

A TIMELINE OF RECYCLING IN ANN ARBOR

- 1970 - First Earth Day
- June 16/17 Pilot Project at Arborland - glass only, Owens-Ill, Enact, E.C.
  - Sept. 1970-May 1971 - glass station at 221 Felch, Owens, E.C., Tues.- Sat.
- 1971 - July/Augus pilot demo. of curbside recycling. Results presented to city in November. Task Force on Recycling formed.
- May-Nov. 1971 - glass recycling station opened at Arborland with O-I support. Open Sun.-Thurs. w/ paid station mgr.
  - July-Nov. 1971 - newsprint/cans station at Westgate, Saturdays only
  - Dec. 1971 - move both stations, combine at 1965 S. Industrial (Coca-Cola bottling site - land donated by bottling firm)
  - Stopped paying people for their glass. Open Thurs-Sat.
- 1972 - Began taking <sup>aluminum</sup> cans, phone books
- 1973 -
- 1974 -
- 1975 -
- 1976 - Bottle Bill on ballot in November, passes by a margin of 2:1
- Move to 2050 S. Industrial (city land) forced by our support of bottle bill
- 1977 - group approaches E.C. about curbside recycling, E.C. recommends curbside to city, city says the cost is prohibitive.
- RAA organizes in loose confederation with Washtenaw County Friends of the Earth. November 1977 RAA incorporates.
- 1978 - May RAA began biweekly collections to 10% of West Side - modified to monthly
- Dec. Bottle Bill goes into effect. Reduces solid waste stream by nearly 9%. *(This reduction in waste stream is later used as justification against curbside recycling.)*
- 1979 - CETA funds first two paid positions for RAA.
- 1980 - RAA began using S. Industrial site for shipping/transferring materials.
- 20% of city serviced by curbside recycling
  - *RAA/EC merger discussions begin*
- 1981 - \$50,000 worth of capital funding from city
- RAA/EC merger negotiations go on
  - Jan. 1981 commercial service begins (35 U/M offices, 32 other businesses)
  - Jan. 1981 RAA gets 501(c)3 status.
- 1982 - RAA/EC merger completed
- major operating deficits
  - December 1982 curbside covers 30% of the city
  - Spring 1982 begin building the Ellsworth baler building. Pit baler donated. *City funds a new truck, another \$50,000 in capital funds*
- 1983 - Block Coordinator program starts *(1982 planning begins)*
- City began to provide operating subsidies to RAA -- \$32,000
  - Ellsworth location leased for \$1/yr.
  - Curbside covers 50% of city
- 1984 - \$123,000 received in support from city - *operating*
- \$64,000 - capital*
- 1985 - Jan. 1985 80% of city serviced by curbside
- expansion to all single-family dwellings complete in April 1985
  - pilot mobile dropoff station at Forest Hills/U. Townhouses
  - \$121,800 from city for operating costs (60% of operating budget)
  - \$80,500 from city for capital costs (95% of capital budget)
- 1986 - received CMF grants from state totalling over \$400,000
- \$125,000 from city for operating costs
  - \$100,000 from city for capital costs
- 1987 - \$180,000 from city for operating costs
- \$50,000 from city for capital costs
- 1988 -