

**PROPOSED**

**Synopsis of a Work Session  
Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees, October 26, 2022  
E.A. Jackson Morris Hall, The Robert A. Lillie Service Center  
6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108**

Members Present: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-Thompson  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Recording Clerk Kaly Coburn, Director Best, Theo Eggermont, Dawn Salo, Christina Lirones, Robert Davis

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**Call Working Session to Order**

Working Session was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

**Agenda Items to be Discussed:**

**1. Discussion on Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority's (WRRMA) Model Solid Waste Contract/Model Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Services**

Supervisor Grewal opened the discussion on Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority's model solid waste Contract/Model request for proposals for solid waste services and possible next steps.

Director Best spoke to WRRMA's goal of improving collection services and saving money for the community. Mr. Best noted this is possible by collaborating with surrounding communities to mainstream services to receive lower pricing.

Mr. Davis noted the benefits of WRRMA including better rates with larger customers, centralizing contract relationships, and route optimization. He stated that WRRMA has drafted a model contract that is a part of the Request for Proposals that goes out up front to avoid going through pricing analysis.

The working session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Kaly Coburn, Recording Clerk  
Pittsfield Charter Township

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Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk  
Pittsfield Charter Township

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Mandy Grewal, Supervisor  
Pittsfield Charter Township



#### **WHAT IS A WASTE AUTHORITY?**

Solid waste authorities provide the intergovernmental structure for municipalities to collaborate and work together on regional solid waste issues.

Authorities address large scale solid waste issues by enabling communities to take advantage of economies of scale, operational efficiencies, and resource sharing. Authorities also provide opportunities for cohesive messaging and standardizing waste services. This allows residents to better understand recycling and waste services by encouraging consistency between work and home scenarios.

#### **WHAT IS WRRMA?**

WRRMA is a waste authority formed by seven municipalities in Washtenaw County. Ann Arbor Charter Township, Pittsfield Charter Township, Scio Township, and Ypsilanti Township, in addition to the cities of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline, and Ypsilanti are all members of WRRMA. WRRMA officially formed in September 2019.

WRRMA's short-term goal is to increase the quality of the recycling streams in its member communities. This means we are trying to work with our residents, businesses, and partners to recycle better. Delegates from member communities meet with Washtenaw County staff and legal counsel at monthly intervals. Check our meetings page for more information.

#### **WRRMA PRIMARY GOAL & PURPOSE**

The Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority aims to decrease recycling contamination in Washtenaw County communities. Recycling with small amounts of contamination are sold to end markets at higher prices, saving money for the community. WRRMA believes that by joining together as an authority, it can create cohesive recycling messages that can increase the quality of its recycling streams even further. It is believed that a regionalized approach to waste services, with a short-term focus on recycling and a longer-term vision of a regionalized waste system, will save money and improve the environment.

#### **MEMBER COMMUNITIES**

Washtenaw County	Ann Arbor Charter Township	Pittsfield Charter Township,
Scio Township	Ypsilanti Township	Ann Arbor
Dexter	Saline	Ypsilanti

#### **SIMILAR AUTHORITIES**

Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA)  
Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC)