

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

support for the 20 year plan

Kay Moss [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 7:04 PM

Good evening, Mr. Brown.

Thank you for your efforts to reduce the waste in McLean County. I've read through the Ecology Action Center's 20-year plan and I'm happy to support it.

Over dinner tonight, my husband and I discussed some of the surprises in the plan. We were bewildered that apartment buildings, commercial businesses, and construction companies aren't provided recycling options. We live in a subdivision with a lot of new housing construction. We've watched dumpster after dumpster of construction waste get hauled away, with no effort at any recycling.

Please count me as a supporter of the waste management efforts and your comprehensive, clearly written 20-year plan.

Thank you for all you are doing for our community, Mr. Brown.

Kay Moss
4009 Sutter Road
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan comment

Michael Matejka [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM

TO: McLean County Clerk
c/o Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center

As someone who remembers hauling newspaper and glass to the occasional recycle days by Illinois State University in the early days of Operation Recycle, I appreciate how far our communities and our county has come toward reducing solid waste, particularly with municipal home recycling pick up. It is a great service and my family is very conscientious about recycling.

With our land fill expiring and the communities facing even more expensive haulage fees to transport solid waste out of the county, it is time for a more aggressive and thorough recycling plan. Whether through municipal ordinance or county government, I would highly urge that programs be developed, and if necessary, be required for recycling of construction materials and that recycling be made available to multi-family apartment and other residential occupants. Increased education for home owners is also imperative, particularly if residents can learn that not recycling can increase their tax bills dramatically, particularly if we have to haul waste out of town.

Thank you for reading this and I trust this will be submitted to the McLean County clerk in an appropriate format.

Michael G. Matejka
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Rachel Johnston [REDACTED]
To: Mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 9:51 PM

Mr. Brown-

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty year waste management plan. As a McLean County resident, I understand that there is a desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. The plan creates positive solutions for our stagnating recycling rates, and reality of the imminent closure of the McLean County Landfill. We need everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Rachel Johnston
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Linda Unterman [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 9:20 PM

Mr Brown.

I support the proposed 20-year solid waste plan. We need to take steps to reduce our garbage since we now must send it to Pontiac's landfill. The plan seems to make reasonable suggestions on how we can make a significant difference in the amount of recycling we are able to do. I'm especially excited about the possibility of construction waste being recycled. I've talked to a number of apartment dwellers and they have told me that they wished that recycling was available at their buildings. If we can facilitate that, it could help a great deal.

Linda Unterman
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Heidi Zimmerman [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 9:12 PM

Dear Mr. Brown,

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Heidi K Zimmerman
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Sent from my iPhone

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Supporting Ecology Action Center

Thomas Crumpler [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:26 PM

Dear Mr. Brown,

I read the proposed 20 year plan to advance recycling for our community. This plan is well thought out and provides clear, attainable recycling goals. I especially appreciate the efforts to encourage construction companies to recognize their responsibilities and take care of our environment. I support this important work and thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the Bloomington/Normal Community

Tom Crumpler

Thomas P. Crumpler,
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Julie Kistler [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:19 PM

Hello, Mr. Brown.

I'm writing to offer my strong support for the 2017 20-year waste management plan. I am a Bloomington resident and I do my best to recycle as much as I can. On a recent drive through the ISU campus, I saw students holding signs to express their frustration wth the lack of recycling options in apartments and dorms here. I was shocked to learn they didn't get bins for that automatically. And now I understand that there are imminent challenges, as the McLean County Landfill is full and we will need to "export" our refuse and give up the fees earned from taking in waste from other areas. Obviously, these issues are complex. But the 2017 plan is the best option.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion. I appreciate the chance to express it!

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Rickerd, Trevor [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:13 PM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Mr. Brown-

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Trevor Rickerd

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

AMY WALL [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 7:35 PM

Reply-To: AMY WALL <amy.jo.wall@comcast.net>

To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mr. Brown-

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Amy Wall

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61761

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Phil Smith

To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 5:49 PM

I fully support the 20 year waste management plan the EAC has proposed. This is an issue that needs to be addressed soon given the imminent closure of the landfill, the lagging participation in recycling, the cost of shipping waste elsewhere, and the inevitable increase in solid waste generated by construction which will follow the inevitable increase in population. The plan is a modest proposal that addresses an issue that everyone who lives in McLean county should feel a stake in.

