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## Montgomery County Saves \$1.3M in Annual Expenses

### Consolidation of Solid Waste/Recycling Services Results in Improved Operations and Reduced Costs

Dayton, Ohio (September 28, 2016) – Montgomery County Environmental Services reports that consolidated solid waste/recycling operations are now saving the Solid Waste District an average of \$1.3 million per year, an increase of \$300,000 from the previous estimate.

“Our Solid Waste District is always looking for responsible ways to cut costs and improve services, and the consolidation of our transfer stations was a major step in the right direction,” said Montgomery County Commissioner President Judy Dodge, who also serves as a representative on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. “The financial and operational benefits have greatly exceeded our expectations.”

The year 2015 was the first full year of consolidated operations at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District Transfer and Recycling Facility, since the closure of the north facility in late 2014. The consolidation resulted in an initial savings of at least \$8 million in deferred capital expenses and a decrease of \$1.3 million per year in operational expenses, exceeding original financial projections and expectations. These savings will allow the district to continue offering high-quality services to all residents at affordable prices.

The consolidation has allowed the district to offer streamlined and improved services, such as free yard waste disposal for County residents. Customers who visit the transfer station are able to dispose of waste, recycle, compost yard waste, and divert household hazardous waste from local landfills – all at one convenient location.

To ensure that the consolidated facility could handle the increased traffic and waste volume, the district upgraded the facility’s scale houses, added a new yard waste disposal area, and improved way finding and directional signs.

“These facility upgrades and the hard work of our staff have allowed traffic to flow in and out of the facility in an orderly fashion, and ensured that customers still receive excellent, timely service,” said Bob Downing, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (Solid Waste Services Group).

Despite an increase in traffic of approximately 30 percent, the average cycle time at the facility (how long it takes a customer to enter and leave) is only 11.13 minutes, well below the district’s target time of 14 minutes. The district also sets a goal of 20 minutes or less for transfer trailer load out time, which is the time it takes to

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fully load one transfer truck in an outbound tunnel and head to the landfill. In 2015, the average load out time was just 17.5 minutes.

**About the Montgomery County Environmental Services**

Montgomery County Environmental Services provides water and water reclamation (sewer) services to 80,000 customers, and solid waste and recycling services to 525,000 citizens in Montgomery County, Ohio. The department also offers educational outreach programs for local schools, communities, and businesses that want to learn more about conservation and sustainability in the Miami Valley region. For more information, visit [http://www.mcoho.org/departments/environmental\\_services/](http://www.mcoho.org/departments/environmental_services/) or follow us on Twitter @mcohoies.

**About the Montgomery County Solid Waste District**

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District is an innovative collaboration between all of the jurisdictions in Montgomery County, who came together to manage solid waste and recycling for their citizens in a responsible and environmentally-sound manner. The District members include: Butler Township, City of Brookville, City of Centerville, City of Clayton, City of Dayton, City of Englewood, City of Huber Heights, City of Kettering, City of Miamisburg, City of Moraine, City of Oakwood, City of Riverside, City of Trotwood, City of Union, City of Vandalia, City of West Carrolton, Clay Township, German Township, Harrison Township, Jackson Township, Jefferson Township, Miami Township, Perry Township, Village of Farmersville, Village of Germantown, Village of New Lebanon, Village of Phillipsburg and Washington Township.

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