

Department of Solid Waste Commission

2021 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

The mission of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission is to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Westchester County; and to seek to eliminate the influence of Organized Crime, people engaged in fraud, and other bad actors in the solid waste and recyclables hauling industries; ensuring that only individuals and companies of good character, honesty and integrity receive and maintain licenses to operate in the solid waste and recyclables hauling industries; increasing competition among haulers and enhancing consumer choice; and ensuring that solid waste generated within or brought into Westchester County is disposed of or recycled in an environmentally safe manner by assisting in the implementation of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Goals of the Solid Waste Commission

- To perform background checks on all applicants and principals requesting a license or registration so as to ensure the good character, honesty and integrity of licensees and registrants in Westchester County.
- To issue licenses and registrations for the performance of activities for which a license or registration is required by the Westchester County Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Licensing Law (Chapter 826-a of the Laws of Westchester County).
- To ensure that only licensed carters haul solid waste and recyclables within Westchester County, and that licensed carters only use trucks registered with the Solid Waste Commission.
- To ensure that transfer stations are accepting solid waste and recyclables only from entities licensed by Westchester County.
- To investigate all complaints against haulers that occur within Westchester County.

Budget Summary

ITEM	2020	2021
Operating Positions	9	9
Trust Positions	-	-
TOTAL POSITIONS	9	9
Personal Service	1,555,521	1,396,282
Equipment	6,000	5,100
Materials & Supplies	37,200	19,200
Contractual Expenses	179,386	168,112
Inter-Departmental Charges	480,114	491,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,258,221	2,080,650

Budget Summary

ITEM	2020	2021
Inter-Departmental Revenue	-	-
Departmental Revenue	2,258,221	2,080,650
State & Federal Aid	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	2,258,221	2,080,650
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	-	-

New Initiatives & Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020

- Enhanced background checking activity resulting in better decision-making on prospective and current hauler licensees.
- Enforcement resulted in generating revenue of \$600K.
- Continued cooperation and inclusion with both local and federal agencies resulting in better industry oversight and monitoring.
- Collected \$84K of uncollected debt from Prior Year.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2021

- Restructuring reporting and record keeping mechanisms.