

April 23, 2012

RE: Blair County Municipal Waste Management Plan

Subj: Wastes & Recycling Collection and Hauling Practices

Dear Waste Hauler:

The Blair County Commissioners currently are in the process of revising their Municipal Waste Management Plan. This revision is required by the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (PA Act 101).

The new plan will update the 2002 Blair County Municipal Waste Management Plan. The update will be formatted to serve as a reference manual for public officials responsible for the implementation and coordination of various waste management programs. The main goals of the plan are to assure county residents of at least ten years of disposal capacity for waste generated within the County, to identify and provide recommendations on current solid waste management issues, and to address goals such as offering increased recycling opportunities and finding ways to increase recycling rates in the County.

On behalf of the County, Barton & Loguidice (B&L), the planning consultant for this work (with assistance from Nittany Engineering Associates), is requesting information in the form of a survey (attached) regarding your wastes and recycling collection and hauling practices. In general, the survey requests information regarding what areas of the County you serve, in addition to some other aspects of your waste hauling business practices. To keep the plan update process on schedule, would you please complete and return the enclosed waste hauler survey to us by May 15, 2012. For your convenience, a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope is included. Please note the completed survey is to be mailed to Mr. Kerry D. Tyson, P.E. of Nittany Engineering, who is assisting with the plan update. If you have any questions regarding this survey or its use in the plan revision process, please contact Ms. Ashley Duncan of B&L at 717-737-8326 or Mr. Tyson at 814-364-2262. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BARTON & LOGUIDICE, P.C.



Terry D. Keene, P.E.
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**BLAIR COUNTY
MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
WASTE HAULER SURVEY**

The County of Blair is in the process of updating its 10-Year Solid Waste Plan in order to adequately plan for the County’s waste management, recycling, and disposal needs. Please complete the following brief survey regarding municipal waste and recyclables collection and disposal practices in the County to assist us in the planning process.

1. Name and address of firm: _____
Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
Business Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
E-Mail of Contact: _____
Physical Location(s) of Truck Staging Area(s): _____

The Blair County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling (BCDSW&R) intends to post, on its website, the geographical area served by haulers, as well as in which municipality(ies) haulers offer recycling services. After responding to this survey, if your service area information (for waste and/or recycling) changes, please notify BCDSW&R so they can update your information on the website.

2. Areas served: **Please circle (here)** the Blair County municipalities in which you currently provide solid waste collection services **OR shade-in areas served on the attached map:**
City of Altoona; Bellwood Borough; Duncansville Borough; Hollidaysburg Borough;
Martinsburg Borough; Newry Borough; Roaring Spring Borough; Tunnelhill Borough;
Tyrone Borough; Williamsburg Borough; Allegheny Township; Antis Township; Blair
Township; Catharine Township; Frankstown Township; Freedom Township; Greenfield
Township; Huston Township; Juniata Township; Logan Township; North Woodbury
Township; Snyder Township; Taylor Township; Tyrone Township; Woodbury Township.
3. Areas served: Please **circle (here)** the Blair County municipalities in which you currently provide recycling collection services **OR shade-in areas served on the attached map (and note that recycling services are provided there):** City of Altoona; Bellwood
Borough; Duncansville Borough; Hollidaysburg Borough; Martinsburg Borough; Newry
Borough; Roaring Spring Borough; Tunnelhill Borough; Tyrone Borough; Williamsburg
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Township; Juniata Township; Logan Township; North Woodbury Township; Snyder Township; Taylor Township; Tyrone Township; Woodbury Township.

4. Describe the services that your company currently provides in Blair County (or you may attach a sheet with the services listed): _____

5. Waste Collection: For those areas served in Blair County, please give your best estimate of the following:

a. Approximately how many residential customers do you serve: _____

b. Average total tons picked up _____ (per day or per year) – circle one

c. Of this total, approximately how much is:

residential waste _____(percent) commercial/institutional waste _____(percent)

residual waste (from industrial, manufacturing, or food processing services)____(percent)

other waste _____(percent); other types of waste handled _____

d. Where do you dispose of this waste?

Name(s)/ Location(s) of Transfer and/or Disposal Site(s) Used

residential: _____

commercial/institutional: _____

residual: _____

other: _____

e. Approximately what rates do you currently charge (range) for collection/ hauling/ disposal (or you may attach a rate sheet)?

residential: \$ ___ to ___ per ___ commercial/institutional: \$ ___ to ___ per ___

residual: \$ ___ to ___ per ___ other: \$ ___ to ___ per ___

6. Recyclables Collection:

a. Do you provide recycling collection to residential customers? Yes No

If yes, is it curbside? _____ Dropoff? _____ Other? _____

b. Do you provide recycling collection to commercial customers? Yes No

If yes, is it curbside? _____ Dumpster? _____ Other? _____

c. Do you charge for curbside recycling? \$ _____ per household/mo; For dropoff recycling

