

*Note to City Council:*

Unless advised otherwise, I will be implementing this cost-saving measure.

- John Szerlag, City Manager

March 11, 2005

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager / Services  
Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director

RE: Agenda Item - Report and Communication – DPW Recycling Center Closure

### **DPW RECYCLING CENTER CLOSURE**

The DPW recycling center generated a loss for the 2004 fiscal year of over \$33,700.00. The hauling charges plus the loss of credits due to contamination with refuse items were the main contributing factors for this shortfall.

It has continued to be very difficult to maintain a clean product at our unmanned drop off center. When trash is mixed with the recyclables, the entire load must be considered contaminated due to the cost and safety issues necessary to separate the materials by hand. As a result we have received no credit for many loads of recycling materials. This has been an ongoing problem.

**The most efficient and cost effective way for residents to recycle is to use the curbside recycling program.**

TROY residents have access to 2 additional recycling centers in our city. Tringali Sanitation on the East side and SOCRRA on the West side of Troy.

#### Tringali Sanitation

33373 Dequindre, just north of 14 Mile Road on the West side of the street

Monday – Friday 7AM – 5PM 248-585-9120

Plastic jugs and bottles, Newspaper, Magazines, Cardboard and small metal items

#### SOCRRA

995 Coolidge, between 14 and 15 Mile Road

Monday – Friday: 7AM – 5PM/Saturday: 7AM-1PM 248-288-5153

All curbside items PLUS Auto Batteries, office paper, books

By appointment: Hazardous Waste and Electronic Equipment

We realize there is a reasonable likelihood that after closing our facility we will continue to receive additional waste at this location and therefore we will be keeping the gates locked to the area during the overnight hours. Compost and woodchips will still be available at the DPW site.

Attachments: schedules and notifications for the DPW recycling center closure.

Prepared by Vicki Richardson DPW Solid Waste Coordinator

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Approved: John Szerlag, City Manager

## Schedule of Public Notice and Action Plan

- 5/1/05
  - Post notification at entrance to recycling center.
  - Have weatherproof message center at the recycling center containing information concerning various options for recycling and disposal.
  - Distribute notices to all of our public buildings (Library, City Hall, Community Center etc.)
  - Coordinate with Community Affairs to:
    - Publish a notice in the local newspaper
    - Notification located on Cable TV
    - Post on Web Site
- 6/1/05
  - Remove recycling containers and reconfigure the area for residents to pickup compost and woodchips.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:**

The decision to close our Drop Off Recycling Center located at 4693 Rochester Road was made following an extensive review of the facility's operating expenses and safety issues.

While recycling reduces the volume of waste disposed in the landfill, and correspondingly reduces disposal fees the DPW recycling center operational costs have not been offset by the revenues of the recyclables. It does not justify the ongoing tax dollar investment in maintaining the recycling center due to continuing high costs and concern for our resident's personal safety.

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Auto-Lab Diagnostic & Tune-up Center, 2790 W Maple	248-643-7690 \$2.00
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Uncle Ed's, 3801 Rochester Rd Will dump resident's container and return	248-689-9250 Free
All Night Auto, 3872 Rochester Rd Between Big Beaver and Wattles – East side of street	248-619-9020 Free
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Attachment B

## NOTICE TO NEWSPAPERS

The City of Troy today announced plans to close the DPW recycling center at 4693 Rochester Road on June 1, 2005.

The decision was made following an extensive review of the facility's operating expenses and safety issues.

With the recent expansion of the curbside recycling program, it is easier than ever to recycle. The most cost effective way to recycle is to place your items at the curb, but if you can't there are 2 other recycling centers in the City of Troy:

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SOCRRA at 995 Coolidge will take all curbside items plus auto batteries, office paper, books, clothing, shoes, blankets and toys. No appointment is needed. Their hours are Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm and Saturday 8 am – Noon.

The cost savings that will result from this action make it a necessary step in the process of controlling costs for the City of Troy. For further information please call the Refuse and Recycling Department at 248-524-3399.

## NOTICE ON CABLE TV AND WEB SITE

THE RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER AT 4693 ROCHESTER ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED ON JUNE 1, 2005.

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