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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2025 CENTRAL IOWA WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

BACKGROUND:

The Resource Recovery System (RRS) is governed by the Ames City Council in accordance with approved 28E Agreements with the unincorporated areas of Story County, Iowa State University, and all cities in Story County with exception of Collins, Colo, and Sheldahl.

The agreement calls for the RRS to provide for the disposal of solid waste generated by the involved agencies. One element of that disposal is meeting the regulations that address comprehensive solid waste planning. **In the late 1980s, the City and the members of the RRS joined with the Boone County Landfill and its members to form the Central Iowa Solid Waste Management Association (CISWMA).** The association is required to submit updates to the comprehensive plan every five years to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The attached document is the ninth update to the original plan. This plan update details the existing integrated solid waste management system, as well as any changes or additions that have occurred since the last plan update. **The plan acknowledges that the operations of the current RRS will be ending in the near future and that solid waste operations will be transitioning to a transfer station model with final disposition in a landfill other than Boone County.**

On December 10, 2024 City Council authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with the Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission for landfilling of solid waste. Those negotiations are continuing and staff will report back to City Council when an agreement is ready for approval.

Once solid waste transfer operations begin, it is anticipated that the City of Ames will be removed from the CISWMA. At that time the City will likely become a member in the West Central Iowa Solid Waste Management Association (WCISMWA) which is the comprehensive planning area that includes the Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission.

Three public meetings were held in order to receive public input on the Plan. Additionally, a draft version was sent out to each agency in the planning area. Input at the meetings did not result in any changes to the updated Plan.

The DNR requires that the agencies involved with the Comprehensive Plan enact a Resolution of Support for the Plan. **Because the City of Ames administers the 28E Agreement for the RRS agencies, that requirement can be met for all of the agencies with City Council approval of the supporting resolution.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a resolution in support of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update for the Central Iowa Waste Management Association.
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update for the Central Iowa Waste Management Association and come back at a later date for City Council approval of a support resolution.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources requires that member agencies update comprehensive plans every five years. An update has been prepared and feedback from participating agencies has been solicited. **Support of the plan is necessary to continue to meet the obligations of solid waste disposal at the Boone County Landfill.**

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[CISWMA 2025 Ames Resolution.docx](#)

[CISWMA - Update 9 - Draft 2.pdf](#)