Phil Smith,
208 Veronica Way
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Support for 2017 Twenty-year waste management plan

Karla Huffman [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 5:11 PM

Mr. Brown-

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Karla Huffman
804 N. School St.
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

shayna watch [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 4:31 PM

Mr. Brown-

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Shayna Watchinski
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61701

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Metz, Cassie [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 2:06 PM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Hello Michael,

This email expresses my support for the newly proposed waste management plan. As a McLean county resident, I understand the desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. Proposing that all construction and demolition waste be recycled and increasing commercial recycling participation is a progressive and appropriate response to the current situation.

I will be delivering petitions to the EAC this week that ask for recycling at apartment buildings in Normal.

Many thanks and applause to you and the entire EAC team on this plan!

Cassie Metz
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Elizabeth Shelton [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 2:05 PM

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan public comment

Sarah Lindenbaum [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 1:51 PM

Dear Ecology Action Center,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Solid Waste Plan. I was deeply concerned to learn that the McLean County landfill will reach capacity in 2018 and that one of the primary causes is lack of recycling on the part of construction companies. For-profit companies should not be able to dispose of high quantities of waste in landfills if those materials are recyclable. Additionally, I am a homeowner who lives next to a rental property and feel that landlords have a responsibility to include recycling as a complimentary amenity. One of the former tenants who lived next to me once asked if she could share my recycling bin, as she was on a fixed income and could not afford one on her own.

Not only is recycling good for the environment, but it saves citizens money by keeping unnecessary waste out of landfills. Please let me know if there is any further action I can take in support of the 20-year Solid Waste Plan.

With best wishes,

Sarah Lindenbaum
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Bloomington, IL 61701

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Elizabeth Johnston [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 1:46 PM

Dear Mr Brown,

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. As a McLean County resident, I understand that there is a desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. The plan creates positive solutions for our stagnating recycling rates, and reality of the imminent closure of the McLean County Landfill. I know we are facing deficit across the county and the state. Recycling is a great way for everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Elizabeth Johnston
3321 Topaz Road
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Sincerely,
Elizabeth

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan - Public Comment

Zachary Braun [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 1:41 PM

Mr. Brown,

I wanted to reach out to express my support for the EAC's solid waste plan. I reviewed the stipulations of the plan, and believe that it is a thorough, well-thought out plan of action to address the long overdue problem of the lack of off-campus recycling among other issues.

I met with you last year with some colleagues to discuss potential solutions for this issue, and am thrilled that some of what we discussed was put into the plan.

It is alarming that not only has our landfill reached capacity so soon, but that there is so much opposition to proactive steps toward reducing waste in our county. Please feel free to use any of my comments when presenting your case to the County Board, and good luck!

Thank you for all you do to protect our environment,

Zachary Braun
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Bloomington, IL 61701



Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Solid waste plan public comment

Barb Maxwell [REDACTED]

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 8:29 AM

Hi, Michael,

It is so easy to be a fan and supporter of the EAC yet sit back and just watch the organization work. It is amazing and continues to improve our community year in and year out. But I feel maybe this is a good time to actually put my support in writing.

At this time you have presented a 20-year plan to address our recycling situation. Although the general public is supporting the local programs well, I believe, there are still big issues left unaddressed in our county. For some reason the construction companies aren't required to recycle. The tons of materials dumped in our landfills just contributes to the problem we are now facing. And why apartment owners don't make it convenient to renters to recycle is beyond me. I have talked to many renters who are very frustrated with this situation. And commercial businesses need to have ways to make it more convenient for them, too, to recycle whatever they can. These are HUGE gaps in the system that need to be filled. We will soon be paying for someone else to take our waste materials. That money will be coming from our tax dollars. Can't imagine anyone really wants that. We need even more education and outreach to help educate ALL citizens (thus covering landlords and business owners) to prevent everything from food waste, construction materials, business wastes (a lot of this being hazardous waste, no doubt) from ending up in our landfills. This must be a full community commitment. It will take time to figure out how to tackle these issues. Probably wise to tackle one at a time but these changes need to implemented sooner than later.

Together we can save tax money, and become more environmentally friendly. It just makes sense to make this a better, healthier county to live in for all.

Thank you for all you do.

