

RECYCLE ANN ARBOR'S PROCESSING

If you've driven past Recycle Ann Arbor's processing facility on Ellsworth Road in the past few months, you've seen a beehive of activity and startling changes at the site. From very humble beginnings, to the addition of a baler building, automatic paper baler, and glass crusher in the mid to late '80s, the facility now sports several "high tech" improvements. The result is increased processing capacity and efficiency.

The photos on the next two pages document some of the startling changes, which are funded by the Environmental Bond, the City of Ann Arbor, monies from the Protecting Michigan's Future Grant, the University of Michigan, and Recycle Ann Arbor.



Bigger and Better. An addition is added to the baler building. A new paper baler, which doubles the processing capacity at the site, was recently installed.



Before and After. In the upper right corner is an old curbside recycling truck. In the foreground is one of seven new city-owned trucks. An eighth truck is expected to arrive soon.

FACILITY GETS A FACE LIFT

Out With The Old... The remains of "Godzilla," Recycle Ann Arbor's previous glass crusher/tin flattener, at the Ellsworth site.



...And In With The New. Recycle Ann Arbor's new comingled sort line occupies the space formerly taken by Godzilla. At first glance, it looks like a trailer suspended in mid-air. However, it has the capability to efficiently process glass, tin, aluminum, and plastic.

