



## **“LANDFILLED” DISCUSSION SERIES**

### **PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

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

- People should be charged for not participating in curbside recycling (others agreed)
- Appliances should be created so they can be recycled
- Disassembled parts should be accepted for recycling
- Safety issues (tires & glass) should be addressed to make them safer to recycle
- There should be limitations on use of non-recyclable materials.
- We should not use paper goods.

### **What would be considered an equitable way to pay for recycling?**

- Recycling should be free.
- It should be added to the trash cost.
- Use of incinerators.

### **What concerns do you have about landfill space disappearing?**

- What will we do with garbage?
- It will create unsanitary conditions?
- It will create health issues
- Transportation costs are already rising. It will be costly to transport trash out of area.
- Trash should be burned Use less disposable items
- Glass use is increasing, and it is not easily or safely recycled.
- Illegal dumping will occur
- There should be more energy efficient homes
- Home builders should be changing techniques and laws
- We may have to ship overseas to destroy trash
- Turning trash into energy

### **What knowledge do you have on things that can be kept out of trash?**

- There has been good education provided in recent years
- Information inside of utility bills
- Not enough information available
- There are organizations with information about what can be recycled, but not enough citizens taking advantage of the information.
- People are not interested in recycling

- Information should be kept simple and easy to understand
- Information should be convenient to find

#### **What is inconvenient about recycling?**

- People should tell grocery clerks “No extra sacks”
- It is hard to remember not to put glass in the recycle bin
- It is hard to remember and decide which bin the items go in
- There should be easier and cleaner ways to recycle paint
- The work involved should be worthwhile
- There should be less prep-work; it can be time consuming
- Hazardous waste- there should be a safe place to store until designated drop off days
- The sparse locations of recycling centers make it difficult to recycle.
- Storage space in the house and time saved from taking to recycling center. (curbside preferred)
- Needs to be a centralized location.
- Need more locations.
- Aerosol cans should not be used. They are a hazardous waste

#### **What are your feelings about recycling?**

- No feelings — It is just “what I do”
- It is a duty, but also a chore
- Gift to pass to next generation
- It is a core value
- If I do not recycle, I feel guilty
- Need to be a model citizen and do it
- I feel virtuous when I recycle
- Hazardous waste; bad experience (community level)
- I love shredding paper

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

- Everyone would use hybrid cars
- Encouraging people to recycle. There would be more educate on re-use.
- Recycled items would not be left around the house for longer than a week.
- Glass- There would be after-hours location for deposits and refunds.
- All trash would go in one container to be sent to a sorting center.
- Cut down on packaging.
- Greater access, greater convenience, longer hours available for free curbside recycling
- Appliances built to last (longer life, then they would not be disposed of so frequently)
- Repairable appliances to reduce amount disposed of
- Media better about sending message to public
- Modify appliances to be recycled (parts disassembled to be recycled)
- Penalties for not complying.
- Recycling from multi-family living options.

#### **Who should be recycling?**

- Everyone
- Neighborhood associations – streets
- Business world
- Chambers of Commerce – Businesses
- Conversations between individuals should increase about recycling
- Government at all levels
- Bridging the gap
- “President of the United States”
- Children, to influence others

- Schools, scouts
- Ad Council

**What has been the impact of this conversation?**

- Facts about landfills in the area
- Increased awareness
- Sharing ideas- How will the city handle this?
- Reinforcement of information
- Concerns on getting others involved
- Use of ideas by neighborhood associations
- Heightened awareness from the fact sheets
- There is an eliminated paper waste from e-mails.
- Surprised that curbside recycling didn't reduce more trash
- A feeling that we need to be aggressive in setting up collaboration with companies.