

East Bay Charter Township

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December 15, 2008

Glen Lile  
Township Supervisor  
East Bay Charter Township  
1965 Three Mile Road North  
Traverse City MI 49686

Re: No Cost Invitation to Participate in Solid Waste Review

Dear Mr. Lile:

A group of Grand Traverse County municipalities is cooperatively gathering to review options regarding solid waste collection and disposal for each local unit of government. The purpose of this letter is to determine whether or not your unit is interested in participating in this effort. If you would like to be involved from the ground floor, we need to know that by January 28, 2009.

By way of background, there is interest in examining the options on how solid waste services are currently provided, and whether there may be less expensive options and/or higher levels of service available through different service delivery mechanisms. Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, we expect to retain a consultant with expertise in solid waste to help us review the options available.

During this review, we expect to consider the following menu of items:

- Waste collection
- Recycling (both curbside and bins)
- Bulk items (both regular and special periodic like spring trash collection)
- Leaves/brush/yard waste with or without the compost operation
- Kitchen compost
- Household hazardous waste
- Electronic waste
- Variable service levels
- Any other waste component that you might identify in the space below

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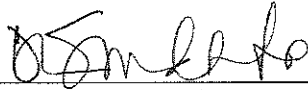
The selected consultant will review all of these services and help us determine what the options are to deliver these services in a cost-effective manner. We expect that there will be different answers to these questions for different local units. For example only, curbside recycling is expected to be included as a service in the City of Traverse City due to population densities while recycling drop-off sites may be the most cost-effective service in areas with lower population densities.

The current expectation is that Grand Traverse County will fund the cost of the consultant up to \$50,000. As such, there is no cost for you to participate in this review. The first step in the process is to review the draft RFP for the consultant, then solicit proposals from consultants, then select the consultant, then direct the consultant's work so that we end up with a usable document. If you are interested in participating, please let us know no later than January 28, 2009, and indicate what additional solid waste services you are interested in having included in this review.

Whether you choose to participate in this review or not, the results will be available to you and you will have an opportunity to consider using the results of this review when it is completed. That may include the opportunity to participate in some sort of authority or you may continue to have your citizens served as you determine most appropriate. Please respond in care of City Manager Ben Bifoss at the letterhead address.


Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



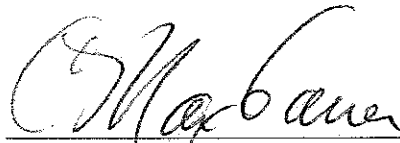
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