



**Dakota County Solid Waste Master Planning
Multiunit Feedback on Draft Strategies
Round 2 Summary and Compilation
 May 2017**

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Introduction

This section provides an overview of the Master Planning revision process, information about this report, and project contacts. Following this are results by question.

Background

Dakota County is currently revising its [2012-2030 County Solid Waste Master Plan](#). The revised Master Plan will guide proper waste management within Dakota County for 2017-2037, and include strategies to divert waste from the landfill and comply with state mandates and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Policy Plan.

Everyone in Dakota County produces waste, which is why all stakeholders should be involved in the Master Plan revision process. The revisions will impact residents, businesses, haulers, and waste facilities. The County's promise is to work with all stakeholders to ensure that concerns and aspirations are reflected in the strategies developed and provide feedback on how stakeholder input influenced the decisions. See phases at right.

- **Phase 1 – Gather stakeholder input** on solid waste issues, barriers, and solutions (Oct 2016-Feb 2017)
- **Phase 2 – Draft Solid Waste Master Plan strategies and gather stakeholder feedback** (Mar-May 2017)
- **Phase 3 – Draft and revise Solid Waste Master Plan** (June-Oct 2017)
- **Phase 4 – Finalize and approve Solid Waste Master Plan** (Oct-Dec 2017)

Contents and Navigation

This complete compilation and summaries of the Round 2 *multiunit* feedback includes results from May 2017. This feedback will help shape the final draft strategies for the Solid Waste Master Plan.

There were 4 responses to this survey, presented below except for responses to the questions asking for contact information and "If you want to learn more or get more involved with Dakota County recycling, composting, solid waste management, etc., please complete the information below." Contact information is considered private and not included in this public compilation.

Obvious misspellings and punctuation errors were corrected and any vulgar content was deleted; no other content changes were made.

