

Public Comment Form

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We would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this project. You may make comments directly on this form and leave it with staff or mail it to the address indicated below.

Please send comments by Dec. 14, 2021. Thanks for your input.

Comment forms can be mailed to: Steve Hunt
Solid Waste Manager
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Comments may also be emailed to: Waste-Mgmt@CoMo.gov
(Include "Oakland Gravel Road recycling drop-off center" in the subject line)

Comments (additional space for more comments on the following page)

See attached sheet

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

Name STEVE KRONER Email STEVEKRONER@TRANQUILITY.NET

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I can think of several reasons why this location would be a bad choice for a recycling center. First and foremost this intersection is almost always a congested area; whether it is morning rush hour or mid-afternoon traffic. Waiting to turn left onto Vandiver from Oakland Gravel can be a trying experience as traffic backs up on Vandiver heading east. There is even a sign below the stop light "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION." In addition cars heading south on Paris Road wanting to turn right (west) onto Vandiver further makes this intersection a nightmare. This whole narrow area easily becomes a patience demanding "bottle neck."

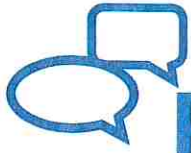
In addition to this issue, a center would destroy green space while adding more light pollution. Why should the fire department there have added duties to oversee/"babysit" the center? When necessary to leave when called upon could make the above congestion more difficult to navigate and perhaps delay getting to their emergency.

Also this proposal would be reasonably close to residential homes and may reduce their property values. After the disasters' unsightly messes at both Moser's on Business loop 70 W and Home Depot on Clark Lane who would want to take a chance of repeating this so close to homes.

Lastly with more people heading south on Route B from Centralia and Hallsville to use this center even more traffic and related backups are possible. The northeast portion of Columbia already has somewhat of a reputation as a less wealthy area and this recycling center could only reinforce people's perception of that.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Steve Kean



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I am against the proposed Oakland Gravel Road recycling drop-off center, primarily because of its location. I don't like it being next to our fire station (station #4). Fire stations are held in esteem - and a recycle center with all that it entails isn't suitable in my eyes. Could the center possibly slow the response time of the fire department?

This intersection is used by many homeowners to connect with Paris Rd, to get into town. If you turn left on

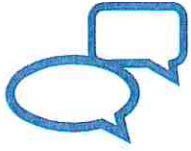
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Name Sandy Nield Email sandrahild@hotmail.com

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip 65302

Signature _____



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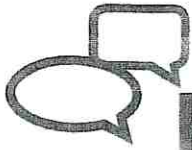
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Additional Comments

Wander from Oakland Gravel, it is about a block from Paris Rd. there is a traffic light there, but being we have two lanes with-in that block to turn left, and one lane to go both straight and make a right turn, traffic is always backed up. We sit at the stop light or Oakland Gravel sometimes two or three lights before the traffic is cleared going east from the intersection. It's a traffic jammed intersection in all directions. A recycle center add even more traffic to this congested intersection.

I wonder who owns the property SW (across the street) from where the city would like to put the recycle center. Will the value of the land go down, will they sell it, put houses on it, no more green space on that corner. How many people will actually use the recycle site now that Cosmo park opened? The bins are guaranteed to have a few other things put into them that don't belong, because people don't know how else to get rid of them. Seems like it's an industrial sized center with ten bins, while many other centers have five. So maybe the city could put the center at the fairgrounds. The people north of town, off of route "B" and Brown Station could use that along with others. It might be an easier access to get in and out of.

Sandy Nield



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Oakland Gravel Road Recycling Drop-off Center.

- 1. Obstruction at Firehouse in Emergency*
- 2. Surrounding Communities dumping there.*
- 3. Not a very good look to the entrance into our sub divisions. Trash everywhere*
- 4. Bottle neck traffic in an already congested area.*

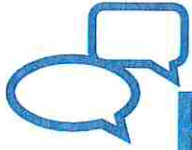
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Name Richard Ghurardi Email _____

Mailing address 3514 Deer Run Dr.

City Columbia State MO Zip 65202

Signature _____



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- Please consider adding a brick veneer to the outside walls to improve the appearance as you drive by.
- Please plant tree landscaping around the outside.

