



RECOMMENDATIONS & SOLUTIONS

March 22nd, 2024

- 1) Reinstate curbside recycling until a viable long-term solution is available.
- 2) Modify the existing GLF TRASH contract to include:
 - a. The three drop-off sites that are not listed;
 - b. The additional bins / collection times pertaining to recycling;
 - c. Language to ensure our cardboard is collected separately;
 - d. If the materials are going to RDS, we should also add language that the materials are processed as recyclables since they also manage waste at that plant.OR, put the contract to bid and stipulate these items.
- 3) Expand the number of bins and the collection schedule.
- 4) Relocate the City Park drop-off location for the safety of our children.
- 5) Stop using the term “recovery rate” in regard to recycling. In a one-bin / mixed waste process, the recovery rate is the landfill diversion rate. It is not a recycling rate. This is misleading the public.
- 6) Invest in Citizen Education:
 - a. Make regular social media posts about how to recycle right. The last social media post on recycling was 2022.
 - b. Include content on Chesapeake Television.
 - c. Make sure bins are labeled properly and signs are positioned correctly.
 - d. Invest in “No Plastic Bags Of Any Kind” stickers for all bins.
 - e. Feature a slide on how to “recycle right” at the beginning of every Work Session.
 - f. Send a reminder insert in tax bills and notices. A simple insert would not add more to the postage.
 - g. Partner with Chesapeake Recycles on educational initiatives.