

RESOLUTION 2019-010
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE LARIMER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the appropriate management of solid waste materials is critical to public health and safety, the environmental and the economic well-being of the region, including Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Landfill is expected to reach capacity and stop accepting waste in 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2013-111, the Fort Collins City Council established a waste diversion policy with the goal of achieving zero waste for the City ("Zero Waste Goal") and called for materials management systems that balance public and environmental health, economic impacts, and community goals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2014-098, the City Council established and prioritized actions to further its Zero Waste Goal, including fostering regional discussions, partnerships, and systems to manage regional waste streams and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners convened in early 2016 the North Front Range Wasteshed Policy Group, now referred to as the North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition (the "Coalition") to provide policy guidance and input into the planning process for regional waste management infrastructure to serve the future needs of North Front Range citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2016-013, the City Council appointed Mayor Troxell and Councilmember Cunniff to represent the City on the Coalition, which includes representatives of the County, the City, the City of Loveland, and the Town of Estes Park to facilitate regional wasteshed planning; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a Regional Wasteshed Planning Study to provide an overall analysis of existing regional infrastructure and policy for waste management, a needs assessment for the region, and a list of feasible strategies for managing the waste stream upon the anticipated closure of the Larimer County Landfill (the "Phase I Wasteshed Planning Study"); and

WHEREAS, the Coalition, under the leadership of a policy committee of elected officials, engaged in a multi-year project to identify and analyze options for regional solid waste infrastructure, utilizing the Phase I Wasteshed Planning Study, and resulting in a final Solid Waste Infrastructure Master Plan (the "Master Plan"); and

WHEREAS, City staff has also participated and continues to actively participate in the technical aspects of regional planning and implementation of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Planning Commission unanimously approved the Master Plan on December 19, 2018 that establishes a road-map for creating waste disposal, recycling and waste diversion facilities that would be fully funded by Larimer County without requiring financial investment from the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins, through its appointed officials and staff, continues to work closely with the Coalition and other regional partners to plan for the long-term future of waste disposal and resource recovery in Northern Colorado, to implement the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the construction of comprehensive regional facilities for resource recovery, as described in the Master Plan, will enable Fort Collins to meet adopted goals for reduced landfilled waste and greenhouse gas emissions, and further enable the City Council to apply strategies that systematically address the flow of waste materials in the community; and

WHEREAS, City Plan (policies ENV 15.5 and 15.6) calls for applying a systems-based approach to managing waste materials that puts materials to their highest and best end-use; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to acknowledge and support the Master Plan as it is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports the Master Plan and desires to participate in its implementation.


Section 2. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to act in support of the proposals within the Master Plan, to include taking the following steps:

- a. Select and direct staff to continue to participate in the North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition's Technical Advisory Committee; and
- b. Develop policies, ordinances, and programs that will help direct waste materials to new facilities, including but not limited to:
 - i. Flow control for construction and demolition debris;
 - ii. Flow control for curbside recyclables;
 - iii. Diversion measures for food scraps and yard trimmings from residential and commercial generators; and
- c. Solicit stakeholder and community input regarding implementation of new regulations; and
- d. Present for Council consideration, as soon as practical, those policies, ordinances and programs considered most effective and viable.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager through designated staff to work with Larimer County and other North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition partners to:

- a. Develop an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) formalizing commitments outlined in the Master Plan for consideration by Council; and
- b. Present for Council consideration, at a work session, an outline of such an IGA for feedback and refinement.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of January, A.D. 2019.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