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Name Bruce Alsbaugh Email ALSPAUGHB@GMAIL.COM

Mailing address 2815 Skyview Road

City Columbia State MO Zip 65202

Signature Bruce Alsbaugh

Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Additional recycling drop off centers

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 PM

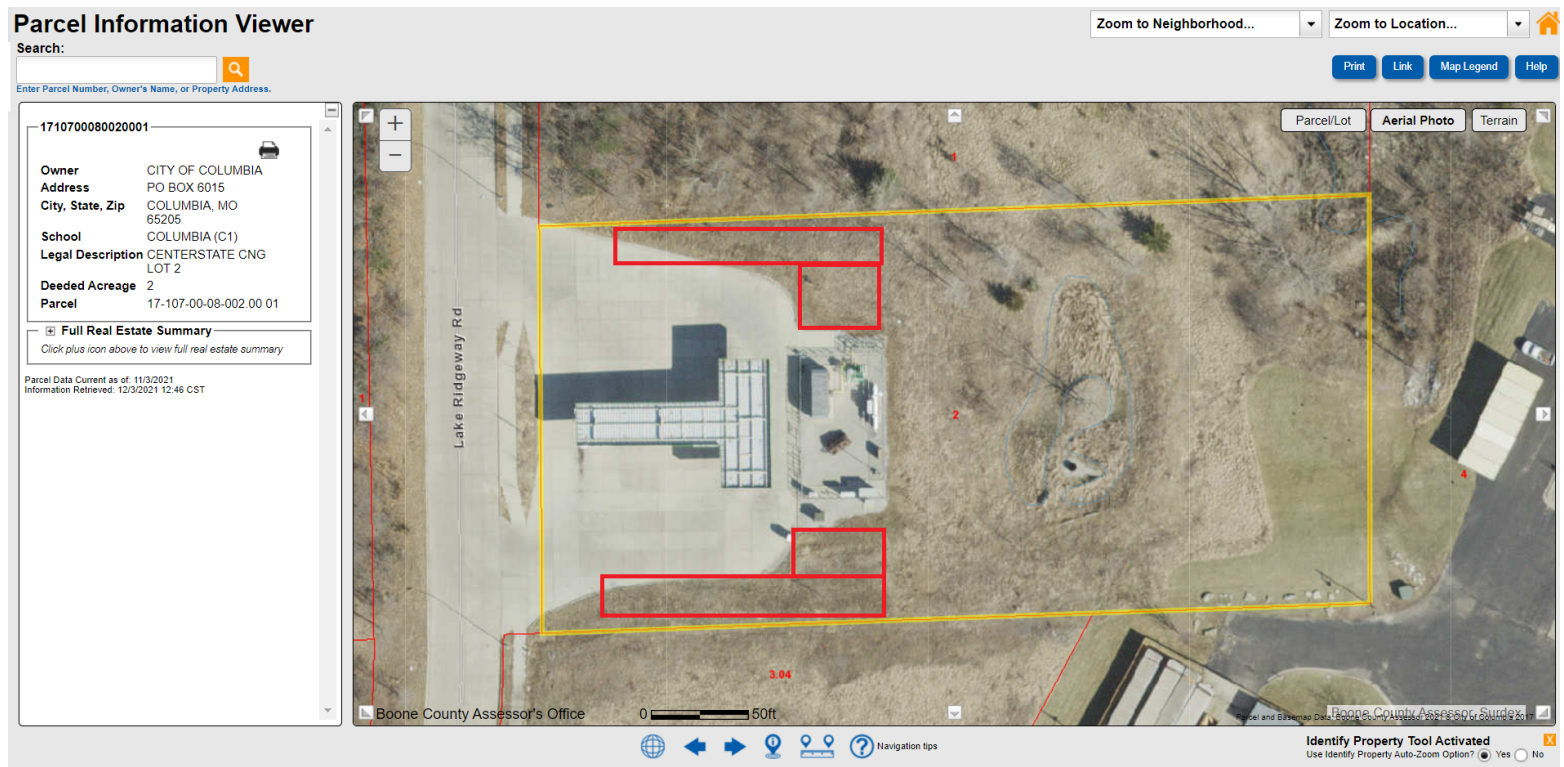
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From: **Matthew Copeland** <offroadercopeland@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Additional recycling drop off centers
To: Waste-Mgmt@CoMo.gov <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

My name is Matt Copeland, City of Columbia resident. I am very interested in helping to find a workable option for waste removal for Columbia. I attended the public interest meeting on Tuesday November 23rd and the rate study breakdown with Stantec consulting on Wednesday December 1st.