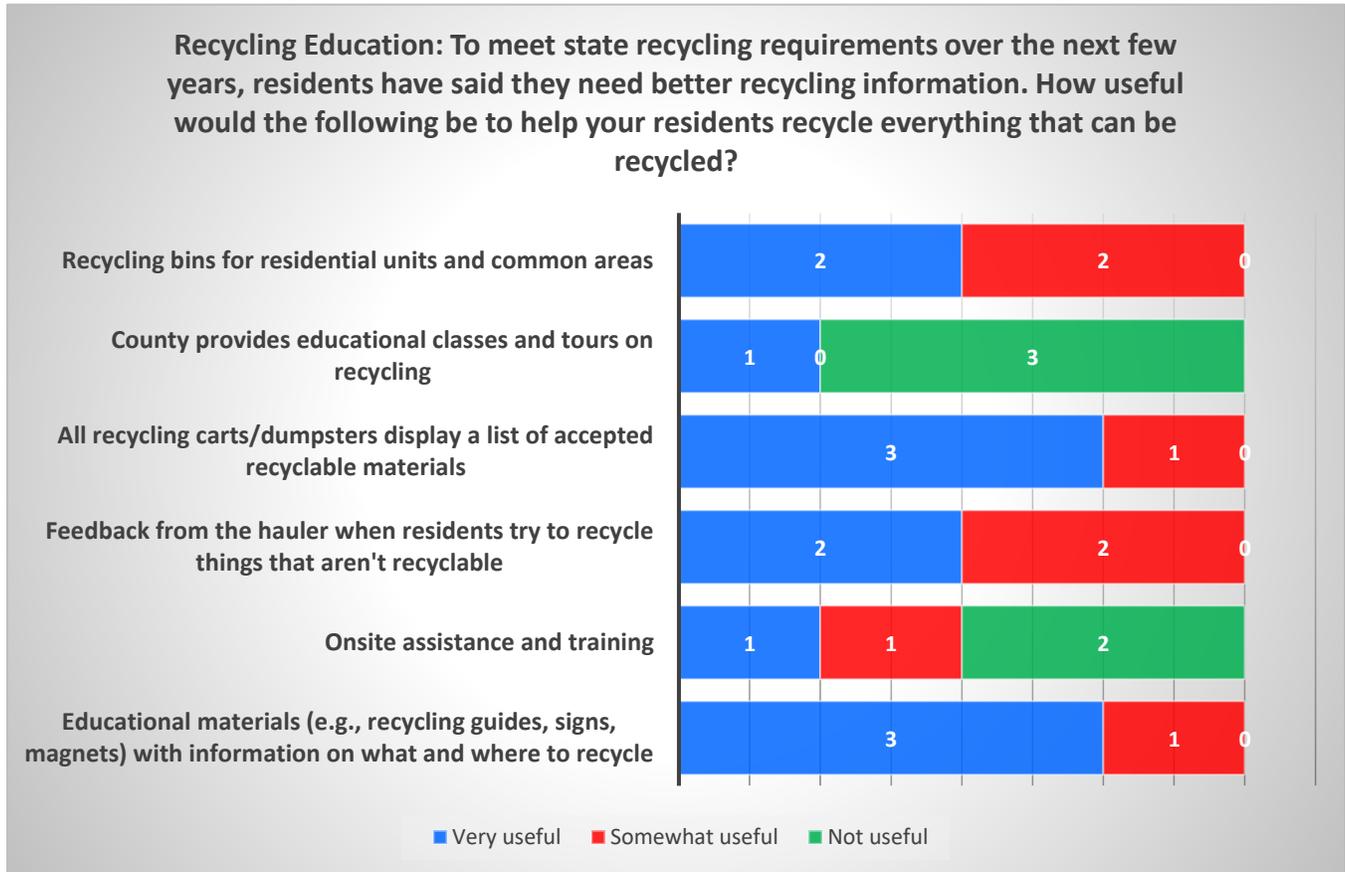
For More Information

For more information about the project or this compilation, see the project [website](#), [sign up](#) for project updates, or contact Dakota County project manager Gena Gerard, Dakota County Environmental Resources Department, gena.gerard@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7021.

1. Recycling Education

There were 4 responses to the question: To meet state recycling requirements over the next few years, residents have said they need better recycling information. How useful would the following be to help your residents recycle everything that can be recycled?

The results are shown below.



There was one response to this follow-up question: What other information would help you or residents in your multiunit dwelling recycle everything that can be recycled?

- I would like to see haulers remind people of the local ordinances. I live next to a duplex which has two large cans and they are always filled to the point that the lids won't close. It gets old having to look at the neighbors trash all the time.

