

49A - New Recovered Material Processing Facility

Original Project Total Cost: \$ 16,181,000

Total Operating Cost: \$ (150,000)

Alternate Project Total Cost: \$ 8,463,000

Alternate Total Operating Cost: No Change

Project Description: A new Recovered Material Processing Facility (RMPF) is paramount to the future of the Athens-Clarke County waste diversion programs. The original RMPF scope included funding for the entire project, building and processing equipment. It may be possible to have the building and utilities completed with SPLOST 2020 funds, if selected, and leverage this to attract a private company to supply the processing equipment (capital costs). This would have to include an operating contract with the company. The current RMPF has an operating contract with Republic Services. An example of this partnership is the Columbus Georgia RMPF. Columbus funded the building and Pratt Industries supplied the equipment and staffing through contractual arrangements.

Potential issues would be the lack of interest from the private sector at the point of need, but otherwise there would be no service level impact. As long as recycling markets continue to improve there will be a need for processing facilities and partnership facilities make good economic sense for both parties.

See the letter of support from Republic Services, the current RMPF private operator.