Barb Maxwell
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Bloomington, Illinois 61701
[REDACTED]

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Lola [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 8:31 AM

Mr. Brown-

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. As a Bloomington/McLean County resident, I understand that there is a desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. Efforts made to reduce waste and recycle will benefit my grandchildren and the planet. The plan creates positive solutions for our stagnating recycling rates, and reality of the imminent closure of the McLean County Landfill. We need everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Sincerely,
Lola Augstin
107 N Evergreen Lane, Bloomington, IL 61704
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

I support the twenty-year waste management plan

Rejmer, Maya [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 11:39 AM

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Hello,

My name is Maya Rejmer and I am the Secretary of Sustainability for Illinois State University's Student Government Association. I am also the Chairwoman of the Student Sustainability Committee which helps fund sustainability initiatives brought forward by faculty and students.

I am emailing you to vocalize my support for the twenty-year waste management plan. As an off-campus student at Illinois State University, I am dealing with the waste problems that McLean county and my realtor are refusing to address. A lot of friends, including my roommates have a lot of recycling that we don't know what to do with. There are designated recycling areas around town, however most of us aren't aware of them and don't have transportation that can get us there. What ends up happening is a lot of recycling is discarded in the trash. In general, I think the community of McLean County needs a comprehensive waste management plan that is created with long term investments in mind.

Waste management and sustainability are long term priorities that benefit the environment, the community, and the city. Avoiding these waste management problems is purely political and it is hurting students, community members, and marginalized groups. This plan that the Ecology Action Center has released is the first step to really addressing the problems. If there is anything I can do as a student, or anything that the Student Sustainability Committee can do, please let me know.

Best,

Maya Rejmer

503 S. Main Street

Apt 8

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Sharon Chung [REDACTED]

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:58 AM

Reply-To: Sharon Chung <sharon.chung@protonmail.com>

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for collecting the public's comments on this very important issue. I truly appreciate the time and energy the Ecology Action Center has spent researching the issue of solid waste in our community.

I would like to express my unequivocal support for the 20 year solid waste action plan. As a resident of McLean County, I understand there is a critical need to improve our waste management. The solid waste action plan addresses this issue and proposes common sense solutions to our current problem of the impending closure of the McLean County landfill. It is my hope that McLean County, the Town of Normal, and the City of Bloomington approve the proposed plan and take the measures needed to ensure we all work together to limit the expense of shipping our waste after March 2018.

Thank you,

Sharon Chung

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

2017 twenty year waste management plan

Michele Carroll [REDACTED]

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:09 AM

Mr. Brown-

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. As a Town of Normal apartment dweller, my neighbors and I see the need for recycling options as paramount. The plan creates positive solutions to the stagnating recycling rates, and reality of the imminent closure of the McLean County Landfill. The proposed goals of the recycling rate are moderate compared to trends in waste management across the country. They are well-suited for our community, and the management plan puts on track McLean County to achieve these goals. We need everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Sincerely,

Michele Carroll

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Jason Michalski <michalski_art@icloud.com>
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Jason E. Michalski
1611 E Olive St
Bloomington, IL 61701

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Support for the proposed 20 year waste management plan

Kerri Calvert [REDACTED]

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:01 AM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

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Sincerely,

Kerri Calvert

1009 Norwood Court**Normal, IL**



Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Celena Gunderson [REDACTED]

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 8:37 AM

Mr. Brown,

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Sincerely,

Celena Gunder on
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Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Scott Weber [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 10:21 AM

Mr. Brown

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Sincerely,
Scott Weber

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Connie Kelly [REDACTED]
To: Mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 4:08 PM

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty year solid waste management plan. As the current landfill nears capacity the importance of reducing waste to hold down expansion is amplified

Connie Kelly
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Normal, IL 61761



Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Management Plan

H Brandt [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 11:12 AM

Mr. Brown,

I strongly support the Ecology Action Center's proposed 20-Year Waste Management Plan for Bloomington/Normal and McLean County. It will improve our local environment and make Bloomington/Normal a more attractive location for businesses and families.

I have been disturbed by seeing reusable materials being carried off to the landfill. Recycling and composting make good economic and ecological sense.

