



## Sign In Sheet

Public meeting for recycling drop-off site near Oakland Gravel Road

Public Meeting: 8/9/2023

	Name	Address	Phone
1	Carol Lami	2205 Powell Dr	573 449-1441
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5	Randy Marchew	2416 Kays Pointe	573-881-9080
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7	Colinna Hill	2211 Powell Dr.	314 602 7981
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9	Patli + Jim Seare	1805 Lovejoy Ln	573-474-4433
10	STEVE KROWER	3512 DEER RUN DR	573-474-7272
11	Guayn Desley	1811 Blue Ridge Rd	573 474 3598
12	Najjo Keao	3414 Venice Drive	573 289 1950
13	Don Day	2515 Fleetwood	573 819 7779
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15	Chris Cady	2108 Smiley Ln	573 999-7119



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If you need land, talk to the Alspaugh's to see if they can amend the park land agreement to allow for a recycling drop-off location

*\*The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.\**

Name Bruce Alspaugh Email alspaughb@gmail.com

Mailing address 2815 Skyview Road

City Columbia State MO ZIP 65202

Signature Bruce Alspaugh



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TOO MUCH TRAFFIC. BOTTLE NECK INTERSECTION.  
HARD FOR COL-FINE STATION TO GET IN+OUT.  
BLOCKS + HURTS ABILITY TO LEAVE QUICKLY. VANDIVERT  
~~ROUTE B~~ HAS SIGN "DO NOT BLOCK THIS INTERSECTION."  
WOULD ALSO DEVALUE PROPERTY VALUES IN NEAR BY  
NEIGHBORHOODS! RECYCLE AREAS ARE SOMETIMES  
MESSY + UNKEPT. THINK MOSER'S ON BUS. LOOK NOW  
SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

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Name STEVE KRÖNER Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address 3512 DEER RUN DR

City COLUMBIA State MO ZIP 65202

Signature Steve Kröner



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The area you're discussing, is the gateway to our beautiful neighborhood! The intersection there is terrible & this utility Solid Waste, would be worse w/ traffic! The area would be difficult for the Fire Station, with entering & exiting!

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Name Patli & Jim Sears Email patliasears396@gmail.com

Mailing address 1805 Lovejoy Ln

City Columbia State Mo. ZIP 65202

Signature James M. Sears  
Patricia Sears



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*I'm against this recycling center primarily because of location. traffic jams/congestion. Entrance to our neighborhood - eye sore it is in our neighborhood.*

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Name Sandy Nield Email sandrahild e. hotmail . com

Mailing address 3512 Deer Run Dr.

City Columbia State Mo ZIP 65202

Signature Sandy Nield



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dschluck@live.com

### Poor Location Choice

Busiest dual intersections in this area. (Route B / Vandiver)

4 lane state road. Then Oakland / Vandiver 12 possible choices <sup>turn</sup>

Frequent Backups - anytime of day; school buses, UPS Hub,

Emergency ambulance station - one block down on Vandiver

Fire station

Recommend - waco / Brown Station location.

*\*The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.\**

Name Debbie Schluckebier Email dschluck@live.com

Mailing address 1909 Blue Ridge Rd.

City Columbia State MO ZIP 65202

Signature Debbie Schluckebier



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Drainage area on Powell  
between 2205 Powell + South  
towards Vandiver

Congestion of traffic in  
area

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Name Carol Lami Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address 2205 Powell Dr.

City Columbia State MO ZIP 65202

Signature Carol Lami



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My main concerns about the recycling center:

- Traffic at this ~~location~~ location ~~is~~ will only make the intersection at ~~the~~ Vandiver + Oakland more congested and dangerous.
- I see the recycling center as important and necessary but it's not favorable in this location.
- I would also be concerned about the drainage and water runoff down ~~the~~ Powell Dr. - which is already an issue.

*\*The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.\**

Name Joanna Hill Email ~~joanna.hill~~ hilljoannam@gmail.com

Mailing address 2711 Powell Dr

City Columbia State MO ZIP 65070

Signature 





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I am very much interested in a recycling center. I am out of ideas where, but the current location is a BIG NO! Traffic is a huge (my only) factor.

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Name Lisa Banks Email lilibanks70@gmail.com

Mailing address 1902 Mary Ellen Drive

City Col State MO ZIP 65202

Signature



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1. we appreciate having a drop off in this area.
2. Concerned @ traffic - this intersection already a bottleneck, OTOH a good central location for stopping.
3. Costs of construction esp. in light of (hopefully) a return to curbside recycle collection. Can all or part be lower cost pavement such as gravel that is also easily removed?
4. Alternate location @ Waco + Br. Sch. would also work.

