

FALL 2022 COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Environmental Service Center



Ramsey County is building a new facility to provide more opportunities for residents to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. Here's what may be included:

- Free drop-off site for recyclables, food scraps, electronic waste and household hazardous waste.
- Space for community education and resources.
- Permanent location for Fix-It Clinics where the community can get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills.
- Free product reuse room where the community can find products like paints, automotive fluids and household cleaners.

Community Open Houses October 2022

Community open house engagements were conducted virtually and in person during October of 2022. Residents were invited to learn about and share their ideas about the Environmental Service Center, inquire about the new facility and programs, receive answers to their questions and concerns and see example design ideas.

Here's how residents were invited:

- Letter sent to households within one mile of proposed facility location.
- Social media and newsletters shared by the county, as well as by cities and district councils within the county.
- Focus was on residents living closest to the proposed site, but all Ramsey County residents were encouraged to attend.

Feedback received and summarized in this document is helping to inform the development of the Environmental Service Center.

Will having an Environmental Service Center encourage you to recycle more?

68% YES



54%

of residents are **very interested** in recycling and waste disposal services.

Survey Method



Online Survey



Mentimeter Survey



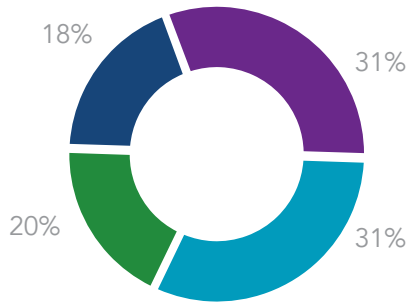
Question and Answer at Open Houses

Residents attending were from

Saint Paul
Roseville
Arden Hills
New Brighton
North Saint Paul

Interest in Services

Which recycling and waste disposal services are you most interested in participating in?

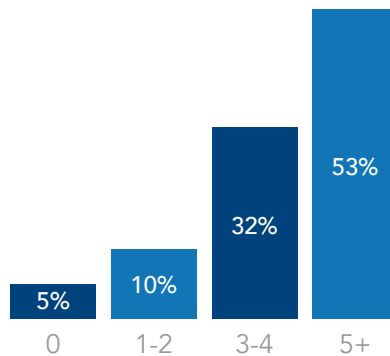


- Household hazardous waste collection
- Food scraps drop-off
- Electronic waste collection
- General recycling drop-off

Facility Use

How often do you think you will use the Environmental Service Center?

Results in times per year.



What is most exciting about the new facility?

Featured in order of how often each topic was mentioned.

- One stop shop
- Community space
- Location/accessibility
- Fix-It Clinics
- Free electronics recycling
- Recycling and waste education

Reuse and Repair

How interested are you in having reuse and repair programming?



Remaining residents are hardly or not at all interested.

How interested are you in using the free product reuse room?



Remaining residents are hardly or not at all interested.

94% of residents

are looking forward to using the Environmental Service Center.



What does Ramsey County need to consider when building the Environmental Service Center?

Featured in order of how often each topic was mentioned.

Impact on surroundings (including safety)

Accessibility (bikers, pedestrian, public transit)

Educational programming/ community space

Use of sustainable and environmentally friendly materials (in construction of facility and maintenance)

Collaboration with community