# Where Will The Garbage Go?



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## **GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee**

The GLOW Committee is made up of elected officials and staff from each of the region's respective counties.

The Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement (IMA) specifies that each county be represented by the highest ranking elected legislative official, two additional representatives, and one alternate.

### 2020 Committee

### Representing Genesee County

Iohn Deleo Felipe Oltramari, Secretary/Treasurer Jay Gsell (alternate)

### Representing Livingston County

Michael J. Falk Daniel L. Pangrazio, Chairperson Donald Wester Catherine VanHorne (alternate)

### Representing Wyoming County

Roberta Curry Jerry Davis, Vice Chairperson Sandra King Daniel Leuer (alternate)

### Fiscal Officer

Scott German, Genesee County Treasurer Genesee County Treasurer

#### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

The Intermunicipal Agreement allows GLOW to create subcommittees. GLOW formed a Planning Committee which coordinates GLOW's administration and eases the flow of information among key decision makers in the counties...

In addition, GLOW has created an Advisory Committee. Membership in this committee includes local officials, private citizens, and members of GLOW.

#### STAFF

In January 1989, GLOW began to hire staff to concentrate on recycling efforts in the GLOW region. GLOW has one full time staff person. Some clerical assistance provided by Genesee County.

### Recycling Administrator

Margaret C. (Peggy) Grayson



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle It's the Law!

#### **The GLOW Committee**

Solid Waste Management is important to each of us.

Solid waste must be carefully disposed of and managed in a manner which is protective of the environment and public health.

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1988 incorporated a hierarchy of preferred solid waste management methods that will reduce our dependency on the land burial of wastes. This hierarchy, in descending order of preference is:

Reduce the amount of waste generated;

Reuse material for the purpose for which it was originally intended or recycle material that cannot be reused:

Recover energy from those materials that cannot be economically and/or technically reused or recycled in an environmentally safe manner;

Landfill those materials that are left.

In 1986, elected officials in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties resolved to work together in the face of a growing solid waste crisis. In 1987, the GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee was created through an Intermunicipal Agreement, which allowed the counties to work together cooperatively in the development of strategies for the management of solid waste.

#### **PLANNING**

As a requirement of the Solid Waste Management Act of 1988,
GLOW completed its Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.
This plan, approved in 1992, outlines how solid waste will be handled

in the GLOW region for the next 20 years.

State policy requires that GLOW's Plan be consistent with the NYS Solid Waste Management Plan in order to receive state financial

assistance and required permits.

One of GLOW's first goals, in accordance with the State Plan, was to develop programs that effectively reduce, reuse, or recycle as much of the material as possible in the waste stream. In order to reach the 40% goal set by the state for reduction, reuse, and recycling, GLOW works with the counties, communities, waste haulers and recyclers, businesses and institutions in the collection and reporting of recyclables data.

Materials that cannot be reused or recycled will have to be landfilled or incinerated in waste-to-energy plants. The State Plan requires these alternatives to be considered as secondary priorities to reduction, reuse, and recycling.

#### **FUNDING**

The Intermunicipal Agreement requires each county to contribute money on a per capita basis, to the GLOW Committee. Effective January 1, 2004, county contributions are made from the Counties of

Genesee, Livingston and Wyoming.

In addition to the county contributions, GLOW has received grant funding in excess of \$1,500,000 reducing the potential burden on GLOW Region taxpayers. Grant funding has been used to fund public education and informational programs, regional programs, and some administrative costs.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



GLOW received a 1999

Governor's Waste Reduc-

tion and Recycling Program Achievement of Excellence Award. The GLOW Committee was cited for its comprehensive waste reduction and recycling programs. These programs are designed for, and target all areas of the GLOW Region, including residential, business, government, and non-profit organizations.

In March 2000, GLOW received a 2000 U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award. GLOW received this award for its diligent work to protect the environment and human health. The GLOW Committee has collected nearly 25 tons of farm pesticides and hosted numerous household hazardous waste collections since 1995.

#### **EVERYONE RECYCLES**

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1988 required municipalities to adopt local laws requiring generators to source separate their recyclables. This applies to homeowners, commercial, industrial, and institutional entities.

Solid waste and its associated costs are not problems that will go away in the near or distant future. It will be essential to continue education, planning and implementation activities on a continuing basis. GLOW will continue to provide valuable services for its member counties.

GLOW staff is available to provide technical assistance, educational and promotional materials, and to help start or expand recycling programs. Call the office today.

The success of GLOW's solid waste management strategy not only depends on state policy, and technical and economic feasibility...it also depends on YOU!

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