Helen Brandt Cozy, Ph D
[18 Grandview Drive](#)
Normal, Ill

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Baxter, Megan [REDACTED]

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 2:28 PM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Mr. Brown,

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. As a McLean County resident, I understand that there is a desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. The plan creates positive alutation for our stagnating recycling rate and reality of the imminent clo ure of the McLean County Landfill. We need everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Sincerely,

Megan Baxter

Megan Baxter

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[Bloomington, IL 67101](#)

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Susan Mohr [REDACTED]

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 5:36 PM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your work on the 20-Year Waste Management Plan for McLean County. As a Bloomington resident, I'm embarrassed to admit that I was unaware of the impending closure of the McLean County Landfill. Given that reality, I fully support the 20-Year Waste Management Plan. In particular, I endorse the suggestions to improve recycling rates and implement recycling ordinances for apartment dwellings. I look forward to the opportunity to utilize a comprehensive food scrap/composting program. I am appalled by the lack of ordinances regarding the disposal of C&D waste and agree that we should pursue C&D recycling. I appreciate the concrete steps, as well as the phased approach outlined in this plan.

Thank you for educating us. My family will strive for greater participation in these efforts and we'll look for ways to be part of the community education effort to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

Susan Mohr

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Patrick Hill [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 6:12 PM

Mr. Brown-

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. As a McLean County resident, I understand that there is a desperate need to improve upon our current waste management. In my community, we only have one recycling day per month. We need to encourage more people to recycle, including businesses and construction crews. The plan creates positive solutions for our stagnating recycling rates, and reality of the imminent closure of the McLean County Landfill. We need everyone to do their part to limit the expenses of shipping our waste after March 2018, and this plan achieves that end.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Hill
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Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

20 year solid waste management plan - public comment

sheiser810@aol.com [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 9:23 AM

To: Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center,

As McLean County (Bloomington) residents, we are aware that the McLean County landfill will have reached capacity in 2018. This is a time of crisis - or - a time of opportunity.

We support the 20 year waste management plan developed this year.

We welcome new provisions for residents of apartment buildings to participate in recycling of household refuse.

We were unaware that construction companies were not already participating in recycling of construction refuse, and welcome this component of the plan.

We are concerned about the added costs of sending landfill waste to Pontiac and feel that the proposed plan will set us on a more economically responsible course for managing solid waste

Please keep us informed as the process unfolds and let us know dates for hearings before the County Board.

Sincerely,

Rick and Susan Heiser
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Emily Eaton [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 3:53 PM

Hi Michael,

My name is Emily Eaton and I am a Bloomington resident ([512 East Grove St, 61701](#)). I was pleased to see that the proposed plan acknowledges the difficulties of recycling for multi-family homes. I live in a four-unit building where we are (luckily) provided with curbside recycling pick-up. However, we share a single recycling bin for four households, and pick-up occurs only once every two weeks (whereas trash pick-up is weekly). The usually fills up in a few days after pick-up. When it gets full, residents begin to throw their recyclable materials into the trash (we have four trash bins that never fill up).

I'm very supportive of expanding curbside recycling services to more multi-family homes, and I'd also like to see the frequency of curbside recycling services match the frequency of trash pick-up!

Another suggestion would be to somehow incentivize building-wide compost programs for multi-family buildings. Maybe there could be a small property tax break for landlords who coordinate compost programs for their residents to participate in.

Thanks for your work,

Emily

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Jodie Slothower [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Mr Brown,

I am writing in support of the twenty-year waste management plan created this year. I understand that we need to improve McLean County's current waste management. The plan creates positive solutions for recycling and addresses the closure of the McLean County Landfill.

We need to make this an ecologically friendly community where people want to live.

Thank you for listening.

Jodie Slothower
919 Broadway
Normal, IL 61761

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

joyce kaye [REDACTED]

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 6:16 PM

I was very impressed with the new 20 year plan and I would like to see it implemented.

Sincerely,

joyce kaye

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Bloomington il 61704

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

20 yr plan

Freese Marilyn [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 1:52 PM

Hi Michael!!
Just weighing in on the new 20 yr plan for waste management I'm in favor of the plan as written
Thanks,
MFreese

Sent from my iPhone

**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

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Jeremy Hayes [REDACTED]
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Fri, Nov 17, 2017 at 8:07 AM

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have reviewed the proposed *Twenty-Year Materials Recovery and Resource Conservation Plan for McLean County, City of Bloomington, and Town of Normal*. I am writing to express my support for the strategies provided in this plan.

In reading the plan, it is clear that the planning process has allowed for a wide range of perspectives to be taken into account. That is critical in building broad support for the actions proposed by the plan.

