



MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Concerns Committee

THROUGH: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CG*

FROM: David P. Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DG*

SUBJECT: **New Commercial Recycling Program**

DATE: February 16, 2011

Staff is pleased to inform the ECC that Waste Management implemented a commercial recycling program in late 2010 at Yorktown Center and will be expanding that program to include all commercial accounts throughout the Village. The program consists of a free 35, 64 or 96-gal recyclables toter (as per the contract) and free weekly collection for that toter. Waste Management will send a flyer to all commercial accounts in the coming months to advise them of this new program. All costs for this program will be borne by Waste Management.

Attached are the December results for the Yorktown Center's recyclables. The program has been encouraged by the Center's new management and is deemed to have had a very successful start.

The recycling survey that was sent to 218 food-handling businesses last July found that 52% of the responding businesses were recycling. This survey result provides the benchmark to measure the success of this new program. A subsequent survey might be conducted in a year or two from now.

Per Village Code, the toters offered in this new program must be located on private property and kept in an enclosure per Village Code. The Committee has discussed the possibility of a centralized collection point for recyclables in the downtown. Staff has found no acceptable location on Village-owned property and no private property owner has offered space on their property.

Jim Karls will attend the meeting on 2/22 to further explain the program and answer any questions.

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attachment: Yorktown recycling report

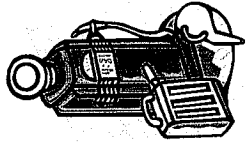
cc: Bill Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development

Yorktown Center



116 Mature Trees

This represents enough saved timber resources to produce more than 1,424,850 sheets of newspaper!



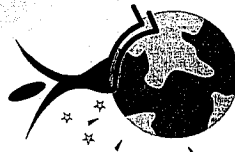
232 Gallons of Gasoline

This represents enough gasoline to drive more than 6,468 miles!

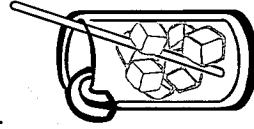
Yorktown Center and Waste Management recycled approximately 483 yards and 19,320 lbs of material in December of 2010!

34 Cubic Yards Of Landfill Airspace

This represents enough airspace to fulfill the monthly municipal waste disposal needs for 515 people!



The recycling of this quantity of packaging and raw materials avoided their manufacturing and disposal, thereby conserving ¹:



67,620 Gallons of Water

This represents enough fresh water to meet the daily fresh water needs of more than 901 people!

¹ The environmental benefits shown here represent the difference in natural resource consumption and GHG emissions that result from using recycled inputs versus virgin inputs. MTCO₂E = metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, International Aluminum Institute, National Association for PET Container Resources, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Earth Works Group Recycler's Handbook, One Earth Recycle, National Recycling Coalition, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management.