I have attached a few options specifically relating to a new recycling drop off center since the city has lost both Moser's and Home Depot locations. I agree that residents need more locations to drop off, specifically if recycling continues to only be picked up curbside every other week. I am opposed to the drop off location at Vandiver and Oakland Gravel, simply due to traffic congestion. That intersection already has traffic flow issues, adding more residential traffic for drop off and commercial trucks for pickup would only add more problems.

#1: Explore options to add recycling containers at the CNG location on Lake Ridgeway Rd. I understand elevation changes pretty drastically on the East side of the lot, there is room on the West side with the current paved area for truck access. Adding paved area on the north or south side of the current paved lot would give space to place collection containers. Advantages are a much lower cost since the site is already improved, and it is outside of direct view of a residential area.



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Owner: CITY OF COLUMBIA
Address: PO BOX 6015
City, State, Zip: COLUMBIA, MO 65205
School: COLUMBIA (C1)
Legal Description: CENTERSTATE CNG LOT 2
Deeded Acreage: 2
Parcel: 17-107-00-08-002.00 01

Full Real Estate Summary
Click plus icon above to view full real estate summary

Parcel Data Current as of: 11/3/2021
Information Retrieved: 12/3/2021 12:46 CST

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#2: Explore short term or long term partnership with University of Missouri at the current construction gated area at Lansing and Portland street. This area already has tall fencing for sightliness and has a graveled ~100X200 area that would accommodate many containers, and is just down the road from the previous location at Moser's on Keene street. City was paying Moser's \$1000/month for the lot agreements, where is that money being allocated now?

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Owner CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY
Address 225 UNIVERSITY HALL
Care Of C/O UM BUSINESS SERVICES
City, State, Zip COLUMBIA, MO 65211
School COLUMBIA (C1)
Legal Description KEENE ESTATES PLAT 2 LOT 1
Calculated Acreage 6
Parcel 17-104-00-01-008.00 01

Full Real Estate Summary
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Thank you for taking the time to evaluate this input, and I look forward to what better solutions the City can work toward for waste collection for it's residents.

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: city drop off site

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:40 AM

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From: **james quade** <ridingbella@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 5:48 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: city drop off site
To: <waste-mgmt@como.gov>

I really like the proposed site on the north side of town off Paris road. Northside people have to drive so far for any drop-off and this site serves a huge community and is very good location centralized. I understand you'll increase traffic but when I went to the one by State farm I did not really see a lot of traffic. So I do not think that's a valid argument for not doing it.

I really do not have much more to say. Does this email account for my support of it or do I need to come to the public meeting on December 7th?

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: New North recycling services

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:03 AM

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From: **Bertie Meadows** <bertiepooh@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 9:19 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: New North recycling services
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Thank you for proposing a new location for the north.

I like to recycle, however I live outside of the city limits and our trash service doesn't offer recycling. Since the removal of ALL locations that were convenient, we stopped recycling. Hopefully with this new addition we can recycle again.

Thank you
Roberta Meadows

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: New recycling site

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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From: **Aprils** <aprilferrao@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 10:09 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: New recycling site
To: <waste-mgmt@como.gov>

I think that is an excellent location for a Recycling site. It seems like the north side has little options now that mosers on bus loop is gone.

I would make sure it's designed in a way that any lines to drop off don't impact the traffic flow at that intersection as it is pretty close to that light and turning left from vandiver onto Oakland can get a bit tricky.

Seems like a good use of the space though.

April ferrao

Sent from my iPhone

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel recycling drop off center

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:27 AM

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From: 'afrankie07' via **Waste-Mgmt** <waste-mgmt@como.gov>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 6:59 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel recycling drop off center
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hello,

The proposed location is much needed for the residents of North Columbia AND is in a convenient location. If a recycling location is any further, people will complain that it's inconvenient.

For those who might talk about traffic, that area already has a four lane road and multiple access points which are underutilized.

The city certainly needs a recycling drop off location in this area and think people would find far more benefit over time after it's implementation.

