

From: Info Conservancy Initiative <info@theconservancyinitiative.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:42 PM

To: Bahr, Scott <sbahr@ci.livonia.mi.us>

Subject: FW: Simple Recycling proposal

Hi Scott,

I'm curious if you've made any progress on this or need more information. Novi recently adopted the Simple Recycling program.

Can residents compost pumpkins curbside in Livonia?

Thanks,
Tracey

248-760-2165

From: The Conservancy Initiative Information

Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:34 AM

To: 'Bahr, Scott' <sbahr@ci.livonia.mi.us>

Subject: RE: Simple Recycling proposal

Hi Scott,

Here are some Simple Recycling contacts.

Mike Csapo, Oakland County RRASOC 248-208-2270

Bill Wilk, Simple Recycling

(440) 591-3879

bill@SimpleRecycling.com

Bob Belair, Canton public works manager

bbelair@canton-mi.org

734-397-1011

Best regards,
Tracey

From: Bahr, Scott <sbahr@ci.livonia.mi.us>

Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:43 AM

To: The Conservancy Initiative Information <info@theconservancyinitiative.org>

Subject: RE: Simple Recycling proposal

Tracey,

Thank you for following up. I did hear your voicemail, but I'm sorry to admit it dropped off my radar before I responded.

I will call you sometime next week.

Regards,

Scott Bahr

Livonia City Council

248-924-7547 mobile

From: The Conservancy Initiative Information <info@theconservancyinitiative.org>

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 12:16 PM

To: Bahr, Scott <sbahr@ci.livonia.mi.us>

Subject: RE: Simple Recycling proposal

Hi Scott,

I left you a voice message but wanted to follow up via email as well. When is a good time for you to meet? My schedule is quite flexible.

Thanks much,

Tracey

Tracey Birkenhauer

President

The Conservancy Initiative

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From: Bahr, Scott <sbahr@ci.livonia.mi.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3:40 PM

To: The Conservancy Initiative Information

Subject: Re: Simple Recycling proposal

Tracey,

I would be happy to meet and learn more about this. Please give me a call at 248-924-7547, and we can discuss a time/place that might work.

Regards,

Scott Bahr

Livonia City Council

From: The Conservancy Initiative Information <info@theconservancyinitiative.org>

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 9:30:48 AM

To: Bahr, Scott

Subject: Simple Recycling proposal

Hi Scott,

I'm president of The Conservancy Initiative, a new environmental 501c3 charity that focuses on recycling, composting and other efforts to reduce solid waste. We're also known as Stop Arbor Hills because we are fighting to stop the massive expansion and mismanagement of Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township, Washtenaw County.

Our nonprofit board recently met with Sen. Colbeck regarding various proposals to reduce solid waste in Metro Detroit. One such program is Simple Recycling, a curbside textile recycling program that is totally free for both residents and municipalities. It's used in Westland, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Canton and many other communities throughout Michigan.

Sen. Colbeck said you would be the best contact for us to work with in Livonia to try to implement this program.

I have a special interest in Livonia because my family's IT company, AM Data Service, is based in the community.

I don't work for Simple Recycling and there is no benefit to my organization if you participate. The benefit is to the environment.

Here's how it works:

Simple Recycling partners with municipalities to offer curbside recycling in addition to the recycling programs already offered. Simple Recycling collects many items that most curbside recyclers do not, including textiles of any kind, hairdryers, pots and pans, small appliances and dishes. There is no cost to the homeowner or the municipality. In fact, the municipality gets a small kickback for offering the program.

Before the program begins, Simple Recycling sends residents information packets, bags and tags for larger items. On garbage day, a Simple Recycling box truck collects the bags and tagged items. They leave a replacement bag for each bag used.

Simple Recycling partners with the Value World thrift store chain. When a truck finishes its route, they unload and weigh collected materials at a Value World store. A team of Value World employees sort the materials. Any premium items are priced and placed on the selling floor. Everything else gets bailed and loaded back on the truck, headed for a facility in Westland. From there, the items go to a recycling facility in Ontario where they are separated again.

Clothing that is tattered but wearable goes to Third World countries. Textiles in serious disrepair, such as ripped towels and destroyed clothing, are recycled into a variety of items, such as shining rags and backing for car seats.

I think Simple Recycling would be great for Livonia and its residents. It reduces tipping fees for Livonia, the city gets a stipend for participating and it reduces the amount of waste that Livonia sends to the landfill -- likely thousands of pounds per year. Oakland County diverted 234,000 pounds of waste in 2016.

Are you willing to consider implementing the Simple Recycling program? I can arrange a meeting with them to get the conversation started.

More info: <http://stoparborhills.com/simple-recycling/> | <http://simplerecycling.com/>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Tracey

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President

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