

## Colclasure, James

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**From:** Gates, Jim  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:21 AM  
**To:** Bernhardson, Mark; Keel, Karl; Eiler, Jim; Lee, Larry; Moore, Lynn  
**Cc:** Larson, Kim; Krivit, Dan (Dan.Krivit@Foth.com)  
**Subject:** Bloomington Solid Waste Management Plan  
**Attachments:** Mandate.Final.docx; CMI Paragraph 1-17-14.docx; 1-16-14 MRC Group Strategies to Improve Recycling.pdf

Mark,

1. We have seen the previous document brought to us at the second SWMP open house on 1-16-14.
2. We have seen the 2-13-14 revisions. Foth gets this type of info to us as soon as it is received. Saw it yesterday.
3. The previous version was included in the 1-17-14 CMI packet.
4. We have seen previous version; there are changes making it all on one page now; the "mandated" suggestions are addressed in the *Plan* in some way or another; ie: "establish an advisory commission" is addressed suggesting retaining the existing Project Mgmt Team, or sufficient staff to address the issues that may arise. That type of verbiage, but not item by item from the "mandated" items.
5. The MRC may request "mandates", but it is a Bloomington Plan, not a MRC plan, so they will be vocal, but we are presently working with them to address their concerns. We may not be able to make them agree with our approach, but we never seem to be able to make everyone in the City happy, but we try. So far the discussions have been civil, informative, and fruitful for both MRC and ourselves.

Attached is the CMI from 1-17-14, and the previous version of the MRC "goals and objectives", and the revised version labeled as their "mandates."

Thanks.  
Jim

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**From:** Bernhardson, Mark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:59 PM  
**To:** Keel, Karl; Gates, Jim; Eiler, Jim; Lee, Larry; Moore, Lynn  
**Subject:** FW: Bloomington Solid Waste Management Plan

1. Believe you may have perhaps seen a version of this previously.
2. They indicate that they have sent this to Foth but perhaps not to staff.
3. This is dated today – so not certain if there are any changes in their objectives from a prior version?
4. Please let me know if :
  - This is something that you have seen at least a prior version before ?
  - Are there any changes – and if so – are they significant ?
  - How does the draft solid waste plan (which I need to read yet) – respond / address / incorporate/ - if at all?
5. While the listing is entitled "goals and objectives" – the title of the document is "Mandate.Final" – Does that imply unless all are met – that they are not satisfied??

Thanks !! MEB

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**From:** Winstead, Gene  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 1:25 PM

**To:** Bernhardson, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Bloomington Solid Waste Management Plan

I am sure all of this is included in the consultant's report

Gene Winstead  
Mayor, City of Bloomington  
952-356-2830  
(message sent from mobile device)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Joan Kampmeyer [[jmkampmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jmkampmeyer@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 01:27 PM Central Standard Time  
**To:** Winstead, Gene  
**Cc:** John Jaimez; Tim Sandry; Kampmeyer, Joan  
**Subject:** Bloomington Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mayor Winstead:

Attached you will find a one-page document. It summarizes the objectives and strategies that together the MRC Group and the Bloomington Sustainability Coalition would ask the City Council to thoughtfully consider as it makes decisions relative to the Bloomington Solid Waste Management Plan.

Feel free to contact me or John Jaimez ([jgjaimez@gmail.com](mailto:jgjaimez@gmail.com) or 952.564.8674) with any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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P. S. FYI - We have also shared this document with Foth and all City Councilmembers.

**Bloomington Master Recycler/Composter (MRC) Group**  
**Solid Waste Management Plan**  
**Objectives and Strategies**

**1. Establish City Recycling Goals that Exceed Current Collection Rates**

- Establish city-specific numeric goals that increase recycling, including organics, and decrease trash disposal
  - Use state and county goals as a starting point
  - Compare to the city's current recycling and disposal rates
  - Set new numeric recycling goals for the city that exceed existing rates by a minimum of 25% within 5 years
- Prioritize actions that can be implemented in the next 2 to 5 years

**2. Move from Open to Organized Collection of Residential Trash, Recyclables and Organics**

- Establish organized (city-contracted) collection of trash, recyclables, yard waste and organics to:
  - Reduce the cost of services to residents
  - Reduce road repair costs
  - Improve safety on city streets
  - Increase recycling collection rates
  - Reduce fuel consumption, air and noise pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions
  - Improve effectiveness of public education by standardizing services
- Set pricing of services (i.e., cart sizes) to strongly encourage recycling and discourage disposal
- Evaluate every-other-week trash collection to reduce the overall cost of waste, recycling and organics collection