2. Collection Consistency

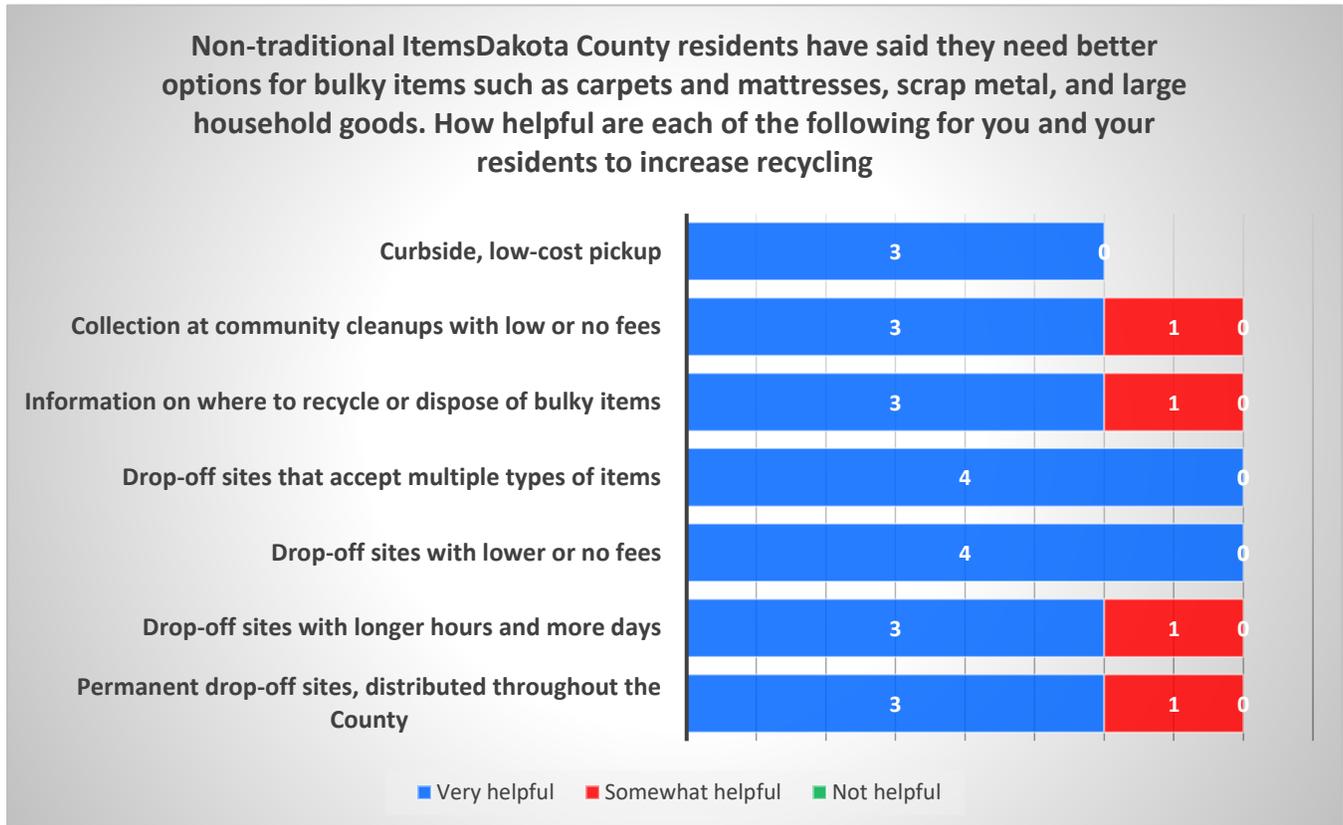
There were 2 responses to the question: Stakeholders have asked that all haulers in the County collect the same recyclable materials (for example, paper, cardboard, cans, glass, plastic, and cartons).

- Consistency helps get the correct message out. People seek information out from people they know and if different haulers take different things then the information people share with each other is incorrect-- though probably well meaning.
- Doesn't matter we only use one hauler.

3. Nontraditional Items

There were 4 responses to the question: Dakota County residents have said they need better options for bulky items such as carpets and mattresses, scrap metal, and large household goods. How helpful are each of the following for you and your residents to increase recycling or properly dispose of bulky items?

The results are shown below.