*\*The personal information request below is not required and could be made available to the public.\**

Name Chris + Nancy Cady Email Cady c @ mchsi.com  
 Mailing address 2108 Smiley 573 999-7119  
 City Col. State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP 65202  
 Signature Cady Cady

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**Re: Oakland gravel recycling drop off**

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Lisa Rohmiller <Lisa.Rohmiller@como.gov>

Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 3:31 PM

To: Adam White <Adam.White@como.gov>, Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Randy Minchew** <randy@minchews.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 3:17 PM

Subject: Re: Oakland gravel recycling drop off

To: Lisa Rohmiller <Lisa.Rohmiller@como.gov>

Hey Lisa, thanks for the info, I own the building at 2306 Oakland Gravel just north of your proposed site. Seems like a really bad intersection to put something like that because of the traffic congestion at the light at vandiver and Oakland Gravel and the light at Paris rd. Maybe we would all be better served if you did a traffic study first. Good luck

Thx Randy/\

2000 E Broadway Ste 148

**Columbia MO 65201**

[randy@minchews.com](mailto:randy@minchews.com)

573-881-9080

On Aug 2, 2023, at 2:52 PM, Lisa Rohmiller <Lisa.Rohmiller@como.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Please accept our apologies for the oversight. Attached, please find two PDFs. One is the site map that shows the location of the proposed facility. The other is the preliminary site layout that shows what the site could look like.

Thank you,

*Lisa M. Rohmiller, CTA*

Administrative Supervisor  
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Columbia, MO. 65205-6015  
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FAX (573) 449-9641

On Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 11:59 AM Randy Minchew <randy@minchews.com> wrote:

I received your letter in the mail about the interested parties meeting but there's no attachment to show me where the proposed recycling drop off facility is going to be. Can you send me that location?

Thx Randy/Λ

2000 E Broadway Ste 148

**Columbia MO 65201**

[randy@minchews.com](mailto:randy@minchews.com)

573-881-9080

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/a/como.gov/d/msgid/waste-mgmt/02487EE5-F40F-40AE-9E00-1C814FD5ED97%40minchews.com>.

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## 2 attachments



**Oakland Gravel Road - Recycling Drop Off Site - Map.pdf**  
2117K



**Preliminary Site Layout Diagram - 10-21-21.pdf**  
1592K

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**Re: Feedback for Oakland Gravel**

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**Matthew Nestor** <matthew.nestor@como.gov>

Thu, Aug 10, 2023 at 11:03 AM

To: Jessica Macy <jspanglehour@gmail.com>, Steve Hunt <steve.hunt@como.gov>

Good morning, Jessica,  
Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your feedback and will take everything into consideration.  
Thank you,  
Matt

On Thu, Aug 10, 2023 at 10:58 AM Jessica Macy <jspanglehour@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I could not attend the meeting last night about the recycling site on Oakland Gravel Road (OG). I live at 2401 E Oakland Rdige Dr. I agree we need a site, but ... this intersection is terrible already. I know they are working on it right now. I sat through 5 green lights (8 minutes) to turn west/right onto Vandiver this morning at 740 am. This is pretty normal at 730-800 am. Traffic was backed up past the fire station as only one or two cars were going through at a time. I usually drive to Blue Ridge and make my morning commute 2-3 miles longer to avoid it. Some of this will be fixed when the right turn lane opens. But this intersection has been congested for the 12 years I have lived off OG .

Adding more action in this area is not a good idea. People will likely want to drop recycling on the way to work or when they get home, and that's when the street is the busiest. At least, that is when I would use it!

I now work south of town and see the state farm site daily. What is the plan to keep these sites cleaned up? I know you all are trying, and the staff is short.

Thanks for trying to find a solution. We need something - I just do not think this is the right location. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my thoughts.

Jessica Macy  
573.356.1436

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Matt Nestor  
Public Information Specialist  
City of Columbia Utilities  
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## Input on proposed recycling center on Oakland Gravel

2 messages

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**daydr2023@gmail.com** <daydr2023@gmail.com>  
To: steve.hunt@como.gov

Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 8:46 PM

Thank you for holding the meeting this evening and for asking for input.