**3. Adopt Practices that Encourage Recycling Collection at City Facilities and Parks**

- Make recycling services available at all city parks, recreational facilities, and city-operated events
- Place recycling receptacles next to all trash receptacles at city parks and recreational facilities; trash-only options are completely eliminated
- Provide organics recycling services at city parks, recreational facilities and city-operated events that generate substantial amounts of food waste and non-recyclable paper products
  - Examples: Farmers' Market, Home Fair, Creekside Community Center, Valley View Pool, concession stands at athletic fields, etc.
- Require outside organizations to meet zero waste requirements when using city facilities for special events
- Provide training, education and equipment to encourage and support zero waste events

**4. Establish a City Advisory Committee or Commission on Sustainability Topics, including Solid Waste/Recycling**

- Create a city advisory committee or commission to provide input and review progress on city sustainability and solid waste/recycling goals

**5. Maximize Education and Promotion of Recycling**

- Re-establish the position of City Recycling Coordinator to lead and coordinate waste reduction and recycling education/promotion
- Collaborate with Hennepin County to make full use of their educational and technical assistance resources

**6. Adopt Practices to Maximize Commercial/Business Recycling**

- Use city staff to identify commercial facilities that do not have recycling programs (in violation of city ordinance) or that have recycling programs in great need of improvement
- Work with Hennepin County to connect businesses identified by city staff to the county's Business Recycling Incentive Program that provides grant funding to improve recycling and organics programs
- Provide technical assistance through the City Recycling Coordinator to local businesses

CMI Paragraph for today

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – SECOND OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 16**

The second open house for the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) was another successful event for engaging the community in development of the *Plan*. Three City Council members and 43 members of the public participated by rating their highest priorities among the draft goals of the plan and the possible strategies to address those goals. The *Plan*'s Project Management Team, comprised of staff from Foth (City's consultant), Public Works and Community Development also received informative feedback from attendees through informal discussion. The SWMP is presently in the chapter-writing stage with the draft *Plan* scheduled for City Council review at the February 24 Council Study Meeting. Suggestions by the Bloomington Master Recycler/Composter (MRC) group is included in the Council's CMI information packet. If there are questions or comments regarding the SWMP, please contact the City Manager.

# **Bloomington Master Recycler/Composter (MRC) Group Strategies to Improve Recycling in the City of Bloomington**

## **1. Recycling Goals**

- Establish city-specific numeric goals that increase recycling and decrease disposal
  - Use State and county goals as a starting point
  - Compare to the city's current recycling and disposal rates
  - Set new numeric recycling goals for the city
- Prioritize actions that can be implemented in the next 2 to 5 years

## **2. Residential Trash & Recycling Program**

- Establish organized (city-contracted) collection of trash, recyclables, and organics to:
  - Reduce the cost of services to residents
  - Reduce road repair costs
  - Improve safety on city streets
  - Increase recycling rates
  - Reduce fuel consumption, air and noise pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions
  - Improve effectiveness of public education by standardizing services
- Set pricing of services (i.e., cart sizes) to strongly encourage recycling and discourage disposal
- Evaluate every-other-week trash collection as a means to reduce the cost and impacts of waste, recycling, and organics collection

## **3. Recycling at Parks & Public Events**

- Make recycling services available at all city parks, recreational facilities, and city-operated events (such as the Farmers' Market)
- Place recycling receptacles next to all trash receptacles at city parks and recreational facilities – trash-only options should be completely eliminated
- Provide organics recycling services at city parks, recreational facilities, and city-operated events that generate substantial amounts of food waste and non-recyclable paper products
  - Farmers' Market, Home Fair
  - Creekside Community Center
  - Valley View Pool, concession stands at athletic fields
- Require outside organizations to meet zero waste requirements when using city facilities for special events
- Provide training, education, and equipment to encourage and support zero waste events

## **4. Education & Promotion**

- Re-establish the position of City Recycling Coordinator to lead and coordinate waste reduction and recycling education/promotion – at minimum, a half-time position
- Collaborate with Hennepin County to make full use of the educational and technical assistance resources provided by the county

## **5. Businesses Recycling**

- Use city health inspectors to identify commercial facilities that do not have recycling programs (in violation of city ordinance) or that have recycling programs in great need of improvement
- Work with Hennepin County to connect businesses identified by city staff to the county's Business Recycling Incentive Program that provides grant funding to improve recycling and organics programs
- Provide technical assistance through the City Recycling Coordinator to local businesses

## **6. Clean Up Days**

- **Continue to provide Citywide Curbside Cleanup Program in a cost-effective manner**
- **Improve and promote opportunities to donate and reuse unwanted items**
- **Evaluate how to continue program into the future, as rear-packer trucks get phased out**