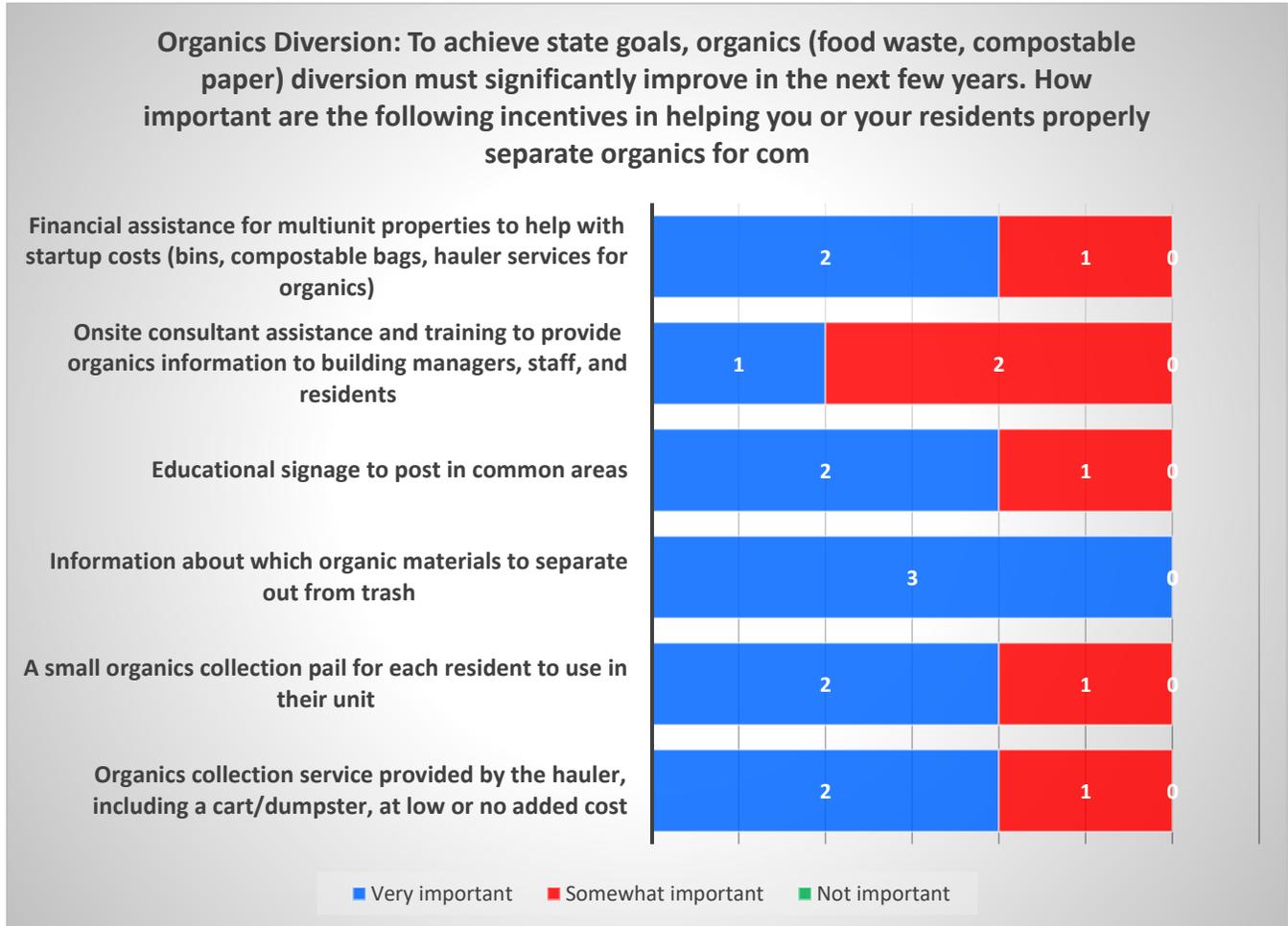
There was one response to this follow-up question: What else would help you or your residents recycle or properly dispose of such items?

- It has to be easy and free or cheap.

4. Organics Diversion

There were 3 responses to this question: To achieve state goals, organics (food waste, compostable paper) diversion must significantly improve in the next few years. How important are the following incentives in helping you or your residents properly separate organics for composting at a commercial facility?

The results are shown below.



There were two responses to this follow-up question: What other incentives would help you or your residents increase organics diversion?

- I don't see organics recycling really taking off in multi-family because of the lack of space for organic containers.
- Not a viable goal.

5. Demographics and Getting More Involved

The following optional demographic information was provided by respondents.

Property Zip codes in Dakota County: 55121 and 55118

Chose the city, town, or township where your multiunit dwelling is located: City of Eagan, City of West St. Paul

Which best describes the type(s) of multiunit dwelling you represent?

Choices and responses were as follows:

- House attached to one or more houses (such as s duplex, townhome, triplex): 0
- Building with four or more apartments or condominiums: 2
- Assisted living with on-site services for people who cannot live independently: 0
- Other: 0

Your primary role?

Choices and responses were as follows

- Property owner/landlord: 0
- Property manager: 2
- Other (please specify): 1, Portfolio Manager-corporate level

Contact information: Two respondents provided their contact information, which is not public.

Getting more involved: Respondents were invited to check a box if they wanted to get more involved with Dakota County recycling, composting, solid waste management, etc. None responded.