October 3, 2022

*Mayor Name*

*Municipality Name*

*Address 1*

*Address 2*

Re: Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District (District)

 *Solid Waste Management Plan Update Ratification*

Dear Mayor/Clerk/Council President:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft Solid Waste Management Plan for the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District (District). The development of the solid waste plan is a requirement of Ohio law. Every solid waste management district in Ohio must periodically revise and update their solid waste management plan.

The District held a thirty-day public comment period from August 1, 2022, to August 30, 2022, and a public hearing was held on September 2, 2022, for interested residents, businesses, or political jurisdictions to provide comments on the Plan Update.

On September 16, 2022, the District Policy Committee met to discuss and address public comments on the solid waste plan. The District’s Policy Committee then adopted the Plan Update with changes made based on public and Policy Committee comment. Upon adoption by the Policy Committee, Ohio law requires the District to deliver a copy to the County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township in the District.

The link below is where you will find the entire solid waste plan and all appendices under “VIEW AND DOWNLOAD THE 2023 PLAN”:

<https://www.timetorecycle.org/about/resources/our-plan/>

The Plan documents are presented in PDF format and will require the latest version of Adobe Reader in order to open the documents. You can go to the following web address to obtain a free copy of the latest Adobe PDF Reader at: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions>. Also attached is a short summary of the Solid Waste Plan.

Ratification period is **October 3rd, 2022 until January 1st, 2022**. **Within ninety days** of receiving a copy of the draft Plan, the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township in the District shall approve or disapprove the draft Plan by ordinance or resolution. The District determines that the Plan has been ratified when a combination of municipal corporations and townships with a combined population comprising 60 percent of the District has approved the Plan. That combination must include the approval of the County Commissioners and the municipal corporation having the largest population within the county of the District.

A sample resolution is attached for your convenience. Please mail your resolution or ordinance approving or disapproving the Plan to:

Ms. Rachel Rothacher

Administrative Director

Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District

9918 Wilkshire Blvd NE

Bolivar, Ohio 44612

**Or, fax to**: (330) 874-2449

**Or, email to:** rachel@timetorecycle.org

We look forward to hearing from you between **October 3rd, 2022 until January 1st, 2022.** Resolutions approving or disapproving the Plan enacted outside of the time period stated above cannot be counted toward the ratification of the Solid Waste Plan. Because of the 90-day timeframe which cannot be extended, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the ratification process or the solid waste plan update document. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David J. Held

Executive Director

Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District