



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE UPDATED COOK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the collection, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste is a fundamental responsibility of local governments to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and provide for an improved solid waste management system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Solid Waste Planning & Recycling Act (415 ILCS 15/) requires Illinois counties to have a solid waste management plan (SWMP), form an advisory committee to help create the plan, and update the SWMP every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Municipal Code: Chapter 30, Article VI: Solid Waste and Recycling, establishes the creation of the solid waste advisory committee, requires the designation of a county solid waste coordinator, and sets forth waste hauler reporting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County adopted its original plan in 1996 and the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved plan updates in 2000, 2012, and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 SWMP update was designed by the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability in conjunction with the University of Illinois: Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 SWMP update was completed in cooperation with the Cook County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, which included representatives from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, McDonalds USA, Rush University Hospital, Faith in Place, the Plant Chicago, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Chicago Sustainability Task Force, and the City of Chicago: Department of Streets & Sanitation; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has provided a copy of the 2024 SWMP update to all 134 municipalities within the County, and posted the updated plan for public review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated SWMP presents a progressive vision for managing solid waste in Cook County through the implementation of best practices in solid waste management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners supports the expansion of zero waste and circular economy best practices over the next five years as described in the SWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, in alignment with the Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee Report to the General Assembly, the Cook County Board of Commissioners sets the goal of achieving a 45% suburban Cook County waste diversion rate by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a guiding principle of the SWMP to maximize opportunities to educate and engage, which includes incorporation of feedback from members of the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Environment and Sustainability Committee will hold a hearing in June 2024 to hear public comments on the proposed recommendations in the 2024-2029 Cook County Solid Waste Management Plan.