I want to specifically applaud the plan's authors for highlighting the need to close a huge gap in the community's recycling efforts—multi-family properties. Strong leadership and assertive, coordinated action by the municipal governments is needed to bring convenient recycling service to this huge and important chunk of Bloomington-Normal's population. It should be just as easy for residents of apartments to recycle as it is for those who live in single-family homes. Assistance from the EAC to identify dense routes and combining waste and recycling service seems to be an especially promising approach to this problem.

Thank you to all the stakeholders who participated in this important planning process. I strongly support this plan and implementation of the strategies it outlines.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Hayes
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Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Solid waste plan public comment

Aleda Diggins [REDACTED]

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Sat, Nov 18, 2017 at 7:38 PM

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am very much in favor of the 2017 20-year Waste Management Plan as outlined by the Ecology Action Center. Our community cannot afford to ignore its responsibility to thoughtfully plan for intentional waste reduction and responsible disposal. The care taken in formulating the thorough proposal is evident in its gradual implementation and well-researched detail. I feel comfortable that the best interests of our regional environment and local quality of life will be well-served if this plan is adopted. The addition of specialized personnel is also quite defensible and worthwhile in accomplishing new recycling and waste disposal goals for the 21st century. I appreciate all the time and effort expended to research and write such a thoughtful and reasonable proposal. Only through deliberate planning such as this 2017 Waste Management Plan can our community's citizens avoid the "tyranny" of unanticipated disposal costs and the damaging, irresponsible environmental pollution that predictably results from illegal, surreptitious independent dumping of waste items included in this proposal such as hazardous waste, electronics and building materials. The way I see it, we can back an intelligent plan and get our money's worth out of positive waste disposal solutions, or we can ignore the impending landfill capacity limit and lose this opportunity to arrange for and stretch future landfill space. There is no *good* reason to pass up the opportunity for strategic environmental success offered by this 20-year Waste Management Plan which captures value for our community through expanding our recycling options.

If I can be of further help in advocating adoption of EAC's wise plan on this matter to other parties during the public comment process please do let me know how.

Sincerely,

Aleda Diggins
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Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Solid Waste Plan Public Comment

Wesley Ward [REDACTED]

Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 7:43 AM

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Mr. Brown,

I would like to make public comment regarding the proposed solid waste plan for McLean County.

We have significant problems with our current waste management system:

- **The McLean County Landfill will close in March of 2018 because it will have reached its capacity.** We will lose hosting fees from taking other counties' waste due to the closure, and have to pay to ship our waste to Pontiac.
- Our **recycling rates stagnated** between 35% and 37% from 2006 to 2015.
- **Construction companies fail to recycle**, contributing to the largest portion of our landfill's composition.
- **Apartment dwellers lack access to recycling** options due to a lack of transportation and convenience, leading to significant waste production inside the town and city.

The new solid waste plan addresses this concerns systematically with proposals that the community can support:

- A voluntary program or mandate-by-ordinance for multi-family housing (apartment/townhouse) recycling. Many people who are living in multi-family housing units have experienced curb-side recycling and benefitted from EAC education programs regarding recycling. Extending recycling to these individuals is a needed step forward.
- A new program to address a deficiency in commercial recycling.
- An ordinance in Bloomington and Normal requiring all construction and demolition materials to be recycled.
- Addresses needs in food waste, household hazardous materials, and furthering outreach, education and technical assistance.
- The plan calls for these changes slowly and incrementally so not to be burdensome.

It is a well-thought-out plan, and I am happy to endorse it. I encourage the McLean County Board to accept this plan as written and completely.

Sincerely,

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

The 20 year plan

Arthur, Skyler [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 8:35 PM

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

As a resident of an apartment complex in Normal, I have noticed a lack of recycling due to insufficient access to recycling bins (which seem to be nonexistent in the most areas of town for some reason). I support the 20 year plan and believe it will help the county and the cities of Bloomington-Normal tremendously.

Yours Sincerely,
Skyler Arthur

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

2017 Waste Management Plan

Maca, Pat

To: "mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org" <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 5:07 PM

Mr. Brown,

I would like to express my support for the 2017 twenty-year waste management plan. A progressive agenda is a must to keep young leaders and professionals in this community. Regarding this plan, a top priority should be developing an ordinance requiring rental companies, construction, and business to recycle. Let's take this small step forward. We've got lots of work to do.

