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Hudson City Council Hudson, Ohio 44236



On behalf of the Environmental Awareness committee, I would like to request that consideration be given to setting aside sufficient space in the Phase II project for a recycling center that will handle recycling materials from downtown businesses.

Since the recycling center on Owen Brown Street was closed, there is no convenient place for Main Street businesses to recycle materials. We visited seven retail stores on Main Street to speak with their management or staff about how they handle recycling today. Six of the stores used to take recyclable materials, especially cardboard, to the bus depot location. They found this convenient and easy to use. The seventh store has never recycled.

The six stores that recycled in the past were greatly disappointed when the location at the bus depot was closed. They have looked for alternatives. They have found inconvenient. Oak Grove is especially bad during the short winter days.

Four of those stores now load recyclable materials, usually cardboard, into their cars and take it home for recycling. One other usually tries to take cardboard to a school recycling location. This is not convenient.

The other store no longer recycles at all.

There does not seem to be a suitable place in the First & Main area for a recycling center. Most of the sections have a small "garage" for trash and some recycling, but these seem to be proprietary and are not large enough for others to use.

A recycling center similar to the one on Boston Mills Road that can be used only by businesses, no residential, would make recycling much easier for downtown stores and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering this Proposal.

Chairman EAC Committee Member

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