

City of Maplewood

Lessons Learned in the Organization of the City's Trash Hauling

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- Inner Ring Suburb
- Population 38,018
- 11,345 Single Family Homes
- 4,170 Multi-Family Homes
- Organized Recycling
- Prior to organizing trash – open hauling system with 9 residentially licensed haulers



Problems

- Inefficient trash collection
- High cost to residents
- Truck traffic
- Lack of control

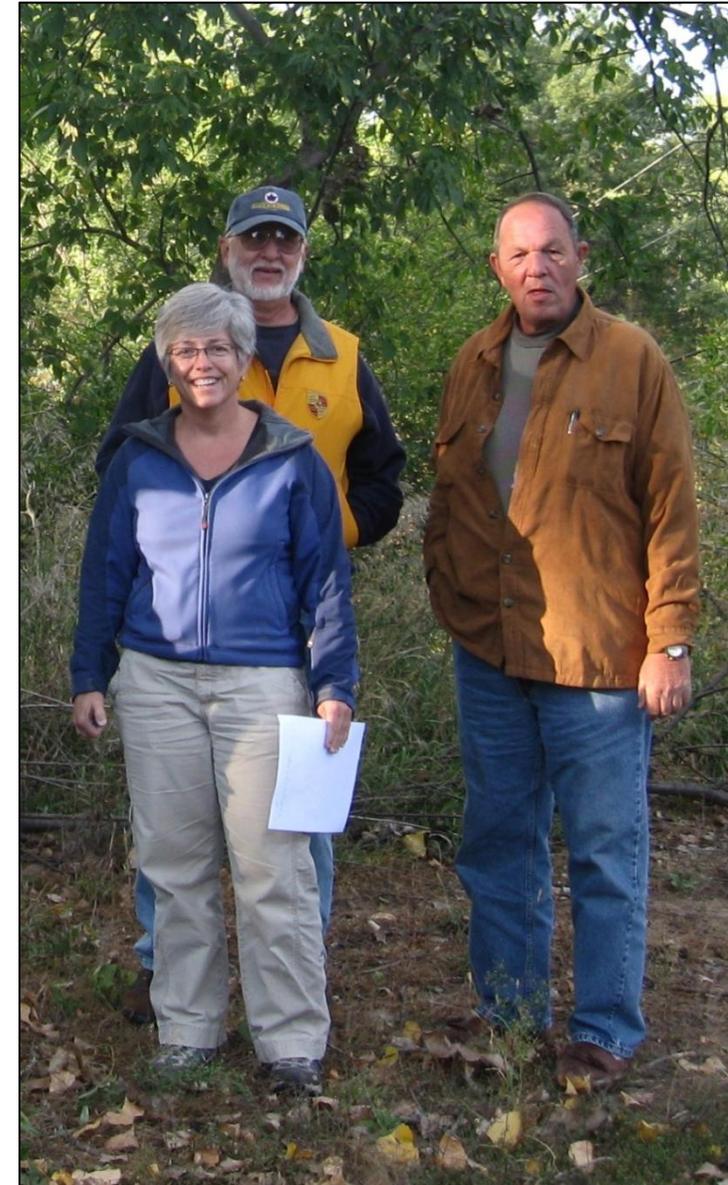


Trash System Analysis



Why Study the City's Trash System?

- Resident concerns
- Environmental and Natural Resources Commission Goal



Trash System Analysis

- City Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to Organize on March 28, 2011

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MINNESOTA STATUTES 2009

115A.94

115A.94 ORGANIZED COLLECTION.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Organized collection" means a system for collecting solid waste in which a specified collector, or a member of an organization of collectors, is authorized to collect from a defined geographic service area or areas some or all of the solid waste that is released by generators for collection.

Subd. 2. **Local authority.** A city or town may organize collection, after public notification as required in subdivision 4. A county may organize collection as provided in subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. **General provisions.** (a) The local government unit may organize collection as a municipal service or by ordinance, franchise, license, negotiated or bidded contract, or other means, using one or more collectors or an organization of collectors.

(b) The local government unit may not establish or administer organized collection in a manner that impairs the preservation and development of recycling and markets for recyclable materials. The local government unit shall exempt recyclable materials from organized collection upon a showing by the generator or collector that the materials are or will be separated from mixed municipal solid waste by the generator, separately collected, and delivered for reuse in their original form or for use in a manufacturing process.

