



## Agenda Item Summary

---

**File #: 24-00509**

**Agenda Date: 6/11/2024**

---

**Agenda Item Name:**

**Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Facilities Update**

**Presenter:**

Gus Olmos 352.548.1282

**Description:**

Update on options for addressing the existing capacity issues at the Hazardous Collection Facility and the High Springs / Alachua Rural Collection Center.

**Recommended Action:**

Receive the presentation on the cost of siting both solid waste facilities at the Newberry Environmental Park. Staff recommends building the Rural Collection Center at the Newberry Environmental Park and the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the EcoLoop.

**Prior Board Motions:**

March 12, 2020 – Approval of construction of a new Rural Collection Center and Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in the western part of the County.

June 28, 2021 – Directed staff to explore the option of locating the solid waste facilities in the Newberry Environmental Park.

July 10, 2023 – Directed staff to continue to work on draft interlocal agreement for the location of both facilities at the Newberry Environmental Park.

August 22, 2023 – Directed staff to bring alternative options for the location of Solid Waste and Resource Recovery facilities.

October 24, 2023 – Directed staff to negotiate with the City of Newberry for the siting of both facilities in the Newberry Environmental Park.

**Fiscal Note:**

Department has allocated funds in FY24 of \$1,500,000 for Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in account 405.76.5541.537.63.00 and \$1,500,000 for High Springs/ Alachua Rural Collection Center in account 403.76.7610.534.63.00. Additional funding will be required to construct the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

**Strategic Guide:**

## Environment

### **Background:**

At the March 12, 2020, BoCC special meeting, staff identified capacity issues at the Hazardous Collection Facility (Leveda Brown Environmental Park) and the High Springs/Alachua Rural Collection Center and recommended the construction of new facilities in the western part of the County. The recommendation was approved by the Board as part of the Solid Waste and Resource Recovery 5-Year Plan.

Staff was not successful in locating a suitable location for the new Solid Waste and Resource Recovery facilities, and at the June 28, 2021, Joint Meeting with the City of Newberry, the city offered the possibility of locating the solid waste facilities at the proposed Newberry Environmental Park.

This presentation provides an update on the negotiations with the City of Newberry and available options to address the capacity issues identified in 2020.