

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 76**

**TO IMPLEMENT A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Cullman County Solid Waste Authority is required to submit a Solid Waste Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it would serve a public purpose to enter into the Solid Waste Management Plan for Cullman County as proposed by the Cullman County Solid Waste Authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the Solid Waste Management Plan for Cullman County as proposed by the Cullman County Solid Waste Authority.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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President of the City Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Mayor

### COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date: 02/26/2026

Department: Sanitation Name: Samuel J Dillender

Phone: 256-595-0615 Email: sdillender@cullmanal.gov

Type of request (select all that apply):

- Alcohol License
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Approval
- Public Comment
- Special Event
- Other SWMP
- Annexation
- Change Order
- Petition
- Resolution
- Tax Abatement
- Bid Award
- Codification Change
- Proclamations
- Rezoning
- Variance

Reason for Request:

Discussion and potential approval for City of Cullman to participate in the in the Cullman County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Supporting Documentation:

Attach supporting documentation.

Signature: Samuel J Dillender   
Signed by: E515617992E043F...

Approval Sequence:

1. Administration – City Clerk’s Office

Verifies form is completed and proper documentation is attached.

Approved to Move Forward  Rejected  Return to Requestor

Comments:

Signature: Pam Leslie Date: March 3, 2026 | 1:29 PM CST  
Signed by: 8F02210223EC457...

2. Council Committee Chairperson - Jason Willoughby

Ensures necessity of the request.

Approved to Move Forward  Rejected  Return to Admin

Comments: Jason Willoughby Cullman City Council Place 3

Signature: [Signature] Date: February 26, 2026 | 12:04 PM CST  
Signed by: 39E651DFA5B245D...

3. Council President

Approved for Council Agenda  Rejected  Return to Committee

Comments:

Signature: [Signature] Date: March 3, 2026 | 2:47 PM CST  
Signed by: 373F5C72C0C944B...

4. Administration – City Clerk’s Office

Added to Council Agenda Date of Meeting: 03/09/2026

Comments:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 03/03/2026  
Signed by: 8F02210223EC457...

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Date

Sam Dillender

Superintendent Sanitation

City of Cullman

Address

RE: **Solid Waste Management Survey**  
**Municipality (City/Township of...)**

Dear Name,

Under Section 22-27-47 of the Code of Alabama, each county and municipality in the State of Alabama is required to implement a "Solid Waste Management Plan", which describes current and future solid waste management practices within the jurisdiction. Counties and municipalities can elect to develop and implement their own plan or obtain coverage under a joint plan for a local region. In the past, your municipality has elected to meet this requirement by obtaining coverage under the joint plan for Cullman County. As such, information on solid waste management within your municipality's jurisdiction will be required for development of the County's joint Solid Waste Management Plan.

On behalf of the Cullman County Commission, LaBella Associates, D.P.C. (LaBella), has been selected to develop the updated Solid Waste Management Plan for Cullman County and its participating municipalities. To obtain the necessary information for development of this Plan, LaBella has provided the attached survey for each of the municipalities electing for joint coverage under the Plan. Please complete each of the questions presented below and return a scanned copy of the completed survey as soon as possible. Note that failure to return a sufficiently completed survey could jeopardize your status of joint coverage under the County Plan.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at (334) 546-4837 or by e-mail at [bwatson@labellapc.com](mailto:bwatson@labellapc.com).

Respectfully submitted,

**LaBella Associates, D.P.C.**

Brent A. Watson  
Senior Technical Advisor

cc: Cullman County Commission



## Cullman County Solid Waste Management Plan

### Joint Coverage Survey

**Instructions:** Please review each of the questions below and answer them to the best of your ability. Detailed, comprehensive answers are crucial for ensuring that your solid waste management jurisdiction is accurately and fairly represented in the County's Joint Solid Waste Management Plan. For questions that do not apply to your solid waste management jurisdiction, or your jurisdiction lacks sufficient information for, please specify as such in the answer area.

For additional information or clarifications on any of the questions presented in the survey, please contact Caesar Legaspi at (205) 985-4874, or by email at [clegaspi@labellapc.com](mailto:clegaspi@labellapc.com).

#### I. RESIDENTIAL MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

Residential municipal solid waste includes trash generated by residential households for disposal. This does not include wastes generated by businesses, industrial facilities, construction and demolition activities, or any other commercial practices.

1. What is the current population for your municipality?

20789

2. What is the total number of occupied households in your municipality?

6725 SFR,

3. How is residential waste managed in your municipality? (Curbside pickup, collection center, etc.)

Curbside

4. Does your municipality contract with a private waste hauler for residential waste collection and disposal? If so, who?

No

5. How many customers (i.e. households) are served by your municipality's residential waste collection program?

6725

6. Provide the total tonnage of residential waste collected in your municipality in 2024. If multiple contractors are used for collection, please provide total tonnage collected by each separate contractor.

6,1119.75 tons



7. What is the ultimate destination(s) for residential waste collected in your municipality? List any transfer stations and/or landfills as applicable.

SWDA Cullman Landfill

8. Are there any known, planned changes to the way that residential waste will be managed in your municipality in the next ten years? Examples include known future changes in collection/hauling contractors, construction of a solid waste management facility, etc.

No

## II. COMMERCIAL MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

Commercial municipal solid waste includes trash generated by businesses or commercial properties for disposal. This does not include wastes generated by residences, industrial facilities, or construction and demolition activities.