Thanks,
Adam

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Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 10:19 AM

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From: **Bruce Alspaugh** <alspaughb@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 10:18 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel Road recycling drop-off center
To: Waste-Mgmt@como.gov <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hello,

Recycling bins are not pretty to look at. What plans does the City have for landscaping, trees, fencing, etc. to improve the general appearance and aesthetics of the recycling site?

Bruce Alspaugh
[2815 Skyview Road](#)
Columbia, MO 65202-2213
(573) 474-1622

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To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:27 AM

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From: **Lee Larrick** <LALarrick@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 7:40 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel Road recycling drop-off center
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

I was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but I oppose the proposed area for a drop off site at Oakland Gravel and Vandiver. The intersection is a mess with traffic back ups regularly.

The north side of town needs a recycling drop off, but this is not the place for it. The area on Vandiver by Bass Pro/Menards is an open area which would be less congested.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lee Larrick
3701 Wayside Dr.
Columba, MO 65202

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel Road Recycling Drop-Off Facility

1 message

Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 9:49 AM

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From: **Susie F** <facklams@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 9:47 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland Gravel Road Recycling Drop-Off Facility
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

I am sending this email to protest the construction of a recycling drop off at the intersection of Oakland Gravel and Vandiver. I have some reasons for this. As a 30+ year resident of this community, I view this intersection as the "entrance" to our neighborhood.

First, traffic congestion. With space for only one semi truck between the two traffic lights on Vandiner to cross or turn onto Paris Road, quite often it is pure grid-lock at the Vandiver/Oakland Gravel Road intersection. The "do not block intersection" sign is ignored by drivers as it is frustrating to wait through multiple light changes and go nowhere. When traffic is light you better stop anyway as I believe it to be one of the most run red lights in Columbia. The residents of this community and the persons transporting their children to the schools and parks located on Oakland Gravel Road do not need to deal with or want added congestion. (especially more trucks).

I am familiar with the other recycling centers built similar to what you plan for our neighborhood. The one on State Farm Parkway is not even close to any businesses, residents, or traffic lights. The Cosmo Park location may be closer to businesses but not in residents' front yards, Cosmo was filled with non-recyclable items and the Park's service shop was probably going to be the ones with the ongoing clean up job.at that site. Will the Fire Station be cleaning up after their new neighbors if built as planned? Will firetrucks be able to quickly and easily exit their facility? Also, both of these locations do not have the traffic throughout the day as Oakland Gravel/Vandiver intersection.

Second, building a wall around the area will not keep people from using it as a dump site. Doesn't anyone remember what the Home Depot parking lot looked like!! Broken glass, trashbags, couches and loose papers flying! Large, unbroken down boxes just placed basically anywhere in the area.

This is a residential community which we are proud of. Please do not replace our "green space" with a drop-off site that will quickly become an eyesore.

Please find another location away from a long established residential community.

By the way, I do recycle. I wash empty cans and bottles and I break down all the boxes. I do not wait for the city to pick up recycling every other week. Instead, I take it to a recycling drop off. When the bins are full, I do not leave it in the parking lot but take it another day. It's not trash, it is clean recycling not garbage. It is clear that the residents of Columbia need better instructions on how and what goes into the containers. Can you even recycle after being in the same bin as someone's trash?

Thanks for reading,

Susie Facklam
[2008 Lovejoy Lane](http://2008LovejoyLane.com)
[Columbia 65202](http://Columbia65202.com)
573-289-5810

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland gravel road recycling

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Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 7:29 AM

To: steve.hunt@como.gov

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From: **Heather Morgan** <ms.heather.morgan@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 9:54 PM

Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Oakland gravel road recycling

To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hi. That intersection is horrible enough without added traffic for recycling. Please find another plan.

Heather Morgan
119 Benton St, Columbia, MO 65203

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Heather Morgan

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: OGR recycling center question

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Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 3:40 PM

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From: **Cory McCarter** <coryleif@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 3:38 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: OGR recycling center question
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hello,

Would the proposed site include glass-specific receptacles?

We live in Benton-Stephens and are hoping for a centrally located glass drop-off site.
Though, we haven't been by the Armory in a while...

Thanks!

cory

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Proposed recycling drop off center

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To: Steve Hunt <Steve.Hunt@como.gov>

Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 9:35 AM

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From: **Shyla Ray** <shylajanell@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 9:34 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Proposed recycling drop off center
To: <Waste-mgmt@como.gov>

Good morning,

Regarding the proposed recycling drop off center at Oakland Gravel and Vandiver please see my below concerns. I am unable to make it to the meeting due to the holiday week.

