Financial and Environmental Issues of Public-Private Waste Management Strategy

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ABSTRACT

Across the United States, there has been an increased demand for municipalities to manage taxpayer’s funds and meet the citizens’ needs. This case study describes how a county in New York State effectively implemented a public-private interface model to outsource management of the county’s landfill to a private waste management corporation as a strategic initiative to control the municipality’s increasing tax rate and to enhance the county’s competitive environment. This initiative has provided the county with a substantial long-term positive cash flow from landfill operations as opposed to significant annual increases in operating losses.

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