

## **OTHER ELEMENTS: RECYCLING**

The respondents to the Neighborhood Survey indicated a willingness to participate in a neighborhood recycling program, if one were available (72%); opposed to recycling (21%), and no response (7%). The majority of respondents indicated that they were not willing to pay additional costs for a recycling program.

The City currently does not have a curbside recycling program, and there are no plans to establish one at this point. The City has six brush/recycling sites located throughout the City that accept yard waste, newspaper and cardboard. The closest one for Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood is located at 2453 - 20th Avenue North. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m.. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Per the Sanitation Department, the current drop-off recycling program is very successful and the establishment of a curbside program would be expensive to implement and may not be successful (as has been seen in other cities). The costs to start a program would include the containers, specialized trucks and a company to take plastics and glass, both of which aren't recycled heavily now and is what most residents consider curbside recycling. The expense of a new recycling program would take revenue that goes towards other City programs. Specialized collection trucks would use additional gas and increase congestion and traffic on neighborhood streets. The City's current program has one of the best recycling rates in Pinellas County and the State.

## **OTHER ELEMENTS: RECYCLING ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY**

### **Issues**

1. Encourage the City to establish a free or very low cost recycling program that includes curbside pick up of recyclables.
2. Promote and encourage a neighborhood drop-off site within the boundaries of Euclid/St. Paul's Neighborhood.

### **Recommendations**

1. Through the Neighborhood Association meetings, promote the current City "drop-off" recycling program.
2. Investigate the possibility of creating a neighborhood recycling drop-off site through the efforts of the Neighborhood Association and the City. Possible sites are neighborhood commercial or institutional land uses.