

Updating the San Juan County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plans

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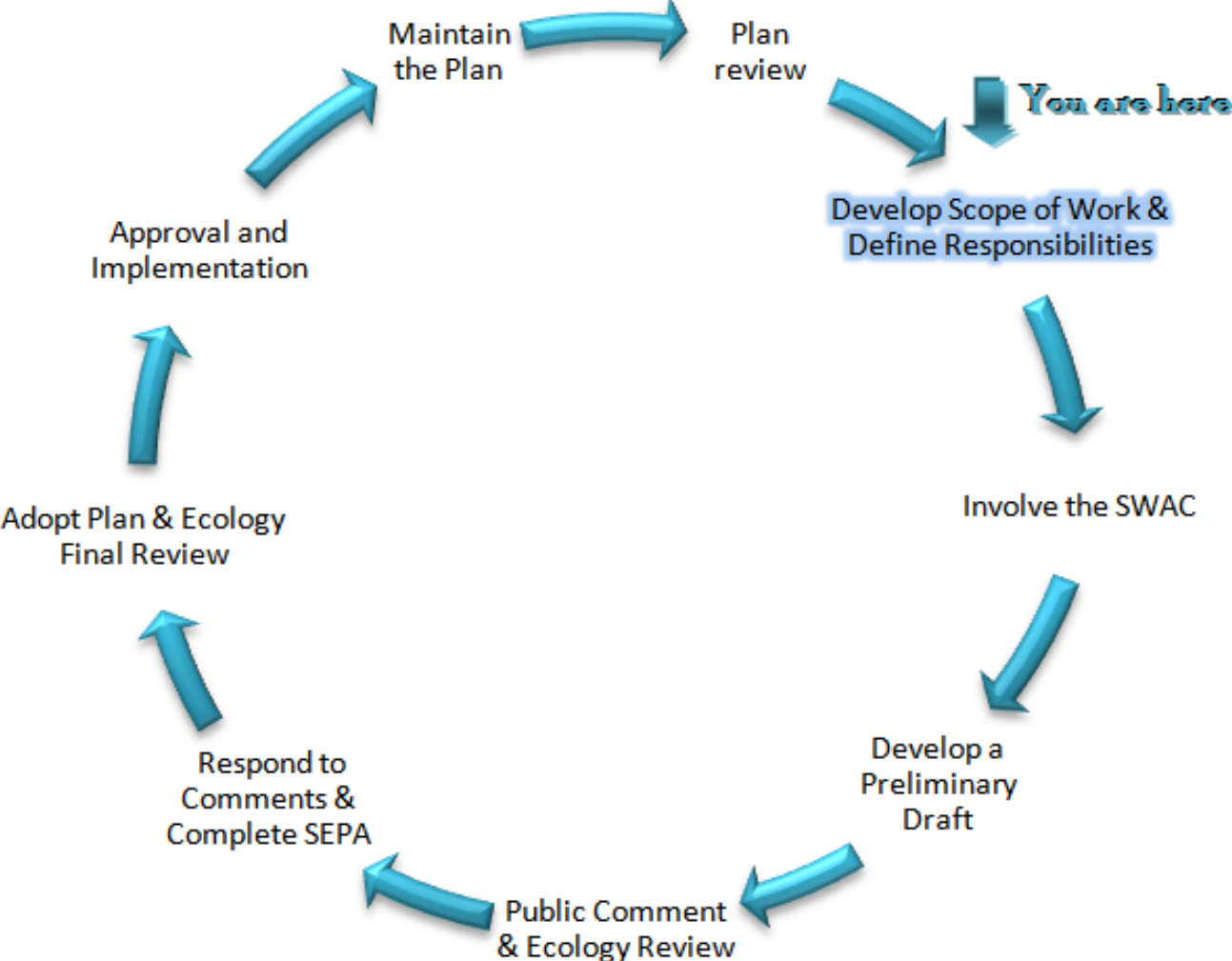
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Updating the Plan

