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Questions for DSI regarding current contract and EQC

- Does DSI provide weekly recycling to other City's? And is there opportunity for the 96 gal recycling containers? **DSI does not currently provide weekly recycling; the county offers 65 gal carts. DSI could offer 95 gal carts where needed. Drivers notice very few overfull containers. The ratio of contamination is higher than avg. Let's work on cleaning up the existing recycling stream to reduce contamination- too much "wish-cycling".**
- Since 2012 when the contract was initially executed, has there been any change in equipment or personnel within the company that has affected the City of Northfield? **We have added operations staff that is familiar with the city. New sales director Jeff Weast in 2014, increased CNG trucks to fleet.**
- Can you provide to total volumes of waste and recycling that DSI has hauled for the City of Northfield since 2012? Also, has there been any change in waste reduction? **Attached, fluctuates due to flood and events.**
- Where is the yard waste and Christmas trees hauled to for disposal? **We deliver this material to the city compost site.**
- In the contract it provides a complaint line, has there been any complaints or accidents and what have they been related to? **No Accidents residentially since we took over the contract in 2012. Complaints- 7 since 2012, multiple Compliments as well however we don't track the compliments as well.**
- EQC members would like an update on the outreach program that DSI has been providing to the City. **Treewards...DSI supplies 1 bare root tree to the city for every 70 tons of recycling Scholarship recipients- \$500.00 scholarship per year, Kathryn Wilke, Bailey Hoffer, this year Michael Malecha. Moving forward we could have the EQC determine the \$500 winner. Currently creating a mobile education center to educate proper recycling, organics,electronics Etc. this is to be used at all city events, fairs, parades, and for customer outreach. 2018 city cleanup- Highest amount of use, 300 cars 1<sup>st</sup> weekend, 330 cars 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Recycling value split with the city each year.**
- EQC members would to know if DSI has provided a divertibility analysis to other communities and what it could look like for the City of Northfield. **NA- Rice County study.**
- EQC members would to know if DSI has provided a commodity analysis to other communities and what it could look like for the City of Northfield. **NA- Rice County Study, high contamination in the county.**
- EQC members would to know if DSI has provided a service opportunity analysis to other communities and what it could look like for the City of Northfield. **NA- However we constantly right size as drivers are trained to send in service adjustments as needed through routing system.**
- EQC members are wondering how many residents opt in to the Angel foundation and the Pink Cart program. **Currently approximately 15-20 residents participate.**
- What emerging products are coming down the road for DSI? i.e. dual stream trucks (recycling and waste), electric/hybrid trucks. **Currently DSI runs 32 CNG trucks with our own filling station and purchase 5-6 new CNG trucks per year. Battery and Hybrid options have not been very successful in testing phases.**
- Is there the ability to create a flex schedule that would allow residents to put out only garbage, only recycling or both recycling and garbage based on fullness of containers? And is there the ability to track who puts what out so that low waste users don't have to put out their garbage

containers weekly? **Our system has the ability however we would need to develop how this would actually work, and may need to be piloted prior to implementation.**

- Is there the ability to have a smaller garbage size? **35 gal, 65, and 95 gal containers are available.**
- EQC members would like to keep the clause that allows the City to add curbside composting at any time. **DSI agrees and has piloted a commingled yardwaste/organics pickup in another city.**
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