Thanks,

Patrick K Maca

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[Normal, IL 61761](#)

Memo

To: McLean County Board Land Use Committee and the McLean County Board as a whole

From: Bob Broad (306 W. Virginia Ave. in Normal, IL)

Date: December 7, 2017

Re: Proposed Twenty-Year Solid Waste Management Plan for McLean County

What impresses me most about the plan is the broadly inclusive process through which it was developed. The solid waste coordinator's team made tremendous efforts not only to listen to, but also to act on, the concerns and needs of many different constituencies and interest groups in the county, including businesses, landlords (like me), tenants, waste haulers, government staff, and regular citizens of the county. As a result of its incorporation of multiple perspectives, the report can validly claim to represent the goals and interests of the people of the county as a whole.

The plan clearly and carefully lays out our current situation (landfill ready to close, recycling rates still too low, etc.) and then offers six key, common-sense strategies to help the County thrive both economically and environmentally.

Wherever possible, the plan favors voluntary strategies. As responsible citizens and leaders, however, we should not shy away from requiring people to do the right thing if that is the best thing for the county. Speed limits take away my "freedom" to drive 100 miles per hour, but I enthusiastically support speed limits because they save lives and reduce the burning of fossil fuels. As a property owner, I welcome ordinances that will structure and support more recycling among my tenants. It is the right and responsible thing to do, so let's do it.

I applaud the 20-year solid waste management plan for stepping up to meet the clear need to look further into the future than just five years. This is a superb planning document, and I look forward to the County Board members fulfilling their responsibilities to their constituents by boldly embracing, supporting, and carrying out the plan.

To: Michael Brown – Executive Director of the Ecology Action Center
From: Chris Coulter – Vice President of Area Disposal Service, Inc.
Date: December 7, 2017
Subject: Public comment concerning the new McLean County Solid Waste Management Plan

- 1) Public Comment
 - a. Chris Coulter – Vice President of Area Disposal Service, affiliate of Peoria Disposal Co.
 - b. Area's corporate office is located at 4700 N. Sterling Avenue in Peoria, Illinois
 - c. I'm the fourth generation to be involved in the ownership/management of the firm
 - d. Coulter Family has owned the PDC/Area companies for 90 years
 - e. Area has provided waste collection/disposal services to McLean County for over 25 yrs.
 - f. Area operates a waste hauling division at 512 E. Hamilton in Bloomington
 - i. Over 20 employees work out of this location
 - ii. Currently provide waste and recycling collection services to McLean County households and businesses from this location
 1. Municipalities under contract include:
 - a. Danvers
 - b. Downs
 - c. Gridley
 - d. Hudson
 - e. LeRoy
 - f. Towanda
 - iii. Own and operate 2 landfills that accept waste for disposal from McLean County households and residents
 1. Clinton Landfill – 27 miles – 39M cubic yards of disposal capacity
 2. Indian Creek Landfill – 29 miles – 33M cubic yards of disposal capacity
 3. McLean County Landfill – 700,000 cubic yards of disposal capacity
 4. Clinton and Indian Creek can handle the disposal needs for McLean County during the next 20 year planning period
 - g. Member of one of the Focus Groups involved with developing this new plan
 - h. Robust stakeholder involvement
 - i. Business (McLean County Chamber, Henson, Republic, Area)
 - ii. Government (McLean County, Bloomington, Regional Planning Commission)
 - iii. Schools (ISU, Illinois Wesleyan)
 - i. Area supports the approval of the proposed 20 year plan
 - j. In particular, we support the language that can be found on page 20 which states:
 - i. **The establishment of additional waste transfer stations could have multiple economic benefits including increased competition; therefore likely more beneficial waste disposal rates or the possibility of new host agreements providing host fees as a new revenue source.**
 - k. Inclusion of this language in the new plan is critical for us and other interested waste/recycling industry participants as it would allow for the development of another McLean County waste transfer station subject to a local siting approval under Criterion 8 of Section 39.2 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, which states the following:
 - i. **If the facility is to be located in a county where the county has adopted a solid waste management plan, the facility is consistent with the plan.**

Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

materials recovery & resource management plan

Lucille Eckrich <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 9:23 AM

I am writing to add my voice to the public comments being gathered on McLean County's materials recovery & resource management plan. While I haven't read the proposed plan in full (I would be happy to do so if you send me a link to it), I am moved to write this letter by the article in today's *Pantagraph* (12/8/17, p. A3). I fully support all improvements in McLean County's and Bloomington-Normal's collective efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

As a middle school student in the 1970s, I was involved in the first recycling program ever on Long Island, NY. Every Saturday I got to ride on the back of a flat bed truck to pick up recyclables throughout our community or to wear goggles and smash glass in huge barrel drums or to stack and pack cardboard boxes and paper for shipment to paper processing plants. It was good fun to get dirty with peers and an inter-generational group of people who cared about the conditions of the environment that we bequeath to the next generation and depend upon for our very survival.

