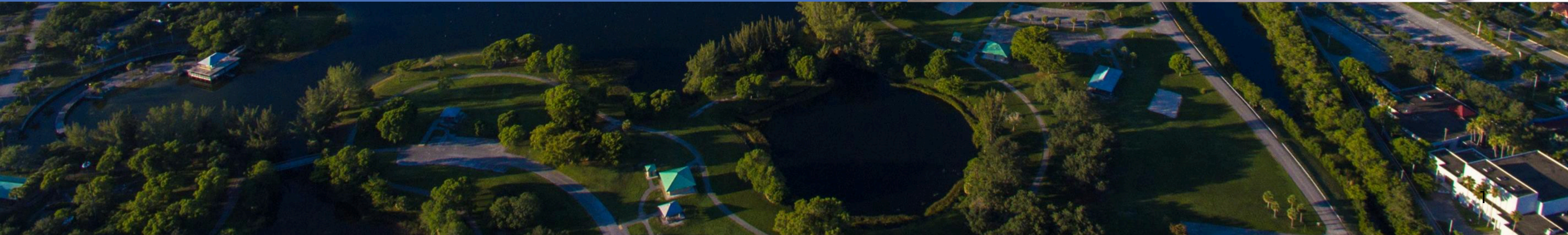




**SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
OF BROWARD COUNTY

# Let's Get to Yes!

Presented by Sam May, Interim Executive Director of the SWA





# Now is the time for action

- We are in a solid waste crisis
- Current fragmented system = higher costs and less control
- This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fix it together

**If we don't act now, the market will decide for us.**



# Why change is necessary

- Overreliance on landfills and waste-to-energy (WTE)
- Limited capacity = rising costs
- Cities negotiating alone = less leverage, more risk
- Long-term economic impact if we stay fragmented
- Our recycling rate is low and continuing to decrease
- We can extract value from our waste stream by recovering materials that can be reused locally

**Doing nothing is the most expensive option.**

# Strength in Unity

- Combined buying power = lower, stable pricing
- “Most favored nation” pricing for all members
- Protection from market spikes
- Long-term control of our financial future

**Unity is our strongest cost-control strategy.**





# Big Impact. Minimal Cost.

- Average home impact \$0.24/month
- Decreased dependency on landfilling and WTE
- Long-term cost stability
- Continuous recycling education programs
- Convenient recycling drop-off locations
- Make it easier for everyone to recycle
- Cleaner, healthier communities

# Funding the Authority

This is about stability – not new cost.

## Today:

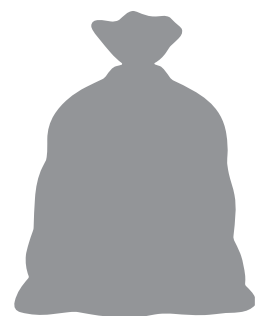
- Each city negotiates its own rates
- Costs subject to market volatility
- Unable to control or mitigate future costs

## Future:

- FY 27: Member Contribution (comparable to 2026)
- FY 28 to FY30: Surcharge \$2.22 to \$2.52/ton
- FY 31 to FY 33: Non-Ad Valorem Assessment \$2.72 to \$3.17/ton



**Single-family home**



**1.3 tons/year**  
estimated tons/year per  
single-family home



**\$2.22/ton**  
surcharge per ton  
in FY 2028

**X**

**=**



**\$2.89/year**  
**(\$0.24/month)**



# What do you get?

- Lower processing and disposal costs
- Market protection over the long-term
- Eight new drop-off centers
- Expanded programs (food, yard, and bulk waste)
- Public education campaign

## AND...

- **You maintain control of collection and your solid waste management destiny**

**A few dollars today protects millions in long-term costs.**

A large pile of compacted plastic waste, including bottles and containers, is shown in a recycling facility. The waste is stacked high and appears to be in the process of being processed or stored.

# The Decision

- **Option 1: Staying fragmented** means higher costs, less control, environmentally dangerous
- **Option 2: Joining together** means lower costs, long-term stability, taking care of our environment

**Vote YES! to help solve our solid waste crisis.**

# Thank You!

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