

## Horst, Rachel

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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 31, 2026 11:55 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026061

### Recommendation # 2026061

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026061 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

#### Contact Information:

##### Group/Organization

**Name** Anne Hicks  
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#### Recommendation Information:

**Recommendation ID** 2026061  
**Recommendation Title** Recycling at Cocoa Landfill  
**Areas Affected**  
**Department Affected** Solid Waste Department  
**Current problem** I live at the Greens in Viera. We pay for recycling, and sometimes the containers are full. WM has the Government Center listed as a drop off and is well used by the public. Kevin Smith and I have spoken frequently. He is a great employee. So having an errand in Cocoa, I thought I would swing into the landfill with my 3 grocery bags full. Note: empty gallon jugs take up lots of space. The landfill was farther than I thought, and the recycling bin is at least a mile in, at slow speed, and a mile out.  
**Recommendation** The recycling container should be just inside the gate. As a resident from Viera, with a small vehicle, the time spent was frustrating, For a heavy WM truck to pick up one container once or more per week is not cost effective. The driver's hourly pay and gas is in the fees we all pay to WM. Another benefit would be the surrounding neighborhoods, and maybe some business might recycle more, therefore reducing landfill space. A separate container marked for cardboard only should also be added. Thank you for the Speak Up Brevard program and naming it after Susan.  
**Attachments** No Documents were attached.



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**TO:** Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager

**THRU:** Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

**FROM:** Thomas Mulligan, Solid Waste Management Department Director

**SUBJ:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026061

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CEER #2026061, titled *Recycling at Cocoa Landfill*, was received by the County from Anne Hicks.

**Citizen Statement:**

I live at the Greens in Viera. We pay for recycling, and sometimes the containers are full. WM has the Government Center listed as a drop off and is well used by the public. Kevin Smith and I have spoken frequently. He is a great employee. So having an errand in Cocoa, I thought I would swing into the landfill with my 3 grocery bags full. Note: empty gallon jugs take up lots of space. The landfill was farther than I thought, and the recycling bin is at least a mile in, at slow speed, and a mile out.

**Citizen Recommendation:**

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**Staff Analysis:**

Waste Management is under contractual obligation to provide and maintain the single-stream recycling dumpster at the Central Disposal Facility in Cocoa, located at the Citizen's Drop-Off area. The dumpster has been placed out of main traffic flow, ensuring safe parking and user access, and is monitored by Solid Waste staff to make sure that prohibited, non-recyclable items are not disposed of in the dumpster.

Moving the dumpster to just inside the main entrance of the Central Disposal Facility would place the dumpster in an unmonitored location, which would create the potential for



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prohibited dumping. Placement of non-recyclable items or contamination of the dumpster contents would lead to either an increase in costs to the County or the removal of the dumpster. Locating the dumpster just inside the facility entrance also creates a potential traffic hazard, as there is not a safe place for the dumpster to be sited or for a citizen to safely park their vehicle to use the dumpster.

**Staff Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2026061 because it does not enhance the effectiveness or efficiency of County government as required by Home Rule Charter.