I would very much like to see a recycling center in the north part of Columbia. I do have some concerns with this site because of the traffic problems at the intersection of Vandiver, Oakland Gravel and Rt. B. I do not share concerns some expressed about this area being the entrance to where we live. If we want to have a recycling center near us, we need to be willing to put up with what it may look like. I think some design work could be done to make it more pleasing. The traffic is my big concern.

Given that you said there was a possibility of starting up curbside recycling again, I think it would be prudent to wait until more is known about that possibility before creating this recycling center.

Don Day

[Daydr2023@gmail.com](mailto:Daydr2023@gmail.com)

573-819-7779

[2515 Fleetwood Dr.](#)

[Columbia, MO 65202](#)

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**Steve Hunt** <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>  
To: daydr2023@gmail.com

Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 9:34 AM

Mr. Day,

Thanks for your input.

v/r

Steve Hunt, P.E.  
Assistant Director, Utilities - Solid Waste  
Acting Assistant Director, Utilities - Water  
City of Columbia, MO  
Email: [steve.hunt@como.gov](mailto:steve.hunt@como.gov)  
Phone: 573-874-7264

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# Project Report

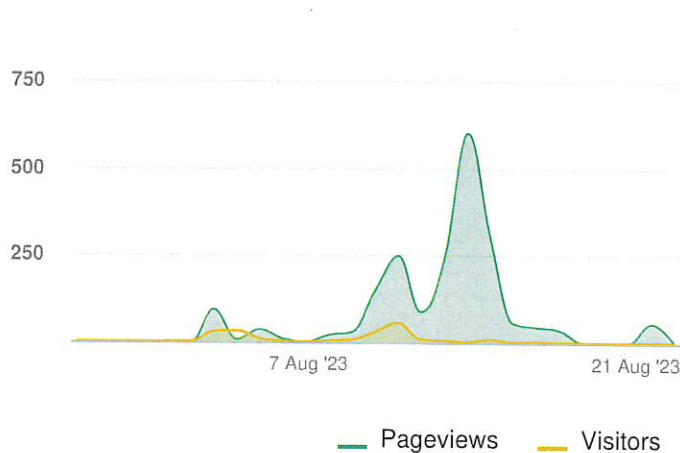
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## City of Columbia, MO

### Recycling center on Oakland Gravel Road



#### Visitors Summary

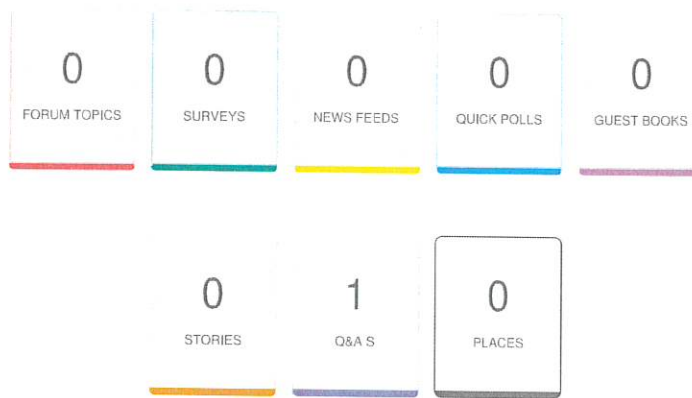


#### Highlights



Aware Participants	193	Engaged Participants	17		
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Visited a Project or Tool Page	193	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Participants	95	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	0	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	11	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	3	Asked Questions	2	2	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Contributed to Ideas	13	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	77				
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	17				

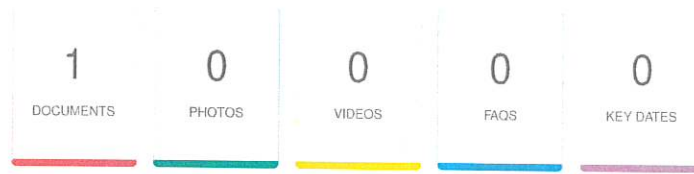
## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Qanda	Questions	Archived	17	2	2	0
Ideas	Comments	Archived	77	12	0	0



## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	Location Map	11	11
Key Dates	Key Date	3	3

## QANDA

### Questions

Visitors <b>17</b>	Contributors <b>4</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>4</b>
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#### Q Carol Williams

02 August 23

I live on Powell Drive at the bottom of the empty hill. Is the proposed recycling center going in that field or next to the fire department across the street?

#### A Publicly Answered

The recycling center would go in the area next to the fire station.

#### Q Homeowner

03 August 23

How much is this going to cost....we already pay for curbside pickup!?

