

Solid Waste Management

LOB #360:

SWMP (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM) COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

Purpose

SWMP provides certain services related to keeping the community clean to prevent health and safety hazards and to protect the welfare of County residents. These programs include the Community Cleanup Program, the Health Department Referral Program, the Evictions Program and the Court/Board-directed Cleanup Program. The SWMP provides staff and equipment for program operations.

Description

The cleanups conducted under the heading of Community Cleanup are initiated in several ways:

- Evictions – requests for assistance come from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department;
- Health Department Referral – requests for assistance come from the Fairfax County Health Department;
- Court-Ordered Cleanups - requests for assistance come from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department;
- Community Cleanup - requests for assistance come from residents; and
- Emergency Response - conducted as directed by the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Once the request for assistance is received, SWMP staff identify resources needed and develop a plan to complete the work. Resources are allocated as available, keeping in mind that equipment directed to cleanup activities impacts the conduct of work performed on a daily basis. Workers are provided with instructions for the particular assignment, any additional safety information as may be required, including personal protective equipment (PPE), and directed to the equipment allocated for the assignment. The cleanup is then conducted in conjunction with the agency requesting the assistance.

Community cleanups consist of the SWMP placing a dumpster in a location where residents involved in the cleanup can put trash and litter collected during the cleanup event. After the event, SWMP staff retrieve the dumpsters and take the waste to either of the County's two disposal facilities.

Emergency response is managed by the activation of the EOC. Should SWMP services be necessary, this is guided through the County's application of the National Incident Management System program as directed by Fairfax County Department of Emergency Operations.

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Benefits

The benefits of the community cleanup program are as follows:

- Provides needed support to communities conducting cleanups and eliminates costs associated with dumpster rental or disposal fees;
- Cases of evictions, hoarding or other court-ordered cleanups are staffed with necessary personnel using appropriate equipment that conduct the actual cleanup;
- The aftermath of emergencies that require the removal and disposal of materials damaged by flood, hurricane, etc., is conducted by the SWMP staff and equipment capable of conducting the work effort; and
- Work is completed by existing program staff and equipment for immediate deployment; therefore, no outside contractors are required.

Mandates

This program is not mandatory but has been authorized the Fairfax County BOS. Without the Community Cleanup Program, agencies will need to find alternatives to provide necessary cleanup services and may require contracts with professional companies providing cleanup services including the means to pay for services.

While the County is not mandated to clean up after emergencies, Fairfax County has elected to do so and has directed resources to assist businesses and residents recover after disasters. The SWMP staff is immediately available to respond with resources positioned in the County without the need to mobilize staff and equipment from other locations.

Trends and Challenges

Trends

- Inconsistent weather patterns make it difficult to forecast financial needs to fund this program. Therefore, future needs can only be anticipated and SWMP staff prepare for these situations keeping in mind the limitations of staff and equipment.

Challenge

- Available funding for the program may be a challenge since this funding comes from the Fairfax County General Fund and is not paid for through the disposal fees collected by the SWMP.

This LOB is performed with 0/0.0 FTE positions.

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Resources

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted
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FUNDING			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Operating Expenses	\$167,956	\$89,086	\$195,076
Total Expenditures	\$167,956	\$89,086	\$195,076
General Fund Expenditures	\$167,957	\$89,086	\$195,076
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$2,900
General Fund Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$2,900
POSITIONS			
Authorized Positions/Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)			
<u>Positions:</u>			
Regular	0/0	0/0	0/0
Total Positions	0/0	0/0	0/0

Metrics

Metric Indicator	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Estimate
Number of Cleanups	21	22	19	21	21

Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) General Fund Program Cleanups

This metric shows the Solid Waste Management Program General Fund Cleanups' LOB. The SWMP administers/operates this program with funding from the General Fund. The SWMP provides refuse collection and disposal services for Community Cleanups, Court/Board-Directed Cleanups, Health Department Referrals, Eviction Programs and debris removal after severe storms. These programs maintain and enhance the appearance of neighborhoods and the environment for citizens, communities and County agencies. The number of cleanups varies due to the unpredictable nature of the events.