

Chapter 10

Impact on Existing Programs

Ease of Transition

The planning process served as a review of programs and services provided by both the public and private sectors. Residential, commercial, institutional and government waste management practices were considered. To ensure that policies resulting from the Plan were fair and reasonable input was sought from a diverse group of stakeholders. Suggestions were offered to strengthen and expand the capabilities of providing existing programs and exploring new services. None is intended to interfere with existing contracts and business relationships.

Substantial changes in the current infrastructure are not anticipated as a direct result of the recommendations made in the Plan. However, if new technologies and opportunities present themselves within the next ten-years, the Plan allows for consideration and incorporation of those ideas and concepts.

EMPHASIS ON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Court rulings, new regulations and a general decrease in waste generation have reduced or eliminated certain sources of revenue to support local programs. In addition, existing partnerships and market conditions include vulnerabilities that could impact future revenues. In order to continue the quantity and quality of services the citizens of Cumberland County have come to expect, the Plan recommends periodic reviews of the fee for service structure. Assurance that full costs are allocated and that users are assessed a fair portion of those costs is recommended. In addition, securing program sponsorships outside of the waste and recycling sphere is recommended to expand and diversify the sources of revenue.



"Now I truly believe that we in this generation must come to terms with nature, and I think we're challenged, as mankind has never been challenged before, to prove our maturity and our mastery, not of nature but of ourselves."

Rachel Carson, author
Silent Spring