1. How is commercial waste managed in your municipality? (Curbside pickup, collection center, etc.)

Mixture of curbside and FEL Dumpsters

2. Does your municipality contract with a private waste hauler for commercial waste collection and disposal? If so, who?

No

3. How many customers are served by your municipality's commercial waste collection program?

1129

4. Provide the total tonnage of commercial waste collected in your municipality in 2024. If multiple contractors are used for collection, please provide total tonnage collected by each separate contractor.

12,523.67 tons

5. What is the ultimate destination(s) for commercial waste collected in your municipality? List any transfer stations and/or landfills as applicable.

SWDA Cullman LF



6. Are there any known, planned changes to the way that commercial waste will be managed in your municipality in the next ten years? Examples include known future changes in collection/hauling contractors, construction of a solid waste management facility, etc.

No

### III. CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS WASTE

Construction and demolition debris (C&D) waste includes waste building materials, packaging, and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings, or other structures. Examples include, masonry materials, sheet rock, wood, concrete, and scrap metal. This does not include small quantities of these types of wastes that would be collected and managed under a residential or commercial municipal solid waste program.

1. How is C&D waste managed in your municipality? (Curbside pickup, collection center, etc.)

Roll Off Dumpster

2. Does your municipality contract with a private waste hauler for C&D waste collection and disposal? If so, who?

No

3. How many customers are served by your municipality's C&D waste collection program?

Varies based on projects 125 customers

4. Provide the total tonnage of C&D waste collected in your municipality in 2024. If multiple contractors are used for collection, please provide total tonnage collected by each separate contractor.

23,055.87 tons

5. What is the ultimate destination(s) for C&D waste generated in your municipality? List any transfer stations and/or landfills as applicable.

SWDA Cullman LF

6. Are there any known, planned changes to the way that C&D waste will be managed in your municipality in the next ten years? Examples include known future changes in collection/hauling contractors, construction of a solid waste management facility, etc.

No



#### IV. INDUSTRIAL WASTE/SPECIAL WASTE

Industrial Waste is waste generated by manufacturing operations. These wastes typically require pre-disposal certification from ADEM prior to disposal. While all Industrial Waste is considered Special Waste under ADEM regulations, other types of solid waste are also considered Special Waste. Special Waste is considered to be solid waste that requires some type of special handling or disposal techniques that differ from normal trash disposal. For example, friable asbestos is a Special Waste due to the handling precautions necessary for safe disposal.

- 1. How is Industrial Waste/Special Waste managed in your municipality? (Curbside pickup, collection center, etc.)

Roll Off Dumpsters and some commercial haulers

- 2. Does your municipality contract with a private waste hauler for Industrial Waste/Special Waste collection and disposal? If so, who?

No

- 3. How many customers are served by your municipality's Industrial Waste/Special Waste collection program?

Estimated at 25

- 4. Provide the total tonnage of Industrial Waste/Special Waste (please differentiate between Industrial Waste and other Special Waste when providing data) collected in your municipality in 2024. If multiple contractors are used for collection, please provide total tonnage collected by each separate contractor.

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- 5. What is the ultimate destination(s) for Industrial Waste/Special Waste generated in your municipality? List any transfer stations and/or landfills as applicable.

SWDA Cullman LF

- 6. Are there any known, planned changes to the way that Industrial Waste/Special Waste will be managed in your municipality in the next ten years? Examples include known future changes in collection/hauling contractors, construction of a solid waste management facility, etc.

No

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#### V. RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Under Section 22-27-47(4) of the Code of Alabama, Solid Waste Management Plans are required to provide a description of current or planned recycling programs within the jurisdiction and analyze



their impacts on waste generation. If no current or planned recycling program has or is anticipated to be implemented in your municipality in the next 10 years, please write "N/A" and skip this section. For municipalities that do not currently have a recycling program, but plan to implement one within the next ten years, please answer the questions based on the anticipated plan for the program, to the best of your knowledge.

1. Please describe the recycling program that has been implemented in your municipality. (curbside collection, community drop-off center, etc.)

The City has residential single stream curbside and commercial cardboard recycling

2. Does your municipality contract with a private hauler for recycling collection or management? If so, who?

No

3. What material types are collected as a part of your municipality's recycling program?

Resi Plastics, paper, tin, aluminum and cardboard, Commercial Cardboard and plastics

4. How is collected recycling managed under your program? (Sorted/processed by the municipality, sorted/processed by a private collector, hauled to a third-party sorting/processing center, etc.)

Resi is hauled directly to Processor. Cardboard is baled and hauled to plant

5. Please provide the total tonnage of recycled materials for each material type in 2024.

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6. What were the total costs of implementing your municipality's recycling program in 2024?

Just over 150k as we added a cardboard chopper and three trailers.

7. What was the total revenue generated by your municipality's recycling program in 2024?

\$47k

8. Are there any known, planned changes or additions to your municipality's recycling program in the next ten years?

The lack of an end processor for the single stream may cause a disruption in that service as the costs would not be sustainable.

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## VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

If there is any additional information on solid waste management in your jurisdiction that you believe should be considered in the development of the plan, please describe below.




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For each private company that your municipality contracts with for collection or hauling (i.e. questions I.4, II.2, III.2, IV.2), please provide contact information below.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I certify that I have reviewed the instructions and questions presented in this survey and, to the best of my knowledge, have answered each question truthfully and as completely as possible. I understand that providing inaccurate or purposefully incomplete information in this survey could jeopardize my municipality's coverage under the County's joint Solid Waste Management Plan.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_