#### A Publicly Answered

Solid Waste rates for curbside pickup cover the removal of refuse. There is no additional fee for customers who use the services of curbside recycling collection.

#### Q kkbuser

04 August 23

While I think this is a reasonable place for recycling bins; however, there is still a need in the East side of Columbia. The one at Moser's and Home Depot have not been replaced.

#### A Publicly Answered

Thank you for your feedback. Your suggestion will be taken into consideration.

## IDEAS

### Comments

Visitors <b>77</b>	Contributors <b>12</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>30</b>
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<p>02 August 23 rkowalski151</p> <p>VOTES <b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Pick up curbside instead</b></p> <p>This really isn't a novel idea, but doing what you are supposed to as a city might be a better course of action.</p>
<p>02 August 23 TigerMO</p> <p>VOTES <b>0</b></p>	<p><b>Wrong area of town</b></p> <p>Why not put the drop-off location where statistics show the greatest recycling participation—Ward 4/southwest Columbia? There's unused city land at the Potterfield donated property.</p>
<p>03 August 23 bravadamizzou</p> <p>VOTES <b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Use underutilized existing paved areas</b></p> <p>Instead of paving over green land, we should put the recycling dropoff a nearby underutilized area that is already paved. For example the oversized parking lot at American Freight Furniture and Mattress down the road on Paris. If we pave a new area it increases the heat island effect and lessens the space for flood water to drain.</p>
<p>03 August 23 Paradise_In_Misery</p> <p>VOTES <b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Please consider other North COMO locations.</b></p> <p>The traffic at the intersection of Vandiver &amp; Oakland Gravel can already get congested at times. The addition of a drop-off center in this area could further congest the area. With the new sidewalks being put installed in this area - it has been implied that no additional improvements to traffic flow in this area have been considered. North COMO does need a recycling drop off location. Perhaps it can be placed further north on Oakland Gravel Road.</p>
<p>04 August 23 Randall Kilgore</p> <p>VOTES <b>2</b></p>	<p><b>DRIVE-IN / DROP-OFF   Give thought and consideration to how best to access the containers; back-in? drive straight in?</b></p> <p>Multiple vehicles at one drop-off recycling center creates congestion when some people back-in to unload, while others pull straight-in to the location and unload. There is no sense of order when multiple vehicles are present and dropping off items for recycling.</p>

## IDEAS

### Comments


<p>04 August 23 Randall Kilgore</p>	<p><b>SITE CONSIDERATION / Oakland Gravel Road and Vandiver</b></p> <p>VOTES 1</p> <p>While I don't disagree with the proposed location of this new northside recycling center, I do think that particular intersection gets a lot of traffic. Access and parking to unload recyclables will be very important. I heartily support a north location as I currently drive to Columbia College, or south of town to drop off recycling at the State Farm Road location, which is across town from me.</p>
<p>09 August 23 Tarablooms</p>	<p><b>Reuse area</b></p> <p>VOTES 0</p> <p>Have a covered area set up for dropping off re-usable items that other residents can then take for free. This is something I used a-lot when living in Chatham County North Carolina. They had a place for kids toys, clothing, small appliances, and other random household stuff. While I no longer need this type of thing, it is very helpful for residents who cannot afford thrift stores and also for those like myself who prefer to directly give to those who might need it rather than donating to bloated controversial charities like Goodwill who just take our stuff and resell it at high prices so poor people can't afford to thrift. It is also ideal for people striving to re-use first before recycling...recycling is ok but reusing is much more earth friendly and impactful.</p>
<p>09 August 23 Tarablooms</p>	<p><b>Info on " Salvage Sheds" program</b></p> <p>VOTES 0</p> <p><a href="https://www.orangecountync.gov/2437/Salvage-Sheds">https://www.orangecountync.gov/2437/Salvage-Sheds</a> Great info on Salvage Sheds provided at recycling centers in North Carolina (:</p>
<p>10 August 23 gmcox01</p>	<p><b>The City owns or controls hundreds of acres of land under Parks near the area. Put up a screening system and establish three drop off sites.</b></p> <p>VOTES 0</p>
<p>10 August 23 gmcox01</p>	<p><b>cont. The sites are a short drive from the sorting center.</b></p> <p>VOTES 0</p>

