

A New Approach to Litter Control

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Litter Video

Mission

- Enlist the entire community in an effort to eradicate litter and illegal dumping.
- Change the mindset and behavior of those that live, work and play within Marion County emphasizing that littering will not be tolerated.
- Improve the quality of life for all citizens.
- Provide an effective and fiscally efficient litter program focusing on prevention.
- Protect the County's natural resources.
- Project a clean and viable community to visitors.







Litter Task Force



Voting Members

- Each Commissioner will appoint one representative from their district (5 voting members). Commissioner Curry will serve as the Task Force Facilitator on behalf of the Board.
- Representatives from the Sheriff and Marion County School Board (1 voting member each) for a total of 7 voting members.



Litter Task Force



Advisory Members

- MARION COUNTY
 DEPARTMENTS
 - Solid Waste
 - Code Enforcement

 - Parks & Recreation (
- City of Ocala
- Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership

City of Dunnellon



- FDOT
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida Fish &Wildlife Commission (FWC)
- Solid Waste Franchise Haulers

Goals of the Task Force



What makes this different?

- This is a comprehensive community-wide effort to eradicate litter within the County.
- The focus of this campaign is on prevention and not just the cleaning of litter from our roadways.
- The Task Force includes a multitude of disciplines within Marion County to promote the program.
- All the constitutional officers involved support the effort.
- The Task Force is being facilitated by a County Commissioner.



- First organizational meeting of the task force will take place in September 2021.
- Members will meet and develop the meeting schedule and durations to ultimately produce a comprehensive report outlining recommendations and estimated costs to the Board similar to Public Policy Institute study reports.
- Study period will take 6 months or less to complete.
- Litter Task Force operational costs will be covered by Solid Waste funds not to exceed \$5,000 + staff time.

The primary source of revenue for the Solid Waste Department is the \$87.00 per year Solid Waste assessment that citizens pay on occupied properties in unincorporated Marion County. A breakdown of the FY 2020 assessment is provided below:

| COST CENTER | FEE | PERCENT OF ASSESSMENT | REVENUE |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| DISPOSAL | \$41.67 | 47.90% | \$5,864,104.81 |
| COLLECTIONS/LITTER | \$12.53 | 14.40 % | \$1,762,904.16 |
| RECYCLING | \$6.79 | 7.80% | \$954,906.42 |
| CAPITAL | \$6.45 | 7.42% | \$908,385.34 |
| RESERVES | \$19.56 | 22.48% | \$2,752,089.27 |
| TOTAL | \$87.00 | 100.00% | \$12,242,390.00 |

FY 2020 Litter Cost Analysis

Salaries and Wages \$273,352

Operating Costs \$ 27,392

Mowing Contractor/Litter \$348,184

• Equipment Fuel/Maintenance \$284,688



Total: \$933,616

This is 7.6% or \$6.61 of the \$87 Solid Waste Fee

**The monetization of volunteer labor would add \$494,000

Trashy Ideas...things to get you thinking

84% of litter is intentional

Marion County collected 1.5 million pounds of litter in 2020 at a cost of \$0.95 per pound

There isn't a PLANET B

Your mother doesn't live here, pick it up!

Every
"Litter"
Bit Helps

Keep it clean Y'all!
Marion
County

Don't trash it, Love it!

Feed the Can Man!

Fill me up buttercup!

Texas was able to reduce litter with the 'Don't mess with Texas' campaign by 72%

Questions





