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## Feasibility Study for Drop-Off Station and Increased Accessibility

## Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 is made between the City of Ann Arbor (the City) and Washtenaw County (the County).

Whereas, the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works is currently in the process of coordinating the development of a Plan update to the County's Solid Waste Plan; and

Whereas, the County will be convening a solid waste planning committee to facilitate the amendment and Plan update process and the City will provide a representative to participate in the planning committee, and

Whereas, the City currently owns and operates a comprehensive drop-off station (the DOS) at 2950 E. Ellsworth Road, which is used to service the needs of both City and Washtenaw County residents; and

Whereas, the City has available a 13-acre site on Platt Road to construct a new drop-off station with enhanced opportunities, and

Whereas, the County provides one-day collection days to provide services for County residents not in proximity of the DOS, and

Whereas, the County will support a feasibility study to be conducted by a third party contractor to identify opportunities for City and County residents to dispose of materials not accepted at landfills and traditional recycling opportunities for businesses, and

Whereas, the study will include financing methods, organizational model(s), a needs assessment, preliminary site feasibility, and a detailed revenue/expense model for operations

## NOW, THEREFORE IT IS AGREED

- 1. Washtenaw County will write a request for proposal (RFP) and procure for a feasibility study to provide support for the County's Solid Waste Planning Committee, which includes City staff representation, in determining if the inclusion of a new Drop-Off Station into the County's Solid Waste Plan is appropriate.
- 2. The County agrees to pay 50% of costs associated with the proposed feasibility study.
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- 4. Prior to the County's approval of the contract for the feasibility study, City Council authorization for the City's share of the costs must be obtained if the City's share exceeds \$25,000.
- 5. The parties acknowledge that input from the County's Solid Waste Planning Committee will be considered in the joint County/City review of the feasibility study's findings with regard to the planning and implementing a new Drop-Off Station.
- 6. Once a course of action regarding a new Drop-Off Station is selected, the parties agree to determine a cost-sharing arrangement for any construction project and related costs, which will consider past investments in costs determined necessary for the project, including, but not limited to: land acquisition; staff time; and, other soft costs needed to complete the project.
- 7. The parties also agree to work toward an ownership and operation arrangement of any new Drop-Off Station.
- 8. A formal agreement to reflect the construction, ownership, operations and cost sharing arrangements will be prepared and presented to the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works and the Ann Arbor City Council for consideration and approval prior to a project progressing beyond the feasibility study stage described above. Said agreement may include other entities or agencies.

FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR Approved as to substance

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