

# Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division

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# Mission Statement

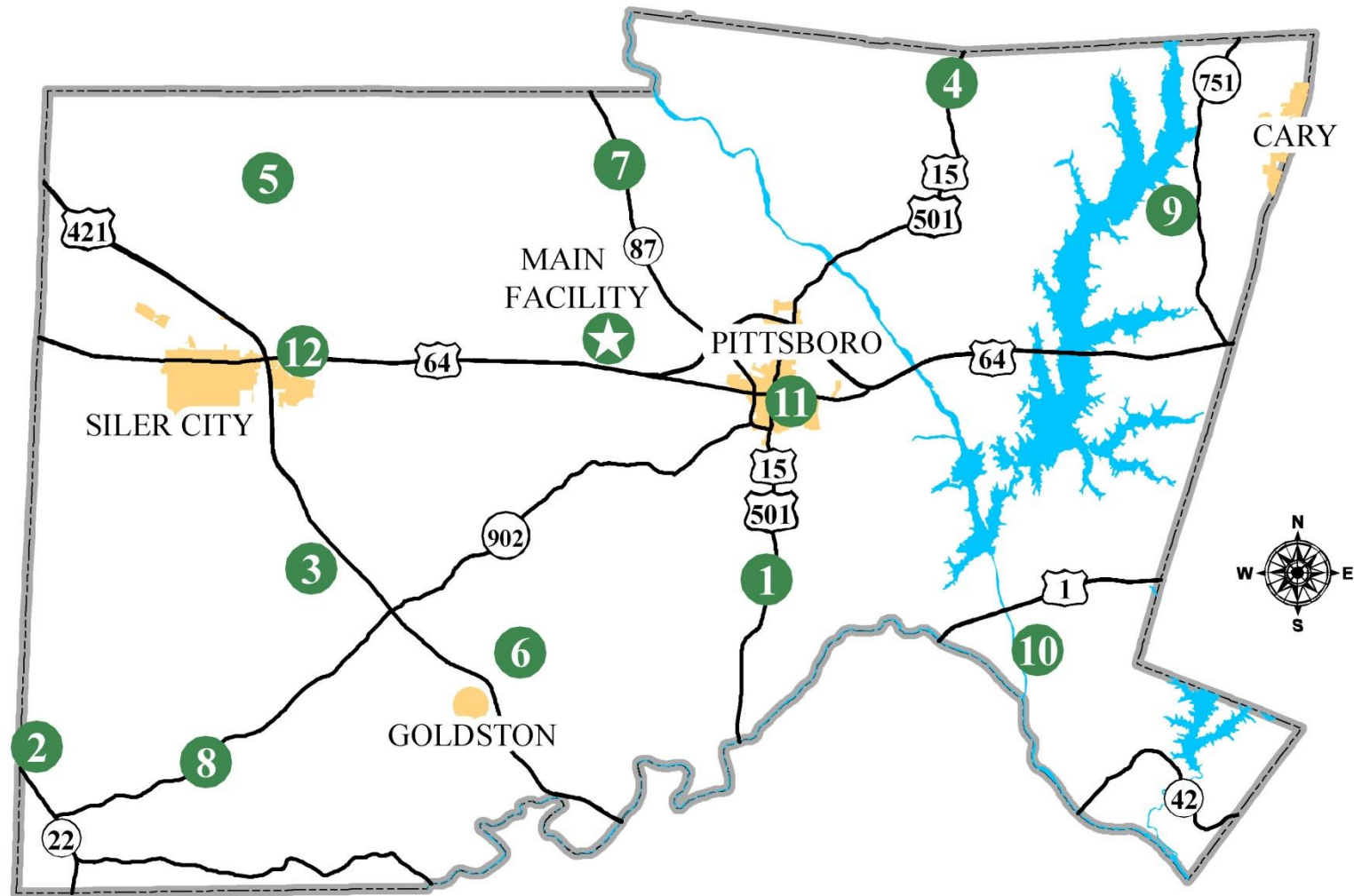


**Promote environmentally sound activities and provide a clean, safe and efficient program for the management, collection, reduction / recycling and disposal of solid waste**

# Solid Waste Collection Systems in Chatham



- **Town Collections**
  - Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston, Cary
- **Private Haulers**
  - Business & Residential
- **Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling**
  - Collection Centers



# Funding Sources



- **Solid Waste Fee for Collection Centers - \$91**
  - Covers the cost of the centers as well as a portion of the programs available to all residents.
  - Receive a decal for annual pass.
- **Disposal Fee - \$34**
  - Covers the cost of disposal of the waste left at the centers.
  - Waived for residents who have curbside collection service.
- **General Fund – tax dollars**
  - General Fund contribution ended in FY2002.

# Solid Waste & Recycling Division Services



- Collection Centers
- LCID Landfill
- Tire Recycling
- White Goods Recycling
- Environmental Enforcement
- Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Motor Oil Recycling
- Cooking Oil Recycling

- Electronics Recycling
- Compost Bin Sales
- Pesticide Container Recycling
- Environmental Education
- Business Recycling
- Event Recycling
- Swap Shops

# Investigation of Privatization



- County issued “Request for Proposals” in 2004 to privatize all operations of the Division
  - Chatham County submitted competitive proposal
  - One private firm, Waste Industries, Inc. submitted proposal

Chatham County	Waste Industries, Inc.
\$2,109,492 / year	\$2,065,377 / year
Difference of \$44,115 / year	

# Results



- The County Board of Commissioners decided to maintain County operation of the Division.
  - Cost benefit of privatization was not substantial.
  - Loss of ability to add services or additional recycling opportunities.
  - Loss of equipment and staff sharing between County departments.
  - Limited control over future price increases of private firm.



# Study In-House Operation of Collection Centers



- In 2014 the County investigated transitioning from contracted operation of Collection Centers to staffing with County employees.

Chatham County	Contractor
\$918,007 / year	\$633,221 / year
Difference of \$284,786 / year	

# Results



- Found that contracted operation was the most cost effective option.
- While there were advantages to in-house operation of the collection centers we were able to work with the contractor to improve customer service and decrease staff turnover.

# In Conclusion



- Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling continually looks for ways to improve and expand services to our customers.
- Look for opportunities to reduce costs and maximize revenue from recycling to keep costs low for our customers.
- Always strive to provide excellent customer service.