



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The board is requested to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) to provide planning and technical assistance for the Triangle Region Solid Waste Consortium in the amount of \$1,861.78 and to authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement. The Consortium was formed to facilitate collaboration and coordination between local government jurisdictions in solid waste and recycling.

**Background/Justification**

In 2019, Durham County staff began meeting with Solid Waste directors from neighboring jurisdictions to discuss partnership opportunities. Discussions were driven by the drastic changes in the global recycling market and a desire from all participants to develop a regional approach to solid waste management that could make operations more efficient and cost effective. CPRC, formerly known as the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), was invited to participate as the Consortium's facilitator to help identify priority needs, develop a group work plan, and determine a cost share formula. Membership for FY 2026 is expected to include the City of Durham, Cary, Raleigh, Apex, Holly Springs, Orange County, Wake County, Chatham County, Morrisville, and Durham County.

Goals for the Consortium include:

- a. Short-Term
  - i. Regional Data Collection
  - ii. Unified Recycling Messaging/ Acceptable Materials List
  - iii. Training/Vendor Conference
- b. Medium-Term
  - i. Unified Messaging
  - ii. Elected Official Educational Engagement Event
  - iii. Regional Contract Database
- c. Long-Term
  - i. Regional Food Waste Collection Center
  - ii. Landfill Capacity at Regional Level

**Policy Impact**

This action does not require BOCC policy changes.

**Procurement Background**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact**



Dues to participate in the Consortium are a combination of a base rate paid by all members and a variable rate based on population. Durham County's total fiscal commitment to participate in Fiscal Year 2026 will be \$1,861.78. Funding to support this agreement will come from the Solid Waste Division's operating budget.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) to provide planning and technical assistance for the Triangle Region Solid Waste Consortium in the amount of \$1,861.78 and to authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement.