

## Solid Waste Department

- N.E.A.T. Program clean-up requests increased from approximately 20 to 42 neighborhoods per year.<sup>1</sup>
- Completed upgrade of Manhattan Brush Site facility to accommodate staff.
- Completed McKay Bay Waste to Energy Facility retrofits (\$87 million).<sup>2</sup>
- Consolidated small business bulk customers (hand loaded) with residential routes.<sup>3</sup>
- Achieved estimated annual savings of \$350,000 per year through the consolidation of solid waste routes.
- Instituted the Compactor Roll-off Service (1997) resulting in additional revenues of \$6.063 million since its inception.<sup>4</sup>
- Located 239 refuse collection carts in Ybor City (2000).<sup>5</sup>
- Implemented semi-automatic collection for bulk commercial (hand-loaded) customers.
- Re-established citywide curbside residential recycling.<sup>6</sup>
- Completed construction of new administration building to house the Office of Environmental Coordination.<sup>7</sup>
- Completed Brownfields' site assessments to promote redevelopment.<sup>8</sup>
- Processed three (3) Brownfield's designations with a \$200,000 grant from the EPA (2001).<sup>9</sup>

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### Solid Waste Department Notes:

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- <sup>1</sup> Additionally provided support for "mini clean-ups" for neighborhoods with special needs to receive an enhanced level of service. Mini clean-ups have been held in Port Tampa, Sulphur Springs, and Oak Park neighborhoods.
- <sup>2</sup> Began implementation of the federally mandated retrofit of McKay Bay Waste to Energy Facility to include new furnaces, boilers and air pollution control equipment. While processing more than 300,000 tons of municipal waste that can not be recycled, the facility produces the energy equivalent of 713,000 barrels of oil or 132,000 tons of coal - supplying the energy need of 15,000 homes. McKay Bay Waste to Energy will be a source of renewable energy in Tampa well into the next century.
- <sup>3</sup> Resulted in the elimination of six (6) positions and 3 rear loader garbage trucks, thereby achieving departmental savings.
- <sup>4</sup> The program allowed the department to compete with private haulers for new customers and to retain existing large volume customers. This service was implemented in September 1997 with the reassignment of existing personnel.
- <sup>5</sup> 239 (64-gallons each) carts were placed in Ybor City during December 2000. The carrying capacity for each cart represents two (2) bags of refuse collected four times a week for a rate of \$45.37/month. Aesthetics within Ybor City improved significantly with the advent of the cart system. The Solid Waste Department was successful in working with the Ybor City Development Corporation (YCDC) to acquire land in the 1700 block of 7th Avenue (even side of street) for the location of three compactors that became operational in September 2001.
- <sup>6</sup> Established curbside residential recycling to every resident in the city. This program was implemented in three phases starting in September (Phase I) and was fully implemented in December (Phase III).
- <sup>7</sup> Additionally, this building houses the recycling administrative staff and the existing administrative staff.
- <sup>8</sup> The former Police Station and the 12th Street Yard sites were assessed to promote the redevelopment of these two sites.
- <sup>9</sup> During 2001, the City began processing three (3) State of Florida Brownfields designations, which will enable development of both properties based on the benefits provided in the state statutes. The City Brownfield's Pilot Project Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for \$200,000 has been extended an additional two years and the area enlarged to include the Port of Tampa property south of Route 60 including Hookers Point. The cleanup of these areas will help lift a stigma of contamination, provide a strong resurgence to redevelop these areas and provide a substantial opportunity to create jobs in this portion of the Enterprise Zone within the City.