




## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

### Memorandum

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**TO:** Members - Planning/Public Works Committee

**FROM:** Michael G. Herring 

**DATE:** December 11, 2008

**RE:** Multi-family recycling

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As detailed in the attached memo, prepared by Darcy Captick, Co-Chair of the Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE), the CCE would like the City to explore the interest of multi-family complexes in having the City use its considerable "buying power", on their behalf, to secure waste-hauling contracts which would INCLUDE the provision of single-stream recycling services to the residents of those complexes.

**WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE**, my Staff would first identify all such complexes not currently covered by our contract with Republic (Allied) Waste Services and determine how their garbage is currently being handled (dumpsters; central clusters of individual garbage cans; other?). This would include both apartment complexes and owner-occupied condo complexes, whose garbage collection is not provided on a unit-by-unit basis. Obviously, the collection of dumpsters is much different than the more labor-intensive collection of individual cans. We would then group similar complexes together and contact each to determine their willingness for us to initiate this non-binding bid process. Obviously, no one would be required to participate and, if the bid rates are not lower than what these complexes are currently paying, I do not imagine that they would want to participate. It is, however, worth the effort, in my opinion!

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, this will be discussed at the next P/PW Committee meeting.

CC: Mayor John Nations

Mike Geisel, Director - Planning/Public Works

Aimee Nassif, Planning/Development Services Director

Brian McGownd, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Libbey Malberg, Ass't City Administrator: Community Services/Economic Development

November 6, 2008

Memo to: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator ✓  
Libbey Malberg, Assistant City Administrator, City Staff Liaison

From: Citizens Committee for the Environment  
Darcy S. Capstick/Ken Denson – Co-Chairs

RE: Multifamily “Single Stream” Recycling

In light of the City’s recent successful negotiation for a new trash and recycling contract, CCE unanimously recommended at its 10/20/08 meeting that the City pursue the feasibility of recycling at Multifamily Dwelling Units (MFDUs) and take appropriate action(s) for economies of scale for **both the environment and economy** in our community.

Please gauge the attitude of Multifamily Dwelling Units (MFDUs), those NOT served by Chesterfield’s residential bid spec, for ‘Single Stream’ Recycling servicing and perhaps other services. This would be to negotiate lower competitively bid pricing for “Single Stream” recycling and perhaps other services for interested MFDUs. The objective would be to “batch together” those interested, or separately develop a bid spec for MFDUs, in order to get a competitive bid/bid spec using Chesterfield’s buying power to negotiate lower pricing.

CCE’s objectives are to maximize the volume of recyclables diverted in part because of the Countywide stipulation by 2010, conserve energy and its costs, reduce the frequency of large hauler trucks in Chesterfield and on MFDUs streets (wear and tear, cleaner air, safety factors...), enhance curb appeal at MFDUs, provide for more efficient business practices, and allow children in families who have been learning about recycling at all schools to practice it at home! (Measurability should be used for applicable factors: the number of MFDUs in Chesterfield currently recycling vs. those not vs. those who start recycling, recyclables and MSW tonnage from these sites before and after, number of trucks consolidated, number of families recycling at MFDUs, for example, if possible, and so-on.)

In an effort to “do more better,” **addressing long-standing recycling concerns of and for families** at MFDUs is responsible, environmentally sound, and recognizes the education CCE and our public and private schools have been teaching about conservation of our natural resources and energy, directly contributing to our sustainability.

Please advise.

CC: Mayor Nations  
Councilmember Erickson  
CCE