



CHESAPEAKE RECYCLES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We've collected 12,435 signatures as of July 12th, 2024;
- We conducted a community survey and the data is consistent with the data collected by the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Norfolk. Both the sister cities have recommitted to their curbside recycling programs;
- We've captured HOURS of surveillance video;
- 16 GPS trackers have been deployed and tracked to RDS, the transfer station and to the landfill;
- We've invested more than 75 hours of research into SPSA, single-bin / mixed waste management, and monitoring what our sister cities are considering;
- The City Park drop-off site has been relocated to a larger site away from Fun Forest;
- The bins at the larger sites have been expanded from 3 to 11;
- The overflow (which is categorized as contaminated material) has been reduced significantly;
- **City workers are no longer removing materials from the bins and taking the materials to the transfer station;**
- We toured the Recycling & Disposal Solutions (RDS) in Portsmouth, VA. This facility handles the sorting of our recyclables. During the tour, we observed a recycling truck take materials to the trash section of the yard. Our concerns were shared with the Director of Public Works and City Leaders;
- We met with stakeholders: private business leaders in the waste management and recycling industry, the Mayor, Members of City Council, the City Manager and the Director of Public Works;
- We've sent countless emails to City Council and City Staff educating them on recycling and the difference between "landfill diversion" and "true recycling";
- Volunteers have delivered educational materials to neighborhoods, and they have come to City Council meetings in support of the issue;
- We're pushing to get an additional drop-off site in the Edinborough borough of the City;
- We're pushing to get a stronger contract which includes measures to ensure our materials are being properly recycled;
- We're pushing to ensure that Total Fiber Recovery (the new paper pulp processing plant headquartered in Chesapeake) receives our paper and cardboard materials;
- We've sent many informative emails to the community; we have a robust social media marketing campaign; and we're pushing the City to help with citizen education; and finally
- **We're pushing City Council to bring back the curbside recycling program!**