(c) The local government unit shall invite and employ the assistance of interested persons, including persons licensed to operate solid waste collection services in the local government unit, in developing plans and proposals for organized collection and in establishing the organized

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- Next Steps
 - Hired a Consultant - \$60,000
 - 180 Day Process
 - 90 Day Planning Period
 - 90 Day Negotiation Period
- City Council Authorized Organization of City's Trash System on November 28, 2011
- Findings of Fact

Outcome

- Five Year Contract
- City Wide Single Hauler
 - Cost: \$6.79 to \$13.17 per month
 - Residents will save
 - \$1.1 million per year less than the current average published rates
 - \$1.6 million per year less than the average actual rates

Barriers Under Old Law

- Time and cost
- Politically charged
- No chance to work together toward a mutually beneficial outcome

Unexpected Challenges

- Trash cart order
 - 20/32/65/95 gallon carts
- Trash cart purchase
- Resident billing addresses
- Trash cart roll out



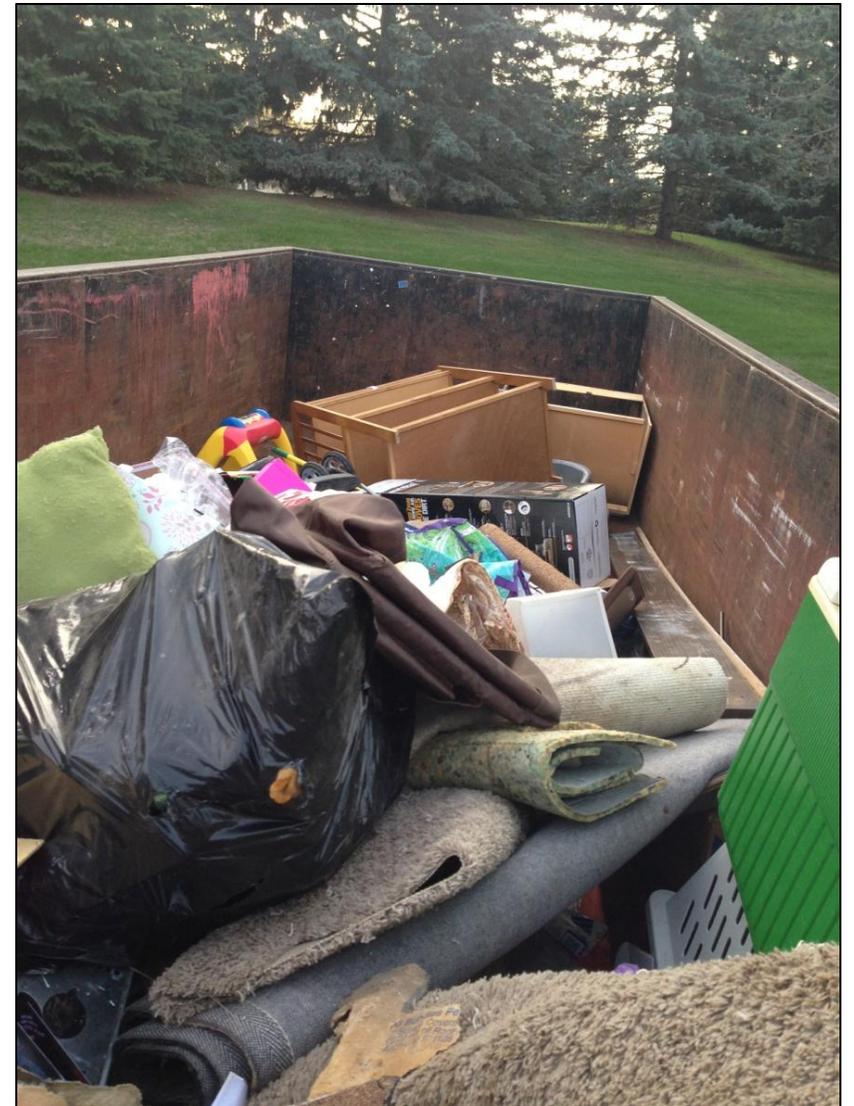
Unexpected Benefits

- All residents have trash service or an environmentally responsible way of disposing of trash
- Solid Waste Ordinance and Standards
- Trash and Recycling Education



Unexpected Benefits

- Better records
- Code enforcement
- Licensing



Unexpected Benefits

- Working relationship with contracted hauler
- Cooperative purchasing



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