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access? \$_____per _____; Business/dumpster recycling? \$_____/_____/mo. (or you may attach a rate sheet)

d. In a municipality with private subscription contracts (directly between the homeowner and hauler), if the municipality were to require curbside recyclables collection service as a condition of the haulers' providing waste collection service in that municipality, would you participate? Yes No

If no, why not: _____

e. If a municipality were to include recyclables collection as part of a municipal bid contract for solid waste collection, would you participate as a hauler? Yes No

If no, why not: _____

f. If Blair County were to bid for a recyclables dropoff service contract at multiple sites in the county, would you bid on this work? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

7. Describe any waste disposal problems experienced or any services you would like to see provided by Blair County (use back of page if necessary)? _____

8. Are there any ideas that you would like to share with the County as it conducts this municipal waste plan update? _____

9. Completion of Survey

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this survey! We appreciate your assistance.

Please return the survey by May 15, 2012 in the pre-paid postage envelope. Best time to

contact you if we have any questions: _____

Please return survey to:

Mr. Kerry Tyson, P.E.

Nittany Engineering and Associates, LLC

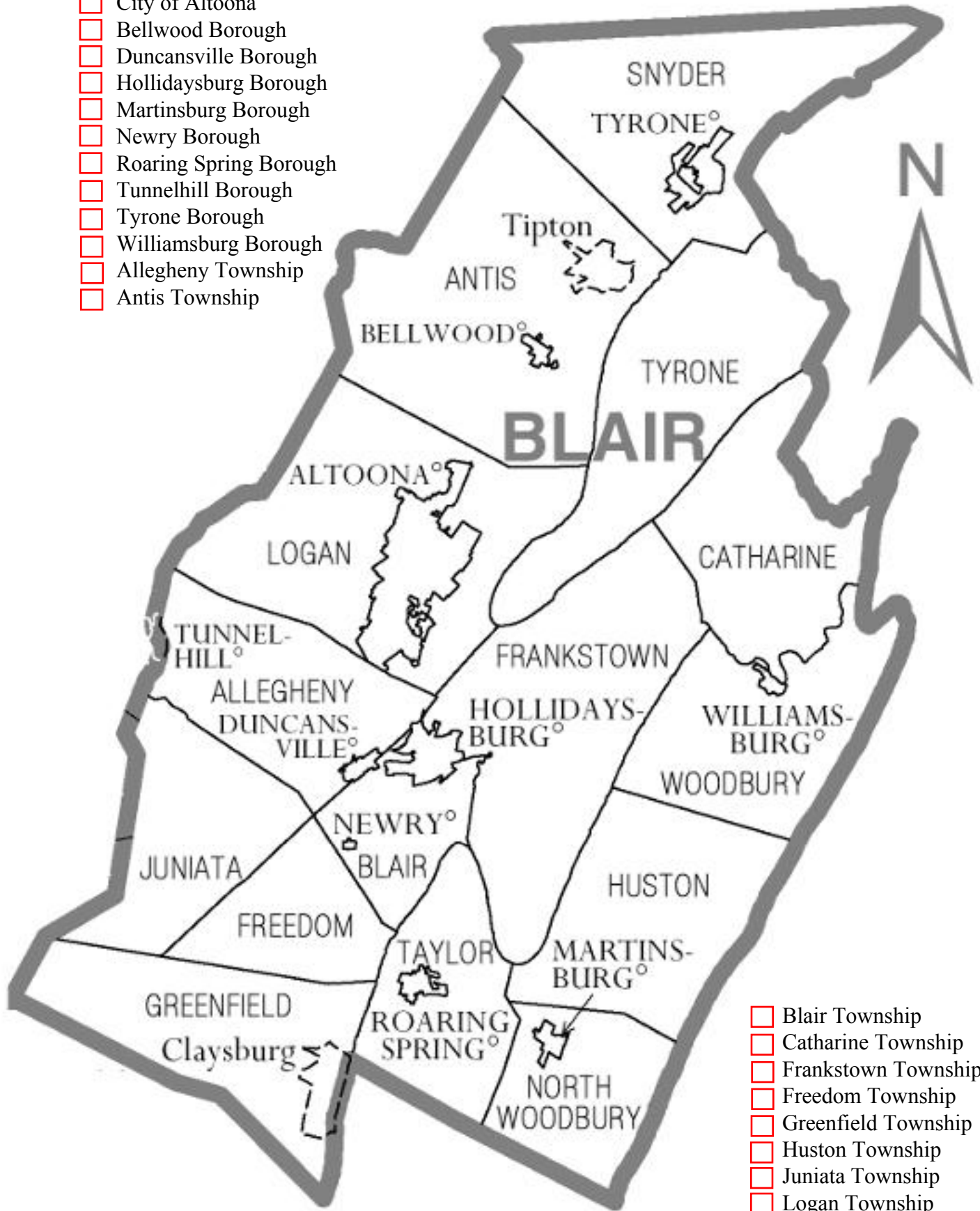
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Questions? Please call Ms. Ashley Duncan of Barton & Loguidice at 717-737-8326, or Kerry Tyson at 814-364-2262.

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