1. Why were recycling centers shut down at other locations, such as Home Depot, given the concerns of trash dumping yet those sites aren't being brought back?
2. What consideration is being taken into account for this intersection? This intersection is already dangerous and backs up with it simply being mostly residential on Oakland Gravel.
3. How would the recycling center be monitored to avoid it becoming a large trash dump? Why is this not a primary concern just as it was the reason drop offs were removed from other locations?
4. What other locations are options that would not impact traffic flow or be nearby residential areas more than business areas?

Thank you for addressing the concerns.
Shyla Ray

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Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 8:21 AM

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From: **Mr Dudley** <dudley_488@msn.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 8:20 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Proposed recycling site on Oakland Gravel
To: waste-mgmt@como.gov <waste-mgmt@como.gov>

This is a busy intersection with limited accessibility and lengthy lights. The increased traffic will be problematic for all commuters in that area, especially during rush hour in the morning and evening. Motor vehicle accidents will increase. This site is in the backyards of many residents. The debris, blowing refuge, and trash accumulation will be detrimental to that neighborhood and property values. A better suited area would be city property down the road in a more industrial/commercial area. I am strongly opposed to this site, however, am in favor of a better suited spot.

Property owner near proposed site.

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Public comment: recycling drop-off at Oakland Gravel

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Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 2:28 PM

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From: **Robin Anderson** <singer521@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 2:26 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Public comment: recycling drop-off at Oakland Gravel
To: Waste-Mgmt@como.gov <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hello,

I live at 2601 Northridge Drive and wished to provide some comments and ask a few questions about the proposed recycling drop-off site.

Concerns:

- There is an absolute need for a recycling center north of 70. I question whether this is the right location. For residents north of Vandiver, Oakland Gravel is a main thoroughfare to the west, east, and south areas of town without having to get on 63 or 70, which makes the Oakland Gravel / Vandiver intersection complicated at best.
 - Eastbound Vandiver through the light at Oakland Gravel (over the railroad tracks) and onto the light at Paris, there's room for maybe 4-6 vehicles without blocking the light at Oakland Gravel. Many cars do end up blocking the intersection, which prohibits cars turning left onto Vandiver from Oakland Gravel and creating backup at peak times. Also, the stop point for the light is almost directly underneath the light itself (probably because there's so little room for multiple vehicles there). Many drivers will sit through a portion of a green light simply because it's difficult to see, further congesting the area.
 - For these reasons, residents north of Blue Ridge who can avoid Oakland Gravel will often use Paris as an alternate route. Is the city considering an entry point off of Paris? If so, please consider a dedicated turn lane in to avoid further congestion on Paris, particularly for slower-moving recycling trucks entering the site. If this entry point will *not* be one-way, exiting the site onto Paris should absolutely be right-turn only to avoid collisions with exiting trucks, as Paris is a major arterial (while the speed limit is 40, many drive faster to make the light at Vandiver or merge into the left lane before the bridge further down the road where the right lane must turn onto Business Loop).
 - Will there be a dedicated turn lane in off Oakland Gravel? If not, it's likely to produce more congestion for cars turning northbound onto Oakland Gravel off Vandiver. Any exit out onto Oakland Gravel should be right-turn only to keep traffic moving.
- The road gradation immediately eastbound of the railroad track before the light is concerning. There's a huge buckle in the road (as in, several feet high). In a previous low-lying vehicle, I would often scrape my front end at speeds greater than 5mph, especially heading westbound on Paris through the light, and I see / hear many drivers with the same issue. The solution to avoid vehicle damage is to drive slower through that intersection, which allows fewer vehicles to pass through the green light and vehicular backup on Vandiver east of the light at Paris. Garbage and recycling trucks entering the area will exacerbate this issue. There is also no right turn lane onto Paris from westbound Vandiver, which causes further congestion alongside vehicles entering and exiting Break Time.
- I've seen busses from nearby Oakland Middle School, Blue Ridge Elementary, and Lange Middle School use Oakland Gravel as a thoroughfare as well. One bus typically takes the length of a light to turn at the intersection of Oakland Gravel and Vandiver, creating backup at peak times.

