

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ) RESOLUTION NO. 84-450  
INTERIM YARD DEBRIS RECOVERY )  
STRATEGIES FOR 1984-85 ) Introduced by the  
 ) Regional Services Committee

WHEREAS, Over the last three years this region has invested over \$1 million to demonstrate "acceptable and feasible alternatives" to burning or landfilling yard debris; and

WHEREAS, Metro's goal is to "assure the handling, processing and reclamation of all separated yard debris; and

WHEREAS, There are significant issues being discussed in the region that may require interim action on Metro's part; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That Metro intends to review the possibility of establishing additional interim yard debris projects for inclusion in the FY 1984-85 budget.
2. That review of options will include, but not be limited to, community-based projects and expansion of existing programs.
3. That priority shall be given to this review, and staff time and resources shall be allocated accordingly.
4. That the Executive Officer shall report on the progress of this review within 45 days from the date of this document's adoption by the Metro Council.

5. That evaluation of program options will be based on, but not be limited to, cost-effectiveness, availability of collection/diversion alternatives, and impact on existing programs.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District  
this 23rd day of February, 1984.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer

KB/srb  
0428C/366  
02/10/84

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 84-450 FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF REVIEWING INTERIM YARD DEBRIS  
STRATEGIES FOR 1984-85

---

Date: February 3, 1984

Presented by: Karol Morgan-Brown

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Metro region has made a considerable investment in yard debris recovery programs. The current yard debris project, funded through the Solid Waste Department, consists of:

- promotion and education efforts which emphasize the need to separate and divert the material to existing yard debris processors; and
- stockpiling separated yard debris brought to St. Johns Landfill. Determining the most appropriate method to recycle this material will be accomplished during the second half of FY 1983-84.

The yard debris issue is also being addressed through a systems planning program. The systems planning effort will net program strategies to be implemented upon adoption of the Plan. This Plan will not be completed before the FY 1984-85 budget is adopted.

The Regional Services Committee feels that the yard debris issue requires review because of significant events currently taking place within the region and that Metro needs to determine whether additional interim projects should be included in the FY 1984-85 budget.

The intent of the proposed resolution is to review yard debris activities in the region in relationship to Metro's current and planned activities. It will yield additional programs that might be done between now and the implementation of the system's plan.

Specific activities to be reviewed are the recently appointed Yard Debris Task Force for the City of Portland, further restrictions on burning being considered by the Environmental Quality Commission and reactions from local jurisdiction regarding the appropriateness of Metro's involvement in any additional projects.

This work was not budgeted in FY 1983-84 and will require reassignment of staff from current assignments to complete the review.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of the Resolution.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Services Committee recommends Council adoption of Resolution No. 84-450.

KB/ef  
0428C/366  
02/14/84