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Subject: Recycling options update

Good Afternoon Bill,

As you are aware, a variety of City staff and interested outside parties have been exploring ways to improve recycling options for our residents and costs associated with doing so. To date we have done the following:

- You and Ralph joined me in a small road trip to Hallowell and Riverside Disposal in Chelsea to see a couple of simple and local programs. Hallowell is open to working with us on a trial basis to allow residents access to their drop-off facility located at Hallowell Public Works. Riverside Disposal, our largest local rubbish/recycling contractor, is also interested in what changes we might make to our recycling program.
- We have collected information on the pay-as-you-throw rubbish and curbside single stream collection program that Waterville recently instituted.
- Additionally, I have spoken with Manchester about the single stream roll-off program they do with Eco-Maine and will, in fact, be meeting with Eco-Maine tomorrow to see if there is an opportunity to work with them to provide more drop-off options for single stream recycling in Augusta and the costs associated with that.
- Ralph and I have met with Waste Zero and provided them with the costs and logistics of our current recycling program. They will do an analysis of this information and get back to us with possible scenarios for improved recycling and associated costs from their perspective.

Upgrading our existing recycling program is a bit complicated from both a capital outlay and operations perspective; we have to consider costs to both the curbside/drop-off program and also storage and transportation to recycling markets (the Hatch Hill piece of the pie). The information we are gathering will be very useful in showing costs associated with improving recycling. Once we hear back from Waste Zero and Eco-Maine we should have the information we need for a discussion at an Informational Meeting, hopefully later this month. We may be able to fairly inexpensively and quickly improve our options for dropped off recyclables. A larger investment in revamping our curbside program and infrastructure at Hatch Hill should probably be considered during the budget process.

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