- Starting the Update
- The role of SWAC
- The role of Ecology
- The role of other entities (local gov't, town/county/state agencies, stakeholders, public...).
- The regulatory requirements for both the process of updating the Plan as well as the content of the Plan.
- Examples of other county plans

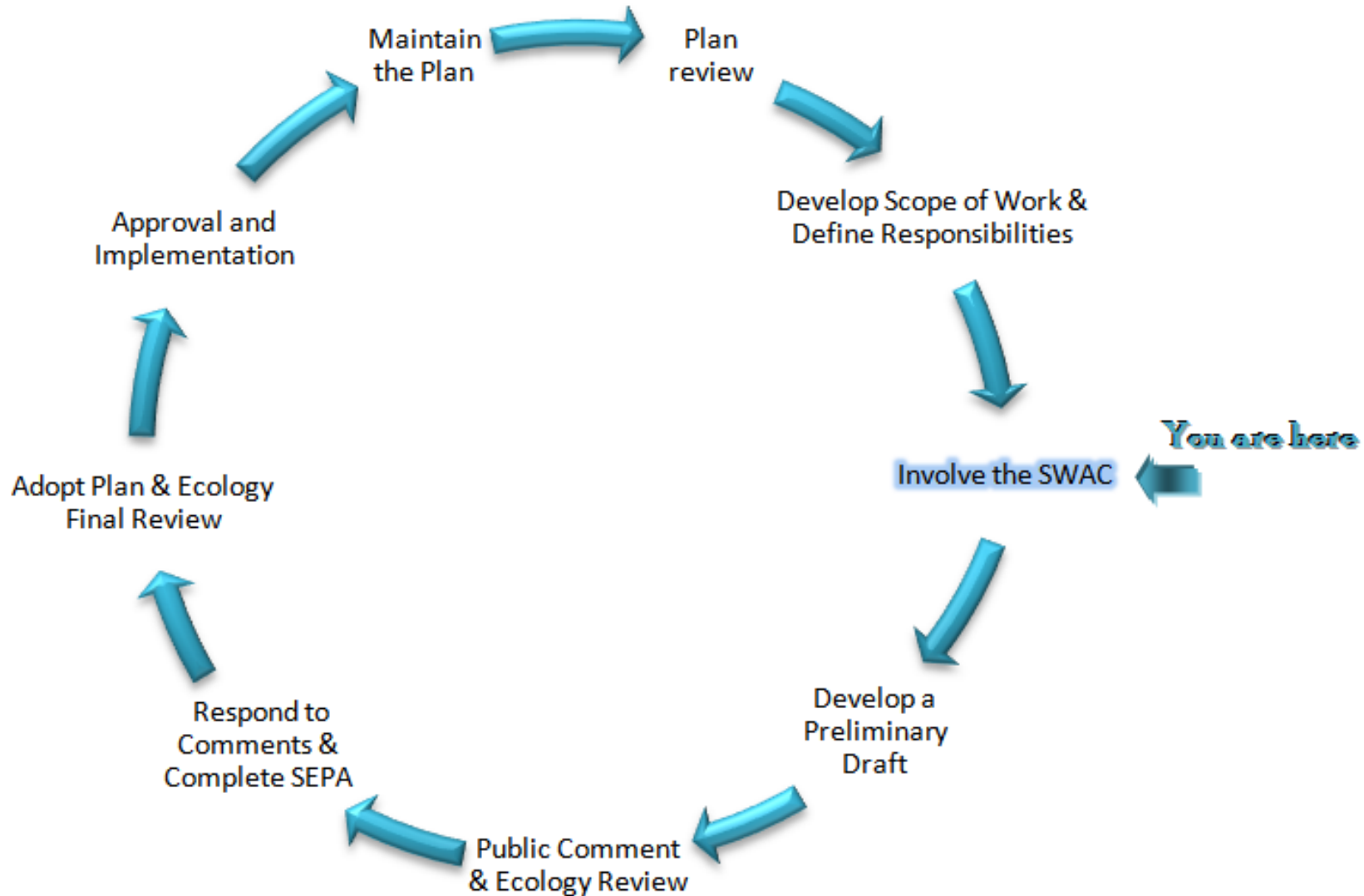
Starting the Plan Update



The Role of Involved Entities

- Define roles such as
 - County leads
 - Friday Harbor participates
 - SWAC advises
 - Private haulers/recyclers participate
 - Public gives input
 - SEPA lead agency reviews checklist
 - Ecology provides technical assistance, official review
 - UTC reviews financial portion(s) of plan