It is heartening to see how far the US has come since then, as municipalities and as a society, to recycle. But it is also sobering to see how far we have yet to go and how much more we could be doing. My spouse is from Germany where, land being at a premium, nearly EVERYTHING is by law recycled, including not just paper, glass, cans, and plastic but also ALL compost and ALL construction and demolition waste. It is not rare to see laborers--well paid in Germany due to a much more serious and just social contract--taking a building down by hand and separating all parts to be recycled. And that's only on the rare occasions when demolition is deemed better than renovating, renewing, or re-purposing a building--some of which are 100s and 100s of years old! Our butcher friend tells us that selling animal waste for biofuel is as, if not more, valuable in his business than is the animal meat he processes. Friends of ours invested with two other families in a wind turbine about 25 years ago already. They are part of a publicly-motivated and lucrative by-back commitment to renewable energy that has moved the country to around 40% of its energy today being from renewable resources. While Germany still uses too much coal, they are working to lower that while also decommissioning all nuclear power plants in the country, a decision they made after the nuclear power catastrophe in Japan.

In short, collective commitment--through our elected officials, tax dollars, volunteering, and public investment (the last being something that will be immeasurably more possible if and when we achieve [monetary reform](#))--is essential for our and any society to reduce our human waste and carbon footprints and to leave our country and world better than we found them for the next generation. That is the commitment every young girl scout or boy scout learns and lives, and that is what we should be doing in McLean County. I strongly urge the McLean County Board to pass the strongest land use and re-cycling programs possible. Then I urge Board members to learn about and support monetary reform at local, regional, and federal levels (the latter being the most fundamental of all) so that public interests--rather than the private interests of the 1%, the plutocracy--can finally under-gird and inform our commerce and public policy.

Thanks!
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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

H Brandt [REDACTED]

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Sun, Dec 10, 2017 at 10:18 PM

Hello Michael Brown,

I have read the Twenty-Year Plan and am in favor of meeting its goals. It is well thought out, reasonable and realistic.

Walking neighborhood streets I notice household goods put on the curb for waste pick up, things that could be reused. I mentioned this to a ReStore person and he agreed there were things that went to the landfill that could be reused but people put them on the curb rather than contact the ReStore for pickup.

The Solid Waste Plan should include a way to encourage people to conveniently contact organizations like the ReStore for pick-up instead of putting household items such as tables, chairs, cabinets, and shelves on the curb as waste. Diverting such items could also provide an opportunity for a non-profit repair business to employ out-of-work, retired or disabled persons.

I lived for many years in a community similar in size to Bloomington/Normal. Our recycle and garbage pickup has been on a bi-weekly basis. No problems have been encountered. The McLean Twenty-Year Plan could consider adopting such a schedule for single-family residences as a way to decrease environmental impact (pollution from trucks) and reduce financial costs.

Helen Brandt Cozy
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Public Comment on Solid Waste Management Plandated 12-12-17

Robert [REDACTED]

Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 1:36 PM

To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

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As a retired Bloomington Alderman who served on the Ecology Action Center Policy Committee representing Henson Disposal & Recycling to help prepare the Solid Waste Management Plan, I would like to explain the reasoning for supporting the Solid Waste Management Plan. As Bob Broad said at the Land Use Committee of the County Board sponsored meeting on 12-7-17, it is a kindergarten-level understanding of "freedom" to oppose government ordinances just because they limit freedom. Sometimes we do need ordinances to steer the county the direction it needs to go. "That is what leaders do, that's what communities need to do and that's what we need to do." Without laws, regulations and ordinances there is chaos.

