


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-188	Meeting:	May 4, 2020
	Agenda Item:	33	Roll Call:	20-760
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Service Agreement with Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for waste drop-off at MWA Collection Center.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of agreement between the MWA and the City of Des Moines allowing mobile collections of HHW at the City sponsored neighborhood Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB).

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Public Works Department sponsors 11 neighborhood cleanup events known as “SCRUB” annually, by opening the Transfer Station and Compost Facility the third Saturday of the month March through November. Four (4) of those events include a neighborhood site where volunteers from several neighborhoods will hold the SCRUB event.
- In 2013, the Public Works Department began a pilot program with the assistance of MWA of collecting HHW at the neighborhood sites to determine if citizens would utilize such a program to remove the waste from the landfill to improve water quality. The program was well received and it was determined to continue the program in the 2014 season. This program still exists today.
- Under Iowa Administrative Code 567-123. - A government entity may enter into written contract with a Regional Collection Center, MWA, as part of a comprehensive solid waste program. This is allowed for the purpose of mobile collections such as the SCRUB events the City sponsors. MWA agrees to accept the materials from the SCRUBS at no cost to the City except for any costs incurred for unacceptable wastes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 23, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0118](#)

Action: [Household](#) Hazardous Waste Service Agreement with Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for waste drop-off at MWA Collection Center. ([Council Communication No. 17-028](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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