The Role of SWAC



The Role of SWAC

- To provide informed advice to the county
- The SWAC should represent balanced interests in the county
- Provide the public with adequate notice of SWAC meetings

The Role of SWAC

- Materials the SWAC should be familiar with:
 - Interlocal Agreement with Friday Harbor
 - New Ecology Guidelines for both SW and Haz Waste plans
 - The State Beyond Waste Plan
 - Export contracts (costs of operating the system)
 - Rate studies (others' too)
 - Other county plans (Kitsap is good; tailor to your needs)
 - Recycling Potential Assessments (others' too)
 - SWAC Member Resource Guide, RCW 70.95, SWAC Bylaws

The Role of the SWAC

- Critical work to be done prior to starting the update
 - Understand demographics of the county
 - Familiarize self with businesses
 - Look for opportunities for backhauling, cooperation
 - Gather inventory of useful items, facilities available
 - What equipment is available (chippers, etc)?
 - Read through new Ecology Guidelines
 - Involve other relevant stakeholders (the Port, Parks, Cooperative Extension, etc.)

The Role of The County

- Act as lead planning authority
- Provide information about the current system to stakeholders
- Conduct studies as necessary/funding is available
- Provide realistic view of operations, funding
- Solicit feedback from SWAC, public, and relevant stakeholders.

The Role of Ecology

- Provide technical assistance
- Comment on plan as developed through informal review
- Assist in researching alternatives
- Ensure plan meets requirements of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Guidelines, and RCW.
- Act as liaison to UTC (UTC is most interested in the six-year capital acquisition plan)
- Review Preliminary Draft within 120 days
- Review Final Draft and approve/reject within 45 days

Beyond Waste



www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste

What is Beyond Waste?

Statewide plan for eliminating most solid and hazardous wastes in 30 years

Includes:

- Closed-loop recycling
- Minimizing the use of toxic substances
- Properly managing remain



The Beyond Waste Plan meets the requirement to have a statewide solid and hazardous waste plan

