Erie County and the Northeast South Towns and Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Boards will hold a joint public meeting on July 31, 2019, at 6:00 pm to facilitate public comment and discussion about each Board’s draft 10 year planning documents, their Local Solid Waste Management Plans. The public meeting will be held at the Erie County Emergency Management Facility Auditorium located at 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Click here to RSVP for this meeting.

Local solid waste management boards are recognized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) as planning units responsible for developing and implementing successful Local Solid Waste Management Plans (LSWMP) for the communities of the State.

The Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards, with the assistance of Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, worked together to create complimentary Local Solid Waste Management Plans that share the same goals and objectives. They have chosen to share the public notice process which will culminate in a joint public meeting on July 31, 2019.

Public Comment

On June 3, 2019, the public comment period for the two plans commenced: The Northeast South Towns (NEST) Local Solid Waste Management Plan and the Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan. Both plans are available for review on this web-site. The public comment period is a time when stakeholders (that’s you!) can review the Plans and provide us with your questions and comments. Please email comments to recycle@erie.gov, fax comments to attention Recycling Coordinator at 716-858-7713, or bring your comments to the public hearing on July 31, 2019. All comments will be formally responded to in a Responsiveness Summary which will be included in the final draft document which will be submitted to NYSDEC in September 2019.

On July 31, 2019, The Erie County Recycling Coordinator and Board members will be available to answer questions or listen to comments regarding the Plan as part of the public meeting. The public meeting and open house will be part of Refresh Recycling Night. This free event will
begin at 5:00 pm with a panel discussion on the current state of Recycling. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 pm.

In addition to the Public Meeting, physical copies of the Plan will be available at the following location:

**Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 10th Floor, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo**

**Download a Draft copy of the Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan**

- Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan Executive Summary
- Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan Report
- Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Schedule
- Northwest Local Solid Waste Management Plan Appendix A
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**Plan Purpose**

The Local Solid Waste Management Plans:

- Provide a snapshot in time of how solid waste is managed by member municipalities in 2018.
- Illustrate state of local Reduce, Re-use Recycle options.
• Serve as a framework to coordinate solid waste management in the Solid Waste Management Board for the next 10 years.

• Establish solid waste goals and methods for monitoring progress towards their goals.

• Satisfy the NYSDEC legal requirements for solid waste planning and comprehensive recycling analysis.

Achieving the NYDEC 2030 goal of reducing waste generation to 0.60/lb/person/day requires building a bridge from the current waste management to a more circular economy focused on productively managing materials that would otherwise become waste. This will require development of reuse alternatives, redirection of resources and ongoing education and outreach.

The Plan objectives are to increase education and outreach, strengthen and expand existing programs, develop a comprehensive disaster debris management plan, create a focus on diverting organics and partner with businesses who are creating reuse options. The Plan focuses on coordinating activities and sharing services to achieve these goals.

WHAT THE PLAN SHOULD DO

- Identify current conditions and uncertainty
- Choose strategies
- Build portfolio of actions
- Actively manage and track outcomes

Erie County has two local solid waste management boards:
- Northeast South Towns (NEST) representing 22 towns, 14 villages, and one city.

- Northwest representing three towns, two villages, and one city.
• Note - Buffalo is not a member of either solid waste management board.

**Previous Plans**

The last plans were completed in 2003. Like the 2003 Plans, which served the Board’s well through its planning horizon, this new plan followed certain parameters: the plan must be user friendly, with clear implementation tasks; it must be environmentally sound; it must reflect current best practices; and it must be financially feasible, by focusing on improving existing assets and operational efficiencies and opportunities.
ERIE COUNTY & THE NEST AND NW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARDS PRESENT

REFRESH RECYCLING FORUM & LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS PUBLIC MEETING

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHY WE SHOULD KEEP RECYCLING TODAY AND THE PLAN FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

July 31, 2019 5-7 PM
The Erie County Emergency Training Facility Aud
3359 Broadway Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Local Solid Waste Management Plans are available for review at Erie.Gov/recycling