Questions:

- What alternate sites, north of I-70 or otherwise, have been considered for dropoff?
- Are there any available sites on Vandiver east of Paris and before 63? The speed limit increases from 35 to 45 which eases congestion and there seems to be quite a bit of open space to the north and businesses to the south (Menards, Bass Pro, Hilton Garden Inn, etc.). Has the city consulted or considered any of these areas / businesses?
- How does the city anticipate traffic to be impacted in the area? Has there been a traffic impact study or other formal observation?
- What are the proposed terms surrounding the site? Will it be leased? If so, for how long? Is road construction required? If so, how long will that take?

- According to a [news article from last summer](#), the city was considering a site in this area as long ago as July. Why did it take until one day before the hearing to notify the public? I'm concerned that two days before Thanksgiving, the amount of public input will be disproportionately low. This is unfortunate for residents in the area and honestly a bit insulting.

[Robin Anderson](#)

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Fwd: [Waste-Mgmt]: Recycle drop off site

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Robin Flenoid <robin.flenoid@como.gov>
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Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:40 AM

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From: <tempoc@socket.net>
Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 10:28 PM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Recycle drop off site
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Thank you for trying to give us (Northeast Columbia) a recycle area. I agree with the comments that the traffic in the area will not make this easily accessible.

What are the chances of putting it on the parking lot near Gerbes where the gas station used to be? (2712 was the street number) Getting in and would be easier.

If there is no other area nearby where you can/would consider putting the recycle drop off – then please do put it where you are proposing, we NEED one.

Chris Temporal

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From: **Esther Ellis** <estherruthellis@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 8:56 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Recycling at Vandiver/Paris
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Good Morning,

I live near Vandiver/Paris, and regularly drive through that intersection, and would like to provide some comments on the proposed installation of a recycling receptacle there.

In providing recycling access for people who live in the area, I think the general location is good.

My biggest concern would be traffic flow. Especially during higher traffic times, the Oakland Gravel/Vandiver/Paris section gets pretty backed up. If a recycling place were to go in here, I would advocate for examining and adjusting the intersection as part of the recycling installation process.

Best Regards,

Esther Ellis

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Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:40 AM

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From: **Sarah Hicks** <shicks1081@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:27 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Recycling Center
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hi! I saw on the news that a new recycling drop off center is being considered at Vandiver and Oakland Gravel. While I agree that there needs to be a center for NE Columbia, that intersection is just untenable. It's so congested and impossible to get through any time traffic is busy. Not your department, but someone should really look at how to improve that intersection. :) Assuming land is available, I'd suggest further down Vandiver toward 63. Still easily accessible for the area without the unreasonable traffic issue.

Thanks for reading my two cents!
Sarah Hicks

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Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:03 AM

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From: **Paul T. Juckniess** <ptj1000@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 25, 2021 at 11:10 AM
Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Ref: Proposed Recycling drop off on Oakland Gravel Rd.
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>
Cc: <Ward2@como.gov>, <streets@como.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I traverse the intersection of Oakland Gravel Rd and Vandiver quite often. Many times during the day including on weekends that intersection is unable to adequately handle the traffic load. Due to a combination of factors it's not uncommon to wait thru two traffic light cycles in trying to make a left turn from Oakland Gravel Rd on to Vandiver. Given the current congestion it is difficult to support the placement of a collection point in the proposed area. There certainly is a need for a collection point in the area since the loss of the Gerbes location and the Home Depot location.

One can only assume that the removal of collection points in some of the parking lots of retail stores in Columbia which are very convenient for many customers show that the City of Columbia is a poor partner to business. Maybe the city should try harder. I'm sure that what we saw last year with the overflowing containers would have incurred a fine if it would have been a private business. I would find it hard to believe that collection points in retail parking lots are more expensive for the city.

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Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 7:01 PM

Another comment for inclusion in consideration of the drop off site.

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Subject: [Waste-Mgmt]: Recycling drop-off center at the intersection of Oakland Gravel Rd and Vandiver Dr
To: <Waste-Mgmt@como.gov>

Hello,

I understand you are interested in hearing comments from the public about the proposed recycling drop off location at Oakland Gravel Rd and Vandiver Dr. I am 100% in favor of this proposal. We used to drop off our recycling at Home Depot before that location was closed. It would be very nice to have a close, convenient drop-off location once again.

Brian Powell
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