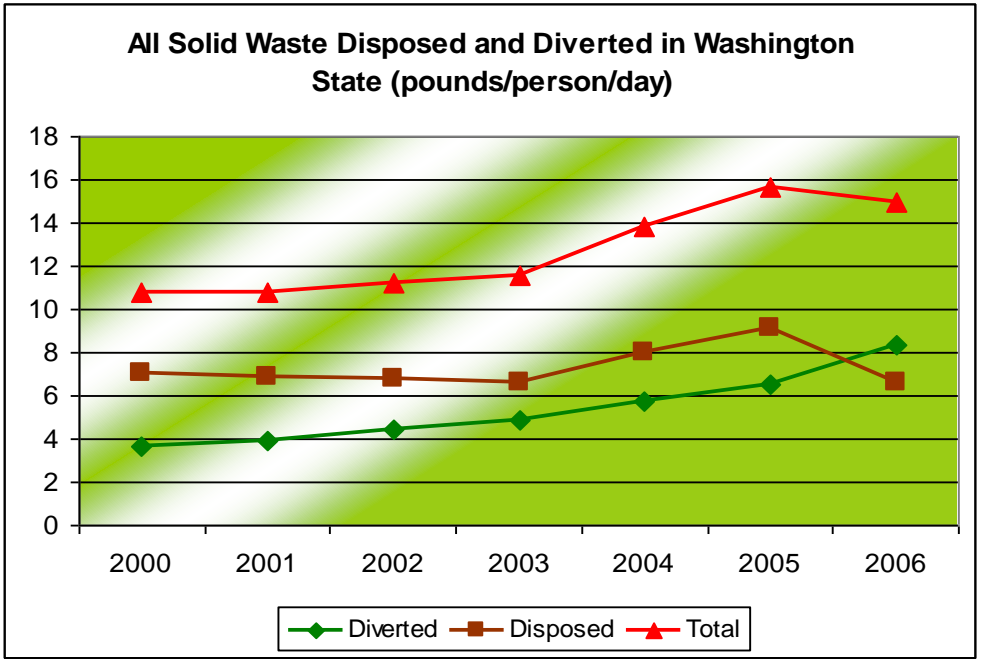
Beyond Waste 30 Year Vision

We can transition to a society where wastes are viewed as inefficient and where most wastes and toxic substances have been eliminated.

This will contribute to environmental, economic and social vitality.

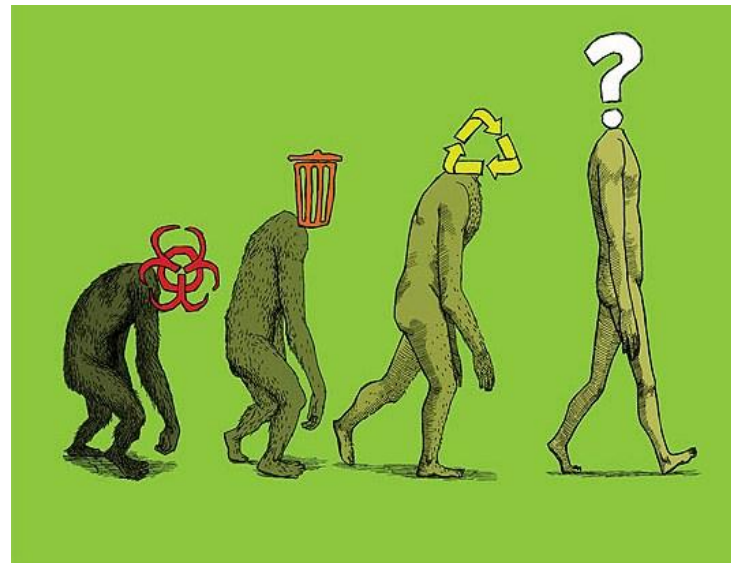


Why Beyond Waste?



- Waste is not normal or necessary
- We need to change this mindset, as individuals and as a society
- We need to evolve Beyond Waste

- Recycling and other waste diversion is increasing
- But...
- So is total waste generation and disposal
 - This will never get us to Beyond Waste...



Beyond Waste Initiatives

1. Moving Beyond Waste With Industries
2. Reducing Small Volume Hazardous Materials and Waste
3. Increasing Recycling for Organic Materials
4. Making Green Building Practices Mainstream
5. Measuring Progress Towards Beyond Waste

The plan also addresses:

6. Current Hazardous Waste Issues
7. Current Solid Waste Issues



Required elements of Plan include...

- Designation of Recyclables list
- Amendment process
- Urban/Rural designation
- Designation of planning area
- Six-year capital acquisition plan
- Six required elements of a hazardous waste plan

Required elements of Plan include...

- Inventory of all facilities
- Evidence of SWAC participation
- And more... refer to RCW 70.95.090, RCW 70.105, *new* Guidelines and used oil element.

Rough Planning Timeline...

Planning can take a year



Rough Planning Timeline

- Prepare Preliminary Draft and submit to Ecology for formal comment. Ecology has 120 days to comment. UTC has 45 days to comment.
- Hold public comment meeting(s) on Preliminary Draft (can be concurrent with Ecology review)
- Prepare Final Draft...
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Rough Planning Timeline

- Local jurisdictions adopt Final Draft via Resolution of Adoption
- Submit Final Draft to Ecology. Ecology has 45 days to accept or reject.
- Once a Letter of Acceptance is issued by Ecology, the plan may be considered Final.
- Implement Plan