



Solid Waste Disposal Discussion

Solid Waste and
Resource Recovery
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Today's Presentation

- Disposal Systems
- Examples in Florida
- Pros and Cons
- Regional Opportunity
 - Solid Waste Authority Option

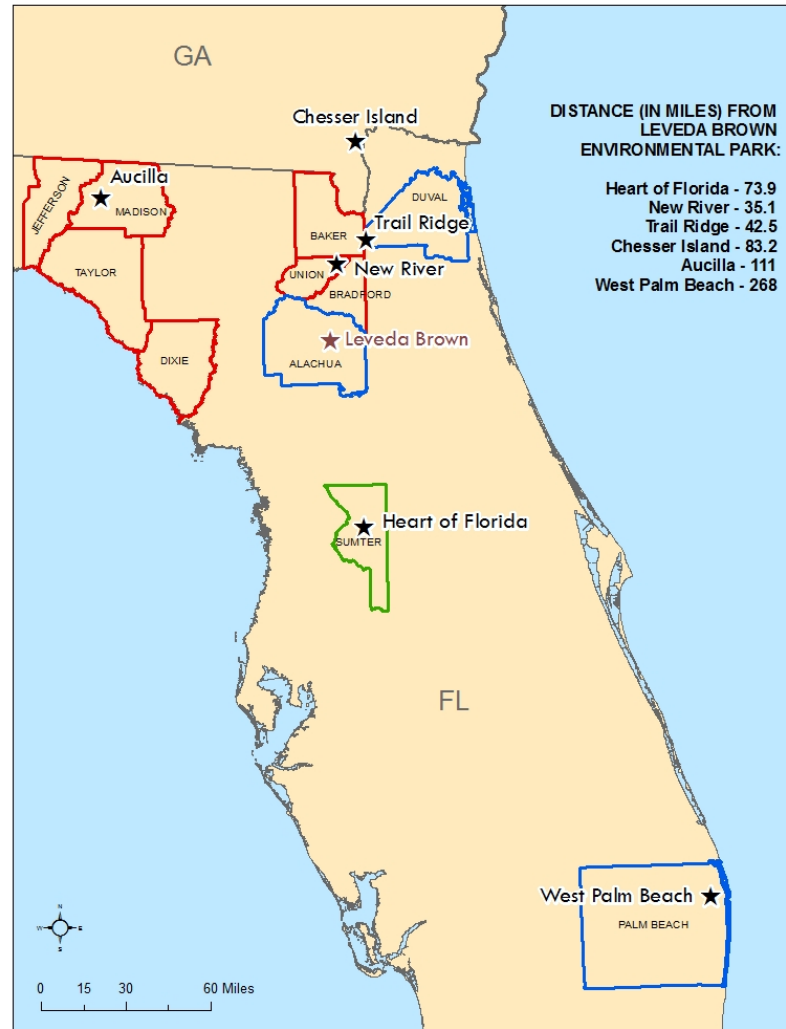


Disposal Systems

- Publicly or Privately owned landfills
- Special District Options
 - Authority or Association – special Act of the Legislature
 - Operated through Interlocal Agreements



Systems Map





Examples

Independent Landfills

- Privately owned landfill
 - Chesser Island Landfill - WM landfill in Folkston, GA
- Publicly owned landfill
 - Trail Ridge Landfill – Jacksonville/Duval County



Example

Solid Waste Authority

Special Act of the Legislature

- Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority (SWA)
- Only accepts garbage from within Palm Beach County
 - County wide
 - Includes 38 municipalities and governmental entities



Example

Solid Waste Authority

Created - 1975 by Special Act of Legislature - FS 75-743

- Amended 12 times by legislature
 - 1975-1991 – Independent Special District – County wide jurisdiction
 - 7 member Board – 3 BoCC and 4 municipal elected official
 - serve 1 year term
 - Could be reappointed annually



Example

Solid Waste Authority

- 1991 – Dependent Special District of BoCC
- 7 BoCC members are the Board



Example

Solid Waste Authority

Purpose Provides

- coordinated Resource Recovery and solid waste program for Palm Beach County
- Transportation, processing, disposal
- Rules, regulations, standards, etc. having force of law
- Issue revenue bonds
- May levy ad valorem tax not to exceed 1 mil (referendum)



Example

Solid Waste Authority

Purpose Provides **Flow Control**

- requires all wastes collected by public or private agreement from within any municipality or unincorporated area of the county to be transported to Authority designated processing and disposal facilities



Example

Solid Waste Association

- Interlocal Agreement
 - New River Solid Waste Association
 - Baker, Bradford, Union Counties
 - Accepts other out of County Waste



Example

Solid Waste Association

Created July 1988 by Interlocal Agreement

- Baker, Bradford and Union Counties
- Governing Board of the Association
 - Counties appoint 2 BoCC members to governing Board



Example

Solid Waste Association

Purpose

- Best interest of the 3 counties
 - Single entity empowered to make all policies to provide and solid waste services in the region
- Duration
 - Until dissolution



Example

Solid Waste Association

Powers

- Powers and authority set by FS 163.01
- Acquires real property, use eminent domain procedures (requires at least 5 votes)
- Issue notes and revenue bonds not exceed 10 years (amended to 30 years)
- enter franchises and contracts not exceeding 10 year terms (5 votes required)



Example

Solid Waste Association

Powers - Flow Control

- Exclusive control over the disposal of solid waste collected within the members unincorporated areas and incorporated areas where the County has control of solid waste disposal
- Association does not have exclusive control over
 - Construction/demolition debris
 - Solid waste for recycling or composting
 - Yard trash



Example

Solid Waste Administration

Interlocal Agreement

- Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration
- Madison, Jefferson, Taylor and Dixie Counties
 - No other information available



Pros

Special Act of Legislature

- Legal entity created by the State under specific Florida Statutes
- Has authority across local government jurisdictions within designated boundaries
- Relieves local elected officials of responsibility for the solid waste problem
- Can establish more efficient and flexible procedures than local government entities



Cons

Special Act of Legislature

- Entity only has powers set in its legislation
- Must go back to Legislature for amendments to the legislation
- Lacks legislative flexibility
- Depends on votes from legislators outside the area
- Local government may not have ultimate control
- Local elected officials give up the powers granted the new Special District



Pros

Interlocal Agreements

- Created by mutual consent of local elected officials
- All powers and authority granted the entity are by mutual consent
- Responsibilities of the new entity reflect local needs and interests including limitations



Cons

Interlocal Agreements

- Limited to rules and procedures of creating entities
- May have less legal standing than a Special District
- Binds participants to short and long term obligations of created entity
- Responsibility for successes and failures of new entity a political liability of the participants



Next Steps

- Review
 - Existing systems participants
 - Solid Waste Systems nearing capacity/contract life
 - Solid Waste Systems requiring additional capacity



Questions/Discussion

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