

9 Incinerators In Regional Trash Plan

A regional plan to recover resources in trash and minimize dumping in sanitary landfills has been recommended to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Proposed by the engineering consultants Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., the plan calls for construction of nine new incinerators that would meet clean air standards of state and federal agencies. Six of

these new facilities would be capable of converting solid waste into heat energy. Total capital cost of the new facilities and the land needed is estimated at \$133 million.

The proposal also urges opening of 15 new landfill sites for the disposal of trash which now is at a level of about 35,000 tons per day in six of southeast Michigan's seven counties.

By 1995, the plan forecasts, the volume will reach 54,000 tons per day, with most of it processed in resource recovery units, thereby greatly reducing the need for landfills.

The consultants also recommended that a regional authority appointed by SEMCOG be established to be responsible for all solid waste disposal in the region.

SEMCOG Chairman James P. Grannan, a councilman in Fraser in Macomb County, emphasized in releasing a summary of the report that it represents a focal point for discussion of the region's solid waste disposal problems.

A Solid Waste Management Committee headed by Supervisor Homer Case of Bloomfield Township has held working sessions over an 18-month period to reach accord on the technical aspects of the report, Grannan said.

Committee members, he said, are divided concerning the political arrangements and operating procedures that should be established.

SEMCOG's Council on Regional Development, headed

by Mayor David Shepherd of Oak Park, and the Council on Environmental Strategy, chaired by Arch Vallier, Schoolcraft College trustee, voted to allow SEMCOG staff to take the plan to appropriate agencies of counties and cities within the region during the next 60 days, Grannan said.

If this recommendation clears the SEMCOG executive committee (April 27) and the SEMCOG General Assembly (April 28), meetings for further discussions will be scheduled.

After meetings, are conducted and criticisms and suggestions from citizens and officials are incorporated into the plan, it will be reviewed before final SEMCOG adoption, he said.

"State law requires that by July 1 communities of 10,000 or more either have a plan that is satisfactory to the Michigan Department of Public Health or that they be covered by a regional plan that is satisfactory to the state agency," Grannan said.

Presently, only three incinerators that meet state

pollution control requirements are operative — Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority in Troy, Grosse Pointe — Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority in Clinton Township, and Central Wayne County Sanitary Authority in Inkster.

The combined capacity of these incinerators is 2,098 tons per day. None of these presently has facilities to recover the resources in solid waste. They serve as volume reduction to decrease the need for landfills.

In the region, 42 sanitary landfill sites were in existence as of Jan. 1, and of these 21 will be filled and closed within five years if utilized at current handling rates, Metcalf and Eddy reported.

A continuation of present trends would result in a need by 1980 for 87,000 cubic yards per day landfill capacity, but only 10,522 cubic yards will be available unless new sites are opened and new reduction methods utilized, Metcalf and Eddy reported.

The report divides into near-term (1973-75) and long term (1975-85), a program for solid waste disposal in the counties of Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Contractual arrangements between existing authorities and participating communities are recommended to be continued.

New landfill sites would be

only in places where soil conditions are suitable, where there is projected population density of less than one person per acre, and where there would be minimum disturbance to the environment.

Because suitable landfill areas available are limited, the long-term plan calls for reduction of volumes of waste by incineration and other methods such as composting.

The nine new incinerators recommended would have a total capacity of 19,300 tons per day. Four would be located within the City of Detroit, two in western Wayne County, one in Oakland County and one in Macomb County.

New transfer stations at 14 sites would be in Macomb County (two), Monroe County (two), Oakland County (three), St. Clair County (two), Washtenaw County (three), and Wayne County (two).

The plan also calls for one, high-density baling plant with a 600-ton-per-day capacity.

Under the plan, extensive transporting of trash across county lines now required would be greatly reduced.

Surveys by Metcalf and Eddy show that between 1973 and 1975, about 13,000 of 40,000 cubic yards of trash emanating daily from Wayne County would be disposed within the county.

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Township Tax Bill Dumped

LANSING
A majority of Observerland Michigan state representatives, led by John Bennett (D-Redford Township), banded together to head off a bill which would have given township boards the authority to levy an additional four mills of property tax without a vote of the people.

In a 55-44 vote, the House approved Bennett's motion to send the bill back to committee.

Observerland representatives supporting Bennett's motion were: Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park), whose district includes part of Southfield; Robert Geake (R-Northville), whose district includes most of Livonia; William Keith (D-Garden City); and John Markes (D-Westland).

Joining the opposition to Bennett's motion was Raymond Baker (R-Farmington).

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CHALLENGE TO YOUTH
WALK FOR MANKIND offers an exciting, challenging activity for the young people of our community. The Walk is primarily for them. It gives high school and college students a chance to become concerned about the less fortunate — a chance to protest against misery and sickness. There will be some hardy adults too, but most of the Walkers will be teenage students. Bands and banners, "way-out" costumes, free food and drink — all these make the Walk a great outing and colorful affair.
FUND RAISING
How does WALK FOR MANKIND raise funds for Project Concern? Each Walker is pre-registered, given background information about Project Concern, as well as instruction and Sponsor sheets. Prior to the Walk, he rounds up as many Sponsors as possible — friends, family, business firms and others. Each Sponsor agrees to pay the Walker a certain agreed-upon amount. Naturally, the more the better. Perhaps it is 10 cents, or maybe \$10, for every mile completed to the established Walk route and verified by Walk Marshals at each check point. The sponsors are computer billed and you as a walker don't have to handle any money. Tax deductible receipts are given sponsors upon request.
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