

**DRAFT SUMMARY OF INTENDED ACTIONS BY CHATHAM COUNTY JURISDICTIONS*
TO ACHIEVE 40% WASTE REDUCTION GOAL BY 2022**

Timeframe	Priority	Chatham County Waste Reduction Strategies
1 to 3 years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and reorganize main facility and administrative offices for Solid Waste & Recycling staff.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the feasibility of commingled collection of recyclables at Collection Centers and county facilities; consider means to consolidate commingled recyclables for transport.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review items currently collected or restricted at Collection Centers & main facility; examine logistics and feasibility of program expansion at Collection Centers and main facility to focus first on the electronics program, additional C&D recycling (e.g. shingles, clean wood), bulky rigid plastics, and possibly some Household Hazardous Waste items.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate feasibility of residential food waste drop-off pilot at Collection Centers and/or the main facility.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Household Hazardous Waste program and consider revising to attract more users while ensuring sustainable and equitable funding.
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Initiatives – Update Solid Waste Ordinance and/or policies; investigate hauler franchising or improve the permitting process and enforcement of licensed haulers; add waste/recycling collection plan to Special Event Pre-Application; add waste/recycling collection plan to new development review process; develop tracking of enforcement cases and actions by type and location.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Initiatives – Consider developing Volunteer Master Recycler & Master Composter programs; investigate forming KAB affiliate and/or reinstate Environmental Educator position (a role that could be shared between county departments, schools, and towns); develop local waste reduction & disposal guide; train Collection Center staff on recycling industry practices and county waste reduction goals; improve signage and brochures; consider offering educational workshops and training, facility tours, and a compost demonstration area at the main facility.
	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiate a new solid waste disposal contract – current contract expires 2014; monitor development of NC landfills.
	2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a waste audit of waste at all Collection Centers every 3 years – next audit in 2014. Encourage/assist other jurisdictions and stakeholders to conduct their own waste audits.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin 10-Year Planning process by late 2013/early 2014 and involve all stakeholders. (The next plan is due in 2015.)
3 to 5 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate ways to assist in creating private economic development opportunities in Chatham County, (e.g. Material Recovery Facility, C&D Recycling Facility, Industrial Discard Warehouse).
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate local and regional partnership opportunities for managing solid waste disposal and other materials; including Chatham County facilities and schools.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively assist businesses – hire staff or intern dedicated to addressing business waste; investigate need for commercial drop-off facility.

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Town of Goldston Waste Reduction Strategies

- No additional initiatives planned at this time.

Town of Pittsboro Waste Reduction Strategies

- No additional initiatives planned at this time – TBD.

Town of Siler City Waste Reduction Strategies

- Partner with the county to develop a more comprehensive solid waste plan in 2015.
- Hold an annual electronics drop-off event in partnership with Waste Management, Inc., beginning in 2012.
- Consider providing a separate bag to volunteers for the collection of recyclables (cans & bottles) during Adopt-a-Street clean-up efforts.
- Obtain assistance from the county’s Solid Waste & Recycling Division and Purchasing staff to develop a formal “buy-recycled” policy.
- Consider cost-sharing with County for an Environmental Educator position if budgets allow.

***Town of Cary is included in Wake County’s Plan**

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