 8.1: Create and consistently use clear definitions of <b>diversion</b> , recycling and reuse through all communication channels with demolition contractors.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	57	This comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
52	The County should challenge any attempts to change State legislation concerning the exemption of C&D materials from municipal waste franchises.	Construction & Demolition Recycling Association	57	The State recently enacted legislation (SB 1807 in 2017). However, this comment pertains to a detail or manner of implementation and CCDES will make it a part of planning and implementation considerations.	
*53	Clarification on the disposal options for household hazardous waste. *Comment was submitted 7/16/2018.	Susan Monte, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission	9, 39, 41	Revision implemented. Added and revised text on page 9, 39, 41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, Cook County residents have <del>three two</del> primary options for proper disposal of their HHW — permanent collection facilities <b>and</b> temporary collection events, <del>and commercial retail locations</del>. ....Commercial retail collection locations can be a good resource for Cook County residents looking to properly dispose of <b>some</b> types of HHW (<del>e.g., motor oil</del>), however, many items like non-latex paints, pesticides and cleaning products are not required to be recycled by the retailers and manufacturers that provide them to the public. (pg 9)</li> <li>• Residents of Cook County have <del>three two</del> primary options for proper disposal of their HHW; permanent collection facilities <b>and</b> temporary collection events, <del>and commercial retail locations</del>. <b>Additionally, commercial and retail stores offer residents limited opportunities for collection of some special materials, usually limited to batteries, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), and automotive fluids.</b> (pg 39)</li> <li>• Commercial and retail stores offer residents limited opportunities for collection of some <b>hazardous special</b> materials, usually limited to batteries, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), and automotive fluids. These materials can be brought back to the place of purchase where the retailer then becomes responsible for proper disposal. Such retail outlets are available to residents throughout Cook County, but there are still many <b>other</b> types of HHW materials for which there are no commercial or retail collection opportunities. For example, non-latex paints, flammables, pesticides, and cleaning products are not required to be recycled by the retailers and manufacturers who provide them to the public. Commercial and retail collection of electronic waste and <b>HHW special materials</b> does provide residents an outlet to properly dispose of limited materials but does not <b>completely</b> fulfill HHW disposal needs. (pg 41)</li> </ul>