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**COUNTY WASTE & RECYCLING URGES SULLIVAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATORS TO DELAY ADOPTION OF SOLID WASTE PLAN  
Open Letter Warns of Taxpayer Risk and Offers Smart Option**

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. – Officials from County Waste & Recycling, one of New York’s largest regional waste and recycling companies, today sent an open letter to members of the Sullivan County Legislature urging them to postpone the selection of a new vendor to manage the County’s solid waste management plan.

The letter cautions Legislators that the IESI proposal under consideration is a bad deal for Sullivan County taxpayers, County employees, and County government and offers a plan put forward by County Waste & Recycling as a viable alternative.

The letter sent by County Waste & Recycling is included below.

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Dear Legislators:

Before making a decision on a solid waste management plan for the people of Sullivan County, I urge this legislative body to review all the facts.

The plan currently under consideration is a bad deal for Sullivan County taxpayers, County employees, and County government. As federal, state and local governments search desperately for ways to save money in these tough economic times, the IESI proposal would require the County taxpayers to spend nearly \$7 million on building unnecessary new waste and recycling facilities.

If adopted, the IESI plan would put Sullivan County on a perilous fiscal path and would ultimately result in increases in taxes and fees to support an unsustainable waste management system. Furthermore, it would needlessly risks the jobs of experienced union employees and put Sullivan County in violation of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation environmental regulations.

There is a better choice.

County Waste & Recycling has presented a plan that helps the Legislature meet its obligation to provide taxpayers with quality services *without* jeopardizing the financial health of the County.

Our proposal would:

- Retrofit Sullivan County's existing recycling facility at the landfill site and **eliminate the need to spend nearly \$7 million dollars of taxpayer money** on a new building. In addition, County Waste & Recycling is prepared to pay all refurbishing costs.
- Minimize layoffs and **save a majority of the 54 union jobs.**
- **Create a free recycling service** and boost Sullivan County's recycling efforts.
- **Give Sullivan County a sustainable solid waste management plan** that would prevent erratic fee increases and provide taxpayers and businesses with quality service and financial certainty.
- Offer an interim plan that **provides for the proper management and environmental compliance of drop-off centers in Ferndale, Mamakating and Highland** in accordance with Department of Environmental Conservation regulations.

This issue is too important. We ask that you **postpone making a decision** on a solid waste management plan today that needlessly creates a financial burden for the taxpayers of Sullivan County tomorrow.

I have enclosed a summary of our original proposal for your review.

I thank you for your time, and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry S. Cifor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" being the most prominent.

Jerry Cifor, Principal  
County Waste & Recycling

Cc:

Daniel Strum, Supervisor Town of Bethel  
Linda Babicz, Supervisor Town of Callicoon  
Salvatore B. Indelicato, Supervisor Town of Cohecton  
James Scheudzow, Supervisor Town of Delaware  
Stephen Lavigne, Supervisor Town of Fallsburg  
James Gallighan, Supervisor Town of Forestburgh  
James Greier, Supervisor Town of Fremont  
Tina Palecek, Supervisor Town of Highland  
John Schmidt, Supervisor Town of Liberty  
John LiGreci, Supervisor Town of Lumberland  
Robert Fiore, Supervisor Town of Mamakating  
Gregory Goldstein, Supervisor Town of Neversink  
Bernard Johnson, Supervisor Town of Tusten  
Anthony P. Cellini, Supervisor Town of Thompson  
Stanley J. Martin, Supervisor Town of Rockland  
Mid-Hudson News  
Sullivan County Democrat

# **Summary of the County Waste & Recycling Proposal to Sullivan County**

**Step 1** — County Waste, at its own cost, will prepare and retrofit the existing pole barn located at the landfill site, which currently accepts glass, for the acceptance of a dual recycling stream. Recyclable materials will be delivered to this interim recycling facility in two streams: fiber products such as paper and cardboard comprising one stream; comingled containers, including plastic, tin, and glass comprising the second.

The interim recycling facility will be staffed by County Waste employees. No processing and/or baling will be done on-site. It is County Waste's position that there is not enough recyclable tonnage being generated within Sullivan County to justify the investment required to build a fully modernized recycling facility.

The most cost-effective approach to process the Sullivan County recyclables is to transport the recyclables to an existing larger regionalized recycling facility. County Waste will be responsible for the transportation, processing, and-marketing of all recyclables. The cost to Sullivan County for the retrofit of the pole barn, transportation of the recyclables, processing fees, and marketing of the recyclables will be a zero dollar cost.

**Step 2** — County Waste, at its own cost, will retrofit the current recycling facility at the Sullivan County landfill site into a solid waste transfer station that will accept both municipal solid waste ("MSW") and construction and demolition debris ("C&D"). Again, County Waste employees will operate this interim transfer station by loading MSW and C&D into trailers provided by County Waste. There will be no cost to Sullivan County for the retrofit of the interim transfer station.

**Steps 3** — All existing transfer stations and convenience centers, including Mamakating and Ferndale, will continue to operate as they currently operate. Each facility will be staffed by Sullivan County employee utilizing Sullivan County equipment, and all trash and recyclables will be delivered by Sullivan County employees to the centralized interim transfer station located at the Sullivan County landfill site in Monticello. Additionally, all Sullivan County transportation trailers (open top and compactor trailers) located at Mamakating, Ferndale, and Highland will be delivered by Sullivan County Waste employees directly to the centralized interim transfer station located in Monticello.