

TO: THE COMMON COUNCIL DATE: April 22, 2009
FROM: THE DEPARTMENT OF
AUDIT & CONTROL SUBJECT: Audit Report –
City Recycling Program
1/1/2005 – 5/31/2008

We have performed a review of the City's Recycling Program as instituted by the Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets for the period of January 1, 2005 through May 31, 2008. The Department in large part oversees the works of a contract vendor, Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC ("Allied"). We present here our conclusions, as well as other such findings as we believe are appropriate.

It was the objective of this Audit to review the procedures followed by the Department and Allied during the audit period in order to monitor contract compliance, the accuracy of information being utilized and the efficacy of the City's recycling program.

By making on-site visits to Allied's processing facilities, reviewing pertinent operational documents and records, and interviewing critical parties, we were able to assess the condition of the City's recycling effort. The City's relationship with Allied has been largely successful and the operation is satisfactory. The City's agreement with Erie County should be closely examined to determine whether there are greater opportunities to enhance and expand the City's recycling efforts.

Our findings and recommendations are explained in greater detail in the attached Audit Report. An exit conference took place on April 22, 2009. The Department agreed with many of the findings and is proactively taking steps that are consistent with this report. Commissioner Stepniak and his staff have been very cooperative with the development of this audit and their professionalism is greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact the Department of Audit and Control.

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