

PROBLEMS

SOLUTIONS

COUNTY PLANNING

Designed for landfill growth due to capacity concerns 25 years ago	Incentives for counties to set goals and plan for holistic materials management to better utilize discards
County Solid Waste Planning has been unfunded for 20 years	Renew Fund ensures funding for county planning and local implementation of those plans
5 year cycles means loss of expertise at completion of plan	County planning committees stay together and maintain local expertise
Boundary control lies with county, regional facility development limited	Ensures materials can move freely around the state to use capacity where it exists

INDUSTRY OVERSIGHT

Permits & licenses haven't been updated in over 20 years	New understanding of landfill workings included in licenses and fees and are updated to reflect inflation
Landfill gas and odor issues are widespread across the state	New gas management requirements to reduce odor and other nuisance issues
Landfill post-closure is here and we still don't know what to do	New, flexible post-closure requirements ensure public health and safety
Cost to remediate landfills exceed the financial assurance required	Updated financial assurance requirements better reflect cost to remediate, saving taxpayer dollars

HOLISTIC MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Composting, anaerobic digestion, recycling facilities, and others, operate outside of the current materials management system, leading to bad actors	Elevates, regulates, and legitimizes these management methodologies into the State's system
Existing material management facilities are largely undocumented, impacts are unknown	Inventory facilities and capacity to manage materials so communities can plan in accordance and invest where services are needed
Lack of process for facility development has led to risk aversion, loss of investment into materials management alternatives	Sets a clear process at the state and local level so innovation and facilities can be developed in conjunction with community goals



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