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### Comments

10 August 23	Contact Center	New recycle drop off on northeast side (from Jamal Bawadi)
	VOTES 1	
		<p>"Hi I'm Jamal Bawadi and I live on the north east side of Columbia Missouri. I heard that you want to put the new recycle drop off by vandiver dr and oakland gravel rd. I do agree with the people that lives there that it will cause traffic problems and property sales to go down. I have a New suggestion there's a empty lot on Paris Rd in the shopping center of Gerbes grocery store there was a gas station there called Midwest Patroliom. The gas station is no longer there and there's a huge parking lot. It's a good area to put your 10 recycle bins there. The address is 2102 Paris Rd Columbia Missouri 65202. That whole area is empty. It's a good spot to put your recycle bins. Another reason why vandiver dr and oakland gravel rd is a bad place to put your recycle bins because you have a fire house station there and if there's a emergency the fire department will have a hard time to get to the fires if allot of people are dropping off there recyclables. Please check my idea of putting your recycle bins at 2102 Paris Rd the old Midwest Patroliom gas station spot. Thank You "</p>
10 August 23	Larry Metcalf	Considering the resistance by local residents to the proposed location, I wanted to suggest a location near the landfill off Paris Road.
	VOTES 0	


Because of a glitch in the BeHeard algorithm, some customers who attempted to leave a comment on the Oakland Gravel Road drop-off site page ended up leaving a comment on the Douglass Park page. The comments on the following pages were not included in the Project Report but are included here.

 **pspring**  
28 minutes ago ⋮ ×

I appreciate setting up a recycling center on the North side of town. I will use it. It would be nice to have a purple container for glass.


 **jdeditt2001**  
18 hours ago ⋮ ×

This area of town needs a recycling location, but I question putting it here near this intersection that is already a bit of a mess.


 **MJHecate**  
an hour ago ⋮ ×

**Great Idea Bad Location**

If you want people to recycle and the city won't pick it up, then you need a convenient place for people to drop off their recycling. However, the location proposed will cause even more issues at an already congested intersection. It is about time the city starts to pay attention to the northern part of Columbia instead of always downtown or the south.


 **sharon schneeberger**  
4 days ago ⋮ ×

Please apply the \$\$ for a new recycling center to a city-wide pickup system. As we implement a new system for garbage; it is the right time.

 **Cer**  
7 days ago ⋮ ×

The EXISTING recycling drop-off areas are adequate, the dumpsters just need to be EMPTIED daily (or twice) so that they don't overflow!!

Empty the dumpsters!

 **Sjohnson8**  
2 days ago

Great idea. North side needs better amenities offered to residents.

 **comotose**  
13 days ago



### Oakland Gravel / Vandiver intersection is too busy for a recycling center

I like the idea of an additional north side recycling center, but would like the city to consider other options. This intersection is congested and difficult enough at the best of times. And, as another posted mentioned, the fire station there is critical to our neighborhood - having additional traffic potentially hamper fire and rescue efforts is a huge concern.

 **richard.w.hopkins**  
13 days ago



### Vandiver Recycling proposal still in a bad spot

Wabash Dr. and widening Vandiver will help this intersection but it's still too early to know if the proposed recycling center on Vandiver is the right location. I get that the city owns the lot but you can't tell me this is the best spot given all the traffic at that intersection. What are you other proposed locations for a recycling center in North Columbia?

 **NickCharles**  
12 days ago



### We need a recycling center on the north side of town, and this sounds like the best available option, UNLESS this could be a roundabout!

I like that the site is well within the city, not way on the edge of town. As a resident of the Third Ward, I'm excited at the prospect of having glass recycling in our area! However, it's true that traffic is already rather congested in this area. Couldn't turning the Oakland Gravel - Vandiver intersection into a roundabout ease congestion? I would think the roundabout would need to use the same parcel of city land. If that's not an option, then let's go ahead and make it a recycling center. Food trucks and picnic tables would be great too if there's room.

 **MattRcomo**  
9 days ago



### We need recycling drop off on West side of town.

There are no recycling drop off locations near West side of town. Something near Scott Blvd and Chapel Hill would make sense. Adding one on Douglas Park when there are several very close seems like a poor use of resources. City land options, Jay did park, water treatment, Louisville park, Bonnie view etc.

 **ptj**  
7 days ago



### use a different location.

there is a need for recycle collection in the proposed area. The actual location is a serious issue. Between the two traffic lights and the traffic on the three roads one can't imagine a worse location. There are many times that turning off Oakland gravel road onto Vandiver that the stop light has to cycle three times before you can get on Vandiver. That even happens on afternoons on a Saturday. Add more traffic from a drop off site will just make a bad situation worse.