

Plan Goals – January 10, 2014 Draft

The *Plan* is intended to guide the development of recycling and trash system improvements for Bloomington for the next 20 years. The following draft goals are recommended to help form the policy basis for future implementation decisions about solid waste and recycling system improvements. The City's Project Management Team is seeking feedback on the following goals:

- ◆ Improve value of services – The City will strive to increase the value of solid waste and recycling services for residents and businesses without increasing costs to rate payers. The City will be a good steward of taxpayer resources.
- ◆ Enhance public education and awareness – The City will use public education as an essential strategy to achieve improved waste reduction and recycling.
- ◆ Enhance coordination among government agencies –The City will optimize the use of Hennepin County resources and continue to coordinate public education programs and services with the County and other agencies.
- ◆ Improve recycling, composting and waste reduction – In compliance with County requirements, the City will seek continuous improvements in recycling and related programs.
- ◆ Assure all residents have adequate recycling services –The City will enhance monitoring of recycling systems provided to single-family and multiple-family dwellings to assure all residents have adequate services as required by Minnesota State law and Hennepin County policy.
- ◆ Improve hauler reporting systems –The City will better account for waste and recycling tons and participation to benchmark success and comply with State and County requirements.
- ◆ Improve safety – Changes to the City's solid waste and recycling residential collection systems will improve neighborhood safety. Large trucks operating near where children live and play must operate in a safe manner without excessive speeds on residential streets and alleys.
- ◆ Reduce road wear impacts –The City will work closely with the solid waste and recycling industry to reduce road wear impacts of heavy collection trucks.
- ◆ Lower environmental impacts –The City will continue to develop strategies that reduce air pollution emissions, noise and litter from trash and recycling collection operations. This will also reduce truck fuel consumption and improve sustainability of the system.
- ◆ Increase use of resource recovery facilities – In compliance with County requirements, the City will continue to implement strategies to help direct solid waste to resource recovery facilities and reduce direct landfilling of unprocessed waste.
- ◆ Allocate adequate staff resources – The City will continue to assure adequate City staff resources are tasked with management of City solid waste and recycling programs and services.
- ◆ Promote local economic development – The City will strive to grow Bloomington-based jobs related to and supported by the solid waste and recycling industries. The City will continue to encourage innovative start-up businesses that improve local market development.