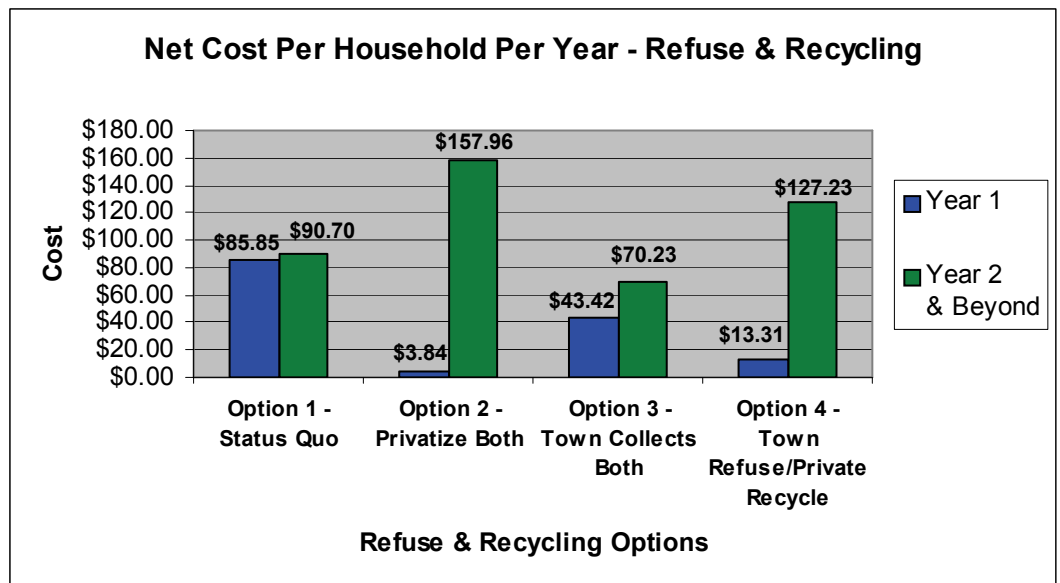


Refuse and Recycling Study Update

Town staff presented a study on refuse and recycling options at the August 6th Town Board meeting. Staff recommends Option 3, whereby the Town would collect both refuse and recycling curbside. Not only would Option 3 cost the least, but it will also help us recycle more and increase the safety and efficiency of our public works crew. A public hearing was then held on September 3rd. Staff has prepared answers to the questions raised on the 3rd and has attached this information to this e-Notify and the Town's website. The Town Board will hold another public hearing and vote on this issue on **October 1st at 7pm.**

The chart to the right summarizes the net annual cost per household for each option. Option 3 is the most cost-effective approach.

Click [here](#) to view the full study. Click [here](#) to view the August 6th presentation. Click [here](#) to order a refuse cart.



Register Early for Nov. 4th Election

As the Presidential Election on November 4th approaches, the Town is encouraging early registration to help avoid long lines at the polls. Residents that are not already registered can do so at Town Hall during normal business hours—Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If you choose to register at the polls on Election Day, be sure to bring your drivers license and proof of residency. Absentee ballot applications are now available at Town Hall if you can't come to the polls on November 4th.

Town Sports Complex Planning Begins

The recently appointed Sports Complex Subcommittee is moving forward with some of the initial planning for this new park. [Click here to view updates on their progress and the growing list of supporters on the Sports Complex website.](#)

Brush Chipping Available until Oct. 31st

The Town will continue to accept brush chipping requests until October 31st. The fee for chipping is \$45.00 minimum (up to one-half hour) or \$90.00 per hour. Chips will be available at the recycling yard for public use. If you'd like to sign up, please call Town Hall at 377-4509.



Frequently Asked Questions: A Study of Refuse & Recycling Options

The following questions were asked at a public hearing before the Town Board on September 3rd. Town staff has prepared answers to each question.

Question: Does the Town want to stop recycling altogether?

Answer: No. The Town has no interest in halting our recycling program.

Question: Will a change in service provision (privatizing refuse or recycling collection, or both) cost more than the status quo whereby the Town collects refuse and residents bring recyclables to the recycling center?

Answer: Yes, Options 2 and 4 will cost more than Option 1 (status quo) and Option 3 (Town collects both curbside). Option 3 is the most cost-effective option as it would cost about \$40,000 less than the status quo beginning in the second year. [Click here](#) to see the study for additional information.

Question: Could strikes, such as the current Waste Management strike, affect the provision of these services should the Town privatize one or both?

Answer: If the Town were to privatize either or both of the services, it would contract with Veolia Environmental Services, as their bid was the lowest. Currently, Veolia does not have union employees and a strike would not occur. If Veolia's employees were to join a union, a strike would be possible. A strike could impact the delivery of these services.

Question: Is the recycling center a profitable venture for the Town?

Answer: No. Although the Town does receive a grant from the State of Wisconsin and income from the sale of recyclables, Town taxpayer dollars are still needed to offset operating expenses.

Question: Residents have been surveyed in the past asking if they would like to keep the recycling center operating as it currently does. Respondents stated they would like the center to remain in operation. So why is the Town considering closing the center?

Answer: The Town periodically investigates the service delivery options for refuse and recycling in order to ensure they are provided in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Closing the recycling center is being considered because there may be a better way to provide this service. The Town Board is very interested in resident feedback, which is why public comment was taken at the August 6th and September 3rd Town Board meetings. The meeting on October 1st will provide another opportunity for public comment.

Question: Why does the Town want to sell the recycling center property?

Answer: The recycling center property is located on Washington Avenue and experiences traffic counts of over 10,000 vehicles per day. This frontage holds great potential for commercial redevelopment. Redevelopment would provide new/expanded services, contribute to the tax base, and help us implement our vision for the Five Corners area as detailed in the [Five Corners Master Plan](#).

Question: Will the Town have to repay recycling grant money if the recycling center is closed and recyclables are picked up curbside?

Answer: No, the Town will not have to repay grant money to the State of Wisconsin. The Town would continue to be eligible for this grant as long as the Town would provide some sort of recycling program (Town operated or privatized collection).

Question: Would the revenue generated by selling the recycling center property be sufficient to build another recycling facility?

Answer: The Town could build another facility elsewhere; however, it would not be the most cost-effective option. The revenue generated by the sale of the recycling center property would not be sufficient to cover the costs of buying another suitable parcel and building another facility, which is estimated at \$500,000. Additional taxpayer dollars would be needed to bridge the funding gap.

Question: Would privatizing refuse pickup change how other refuse/recycling services are provided (i.e. large item pickup, appliance drop-off, oil, compost pile, tires, metal pile)?

Answer: Maybe. If the Town elects to change the way these services are provided, it is possible the manner or location of these services would change. The Town Board will consider these issues after a decision is made on refuse and recycling.

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