

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources coordinator
DATE: February 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Environmental Quality Committee Presentation of Goals and Report
ITEM NUMBER: 1.b
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) develops a new work plan and committee report every two years. The last session went from 2021-2022 and the current session is 2023-2024. At the beginning of a new work plan, the committee reviews the past session, develops new goals, and presents their report to the City Council at a workshop.

DISCUSSION

In Fall 2022, the EQC members brainstormed ideas for new goals, ranked priorities, and grouped similar categories. The top three categories serve as the group's main goals for the next two years and establish the subcommittees that members join. The following goals and subcommittees were set for 2023-2024:

- Energy and sustainability
- Waste: Trash and organics
- Water

The EQC is composed of the following members:

- Tim Pratt, Chair
- Paige Ahlborg, Vice chair
- Jeff Bartlett
- Claire Graupmann
- Jennifer Olson
- Kathy Radosevich
- Susan Rengstorf
- Elliott Stefanik
- John Suzukida
- Hong Wang
- Brandon Luna Sanchez, student representative

A representative from each subcommittee will share more on the goals and action items of each group with the council with a focus on the group researching organized trash. Attached is the biennial report and the presentation on organized trash.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the council provide direction to the EQC and discuss goals.

ORGANIZED GARBAGE COLLECTION

A Shoreview Solution

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Shoreview residents are paying too much for an inefficient garbage collection system. Reconfiguring the system can save residents money and help us meet needs identified in the citizen survey to protect our environment and to address climate change.

RESIDENTS SUPPORT ORGANIZED COLLECTION

“At our prior residence, in a nearby city, a single service provider was selected, and they provided exceptional service for a fair price.

Please consider selecting a single trash and yard waste hauler to serve the City of Shoreview, similar to the way they collect recycling. The number of trash trucks on the street each week creates excessive noise and air pollution and is inefficient and unsafe. It also adds additional wear and tear on the city's streets.”

Nate and Liz Willson

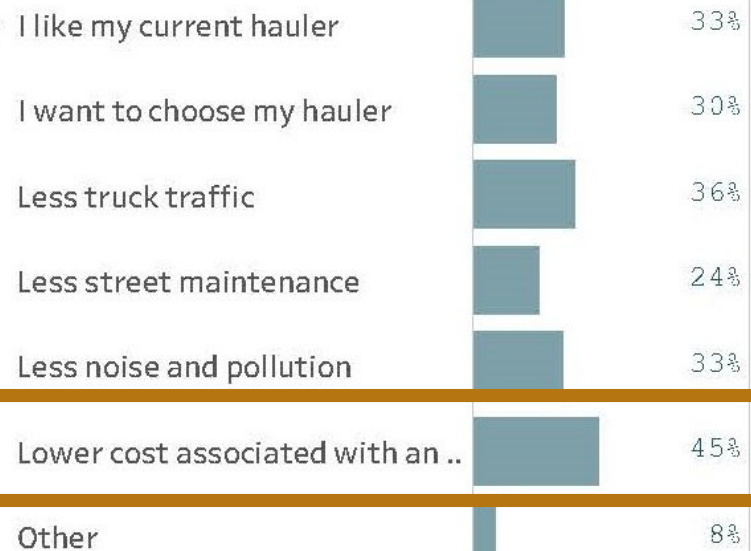
RESIDENTS SUPPORT ORGANIZED COLLECTION

To what extent do you support or oppose the city changing options to move away from private hauler garbage collection (in which residents choose their preferred hauler) to an organized system or garbage collection (in which the city contracts with haulers)?



RESIDENTS SUPPORT ORGANIZED COLLECTION

Please share your rationale for the answer choice selected above. Select all that apply.



ORGANIZED CITIES - RAMSEY COUNTY

- Little Canada
- Maplewood
- Saint Anthony
- Saint Paul
- Vadnais Heights
- White Bear Lake

Some are a consortium, some are single hauler

ORGANIZED CITIES RATES LOWER

Organized Garbage Collection Rates			
Includes all taxes			
	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>
Little Canada	\$15.60	\$19.98	\$25.43 includes up to three bulky items
Maplewood	\$14.60	\$21.85	\$28.00 Includes recycling
North St. Paul	\$10.61	\$15.25	\$18.73
Saint Anthony	\$22.97	\$26.41	\$29.86 includes recycling
Vadnais Heights	\$15.55	\$19.16	\$24.34 includes one bulky item
White Bear Lake	\$16.48	\$26.20	\$36.11
Shoreview	\$27.62	\$37.37	\$42.21
(average includes taxes and fees)			

PRICE RANGE IN SHOREVIEW

Small	\$25.14	\$32.48
Medium	\$23.38	\$52.33
Large	\$40.54	\$124.23
bills submitted by residents (actual range may be greater)		

OTHER POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- Reduce truck traffic
 - Less emissions
 - Less noise
 - Less street wear
 - Increase traffic and pedestrian safety
 - Added services (e.g., bulky item collection, low-volume rates)

WHAT'S NEXT

- City Council provides notice of its intent to consider organized collection
- City exclusively negotiates with its licensed collectors
- Three scenario options:
 - i. City and Collectors reach an agreement
 - ii. City and Collectors do not reach an agreement (can proceed to RFP)
 - iii. City Council decides not to implement organized collection
- <https://www.lmc.org/resources/city-solid-waste-management/>

QUESTIONS