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**Spatial Planning Approaches In Urban Solid Waste Management**

Due to the ever increasing solid waste generation in urban areas with the contributing factors of urbanization and population increase, it becomes a sure challenge to manage waste. The repeated failures of SWM in cities have proven that only a single body such as the government being responsible to handle waste is almost impossible. A combined effort where solid waste generated could be handled effortlessly is what needs to be given more thrust such that every individual becomes equally responsible towards a clean city. Even if the concept of zero waste is hard to achieve to a full extent, management and reduction of solid waste can be effectively done through this combined effort.

This study deals with understanding basic terminologies of waste and its characteristics. Global and Indian scenario of SWM helps to further understand the trend. The study elaborates on certain good practices and their key points that could be kept in mind to strengthen a SWM system. Alappuzha Municipality in Kerala has been chosen as the primary study. The study highlights the spatial approach taken towards SWM in Alappuzha Municipality. The study has also focused on the stakeholders of the municipality. If there is a spatial approach in tackling solid waste management that is appropriate with respect to each place that would help towards building and planning for a livable city.

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