As background information, Henson Disposal & Recycling is the only LEEDS authorized recycling center in the State of Illinois outside of the nine recycling operations in the Chicago area. In each of those Chicago area recycling operations there is a recycling ordinance in the respective community. One of the criticisms of a C & D Recycling Ordinance beyond its limiting freedom is that it simply benefits only Henson Disposal & Recycling. That turns out to not be true because by EPA regulations a recycle center must recycle a minimum of 75% of all waste material it receives, and the EPA is vigilant in monitoring that this regulation is followed. Therefore, the 75% or more that is recycled is taken to other local businesses like Behr Iron or Midwest Fiber for reuse, not to the local landfill. Another section in all nine C & D Recycle Ordinances in the Chicago area states that anyone doing demolition is allowed to single source recycle directly from the demolition site rather than taking waste material to a recycle center.

Possible opposition to the option of an ordinance would likely come from businesses, landlords and those who simply oppose regulations in general. One of the main businesses which would logically oppose an ordinance diverting C & D waste from going directly to a landfill would be the landfill owners. However, at the meeting Chis Coulter, a fourth generation owner of Area Disposal which owns two nearby landfills, spoke strongly in favor of the Solid Waste Management Plan which contains language regarding the option at the full discretion of the municipality to consider supporting or not supporting a C & D Ordinance.

One of the misconceptions is that it is more expensive to recycle than it is to simply take waste materials to the local landfill. First, the local landfill will be closing in the next few months, which means any waste delivered to the transfer station will need to be transported to another landfill at least 25 miles away. This will logically increase the price at some point in the future. Second, the gate rate to recycle locally is less than it is currently is at the local landfill even before transportation costs are included in the future. Gas emmissions will be reduced by delivery to the local recycle center as opposed to the local transfer station where trucking the waste at least 25 miles will be necessary in the near future.

If the C & D recycling goals can be achieved from education of the advantages of recycling waste materials versus sending the waste materials to a landfill and the lesser gates rate fee for recycling versus landfill gate rate, then the following could be achieved:

1. Increase in recycling in McLean County.

2. Reduce gas emmisions by not trucking waste materials to landfills at least 25 miles away.
3. Provide lower gate rate fee to those disposing of waste material versus local transfer station gate rate fee.
4. Allow single source recycling from demolition sites.
5. Support from fourth generation landfill owner of two nearby landfills for the entire Solid Waste Management Plan, which includes the option to consider ordinances.

If recycling for C & D were to be mandated through a C & D ordinance, then a significant additional benefit could be a negotiated fee from the recycling to replace or even increase the income to McLean County over the current host fee from the landfill. This host fee will be eliminated with the closing of the local landfill. What is important to keep in mind is that the Solid Waste Management Plan DOES NOT propose mandating of any ordinance, but it merely notes this as an option for municipalities to consider.

Robert B. Fazzini

Henson Disposal & Recycling

Business Advisor

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

Solid waste plan public comment

Given Harper [REDACTED]
To: Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>

Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 8:44 AM

18 December 2017

Dear Mr. Brown,

We wish to express our strong support for the 2017 twenty-year McLean County solid waste management plan proposed by the EAC. The plan's goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and increasing the county recycling rate have both environmental and cost-saving benefits, especially in light of the fact that the only landfill in the county will soon close. Thank you for crafting a plan that will help reduce consumption of natural resources and save tax dollars in disposing of waste.

Sincerely,

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**Michael Brown <mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org>**

solid waste plan public comment

Bruce Naffziger <[REDACTED]>

To: mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org

Wed, Jan 3, 2018 at 9:15 AM

I read through this proposal. While it is good that people support recycling, I'm afraid that this plan is over the top. I have two big problems with it: the cost and using ordinance violations to enforce it. First cost. The costs involved here do not appear to be trivial. All costs that business and government incur are passed on to consumers and taxpayers. As a taxpayer, I am already overtaxed here in Bloomington Normal and McLean county. That is a primary reason that I am considering moving away when I retire in two years. Our "leaders" here have made this a nice place to be FROM. They have failed us as taxpayers. Secondly, inflicting ordinance violations on us is not appropriate. This is not a matter of security or public safety which is what ordinance violations should be reserved for. This is essentially just garbage handling. While being good stewards of this world is generally a good thing, don't make us criminals when people make a mistake when handling garbage. Please adjust this proposal to balance costs and remove the ordinance violations. There has to be a better way to deal with recycling than this.

Bruce Naffziger
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Sent from Bruce's iPhone