

6 towns team up on solid waste disposal

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently announced a statewide policy to promote solid waste reduction, recycling and incineration while limiting the use of landfills.

The policy, however, doesn't require that every community con-

form exactly to statewide goals, according to Smith.

Landfills will continue to play a significant role in solid waste management in the future, despite state policies to reduce reliance on landfills, according to the DNR.

BUT THE policy suggests that communities should avoid reliance

on any single technology. Ultimately, a combination of solid waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, incineration with energy recovery and landfilling is recommended for balance.

The policy, according to Smith, will be implemented in partnership with local communities, constituent

groups and the general public.

The 1978 state Solid Waste Management Act requires counties to prepare a 20-year plan to be updated every five years.

Recycling, according to the DNR, reduces waste, saves energy, protects natural resources, reuses resources and creates jobs. The state policy promotes a goal of recycling 20-30 percent of Michigan's solid waste.

Implementing the solid waste policy requires adjustments in the for-

mula for state funding established under the Clean Michigan program. State funding is proposed to encourage communities to develop their own comprehensive solid waste programs tailored to their needs.

Staff writer Joanne Maliszewski contributed to this report.

Records bureau ups fees

Farmington Hills City Council approved new service fees for the purchase of incident/accident report copies, permit to purchase handgun applications, concealed weapon applications, bicycle licenses, record checks for letters of clearance, and accident/incident photograph reproductions.

Effective Aug. 1, the police department records division's service fees will be:

- Incident/accident report copies — Pages 1 through 3, \$4; Pages 3 through 10, \$1.50 each; Pages 11 and up, \$1 each
- Gun permits — First gun permit free (fee for fingerprints), \$5;

gun permit, other than first, \$3.

- Concealed weapon applications (includes renewals) fee details — Farmington Hills processing, \$10; check/money order payable to the State of Michigan, \$10.
- Miscellaneous fingerprints — \$5
- Photograph reproduction — \$10 (\$10 handling fees, plus photo reprint cost, plus mailing costs).
- Record checks (letters of clearance) — \$3
- Bicycle license — \$2

The police department records division is open Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 473-9622.

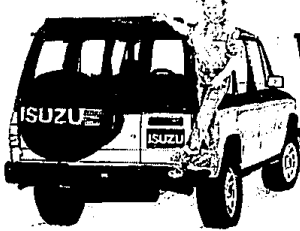
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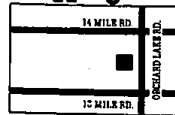
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