

Item Title: Multi-Year Contract for Public School Recycling Collection

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to enter a multi-year contract with Sonoco Recycling to provide recycling hauling services to public schools, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners approves multi-year contracts.

Background: Wake County Government has funded recycling collection for public schools within Wake County since 1991. Providing collection of recyclable materials helps extend the life of South Wake Landfill while allowing students and staff to comply with state laws that ban certain items from landfills. A new contract is needed to ensure continued service to more than 200 participating schools.

Strategic Plan: This action supports standard County operations and procedures.

Fiscal Impact: There is no impact to the FY 2026 budget. The projected FY27 cost is \$325,333, and additional funding beyond FY 2027 will be incorporated into the Solid Waste funding model and reflected in future recommended budgets.

Additional Information:

Wake County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #26-038) to solicit qualified vendors to supply collection carts, hauling services, and processing of recyclable materials from specified Wake County Public School System locations and public charter schools within Wake County. Two proposals were received by the 4/28/2026 deadline.

As prescribed in the RFP, five members of the selection committee reviewed the proposals and independently scored the proposals prior to convening for final evaluation using Bonfire's scoring and review system. The committee recommends contracting with Sonoco Recycling, LLC. Sonoco Recycling has provided hauling and processing for public school recycling collection to Wake County since 2004. Their submission met all qualifications, and pricing was within budget.

Attachments:

1. 26-038 RFP
2. School Recycling Collection Contract Details