



**“LANDFILLED” DISCUSSION SERIES
PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

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Time: 11:30 a.m.-noon

Location: Harrisonville (Branding Iron Restaurant)

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Other observers: none

Number of participants: 33

As we watch landfill space disappear and consider the possibility of trash costs rising, what actions do you think we should be taking now?

- City contract \$8 per month
- \$94/three months
- Incinerate trash (clean air incinerators)
- Reduce flow of trash (recycling)

What concerns do you have about landfill space disappearing?

- About one-third know how much they pay
- Would cost increase
- \$75-\$100/month would be too much
- What if we can't build another landfill?
- Methane of landfill vs. CO2 of incineration

Recycling

- Why is it optional?
- It should not be optional
- Change is hard for everybody, but if you educate them about the “new law” it would have to be adjusted to
- Costs more to recycle than to not, so you are subsidizing their pickup
- No recycling should equal no trash pickup
- Keep track of recycling. People should get a credit for it at the end of the year.
- Costs more for hauler, so consumers should be charged more
- Everybody should be charged the same, but less than they are currently
- Has to be an incentive
- Lived in city for three years and have not heard anything about recycling
- Business recycling is not happening
- We do cardboard
- Incentive to person in charge; must be cost-effective. They have to get paid
- Recycle oil/metal, but paper is biggest stream. Metal is worth money

Think about all of the items you drop in the trash and the things you buy on an average day. What is the most inconvenient thing about recycling?

- No education. I wouldn't have a problem doing it [if I knew how]
- Who benefits? Do city dollars increase or decrease?
- City won't promote if there is no financial advantage
- Batteries go in trash
- Whose job is it to educate?
- I know it is better for environment, but most people don't wake up thinking about it
- Make recycling one call away

Design your ideal recycling system. What would the system look like for your home or office?

- People would come to you to pick up items
- Bins on floors of each business
- How many man-hours does it take—garbage man vs. consumer sort?
- \$3 for their labor
- We don't know where to go for household hazardous waste (HHW)
- Pay to haul to Lee's Summit
- How much we throw away vs. how much we recycle—not enough materials accepted; need to find a way to recycle more to make it profitable

What do you think about a pay-per-throw system?

- It would sure wake you up
- It would create a black market for stickers
- Eliminate need for 8-10 haulers driving down streets daily
- Railroad glass to a viable market
- Crush glass on-site