

CITIZEN COMMENTS LOG

DATE	NAME/ADDRESS	COMMENT
4/27	Rikki Shepherd 1189 Porter Dr.	I am writing in regards to CARA. I was recently informed that due to budgetary reasons, that CARA could be permanently closing. I am very saddened about this news. I've lived in Charlotte my entire life (33 years) and as far back as I can remember we've had a recycling center. CARA is a very important part of our community and I strongly feel that eliminating it would be devastating to our city.
4/28	Ariel Koontz 3907 Brighton Dr., Lansing	My name is Ariel, and while I do not live in Charlotte, I grew up nearby. I am a member of a local church, and I worked at the local Walmart as a pharmacy technician up until April 2020. My parents still live nearby, part way between Charlotte and Eaton Rapids. They have recycled items through the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority for at least 10 years. In fact, they don't use a trash service because they recycle everything they can, and what can't be recycled is disposed of by other means. I have fond memories of going to the recycling center with my father as a teenager. If you close CARA, you will be hurting countless families who make an effort to recycle because of CARA. People depend upon this service because it saves them money--as it has for my parents--and it helps them contribute toward a safer and healthier planet. Do not make the mistake of shutting this precious place down
4/28	Vanessa Bruner 523 S. Sheldon	Do not close the recycling center please if you do lots more plastic jugs will go to the landfill, Styrofoam, batteries,paper and books. People don't want to have to drive far to recycle.
4/28	Patrick Day 3315 Valley Highway	Our business, Lea's Auto Body, takes at least one full truck load of cardboard to the recycling center every week. It's great way to help keep our dumpster from over filling, and knowing that that cardboard doesn't end up in a landfill is awesome. Please don't shut the recycling center down.
4/28	Alesha Mewhinney 9506 Marshall Rd., Olivet	We use CARA and have even volunteered here. It is amazing how much recycling we generate in a month. It would be so sad to have this all go into the landfills. Please keep CARA open.
4/28	Esther Renault 2160 Candlewood Dr.	We need CARA, we depend on it. We generate so much recycling a week. We do not want this to go to the landfill. Please keep open. This is important to so many people. I have volunteered for years.
4/28	Steve Pecic 2329 Maurer Rd.	Please keep the recycle center open. The one in Lansing is 30 minutes away and people will not drive that far to recycle. Thank you for listening to the residents of Charlotte.
4/28	Janice Underwood	I think it would be a mistake to close the Charlotte Area Recycle Center. CARA is such a great benefit to the community and the environment. It may be a small town operation, but

	710 Treetop Trail	plays a huge roll in removing tons of recyclable items from landfills monthly. The future of this planet depends on the smart moves and decisions of communities like Charlotte to take part in protecting our environment. I urge our City Council members to be forward thinkers and doers and leaders in helping protect our environment and keep CARA open and work on expanding this type of community service to keep recyclables that will not break down and decompose for years out of the environment.
4/28	Katrina Miller 509 S. Lincoln	It would be a shame to lose the Recycling Center. We are newer to recycling, maybe year 1/2. We have talked friends and neighbors into recycling. We sort and clean everything to recycle. We won't stop doing this. So where do we continue to recycle? We NEED the CARA! We can't let things go backward in this community, state, our Earth! We NEED to continue to recycle in Charlotte! Please keep CARA going!!
4/28	Stephanie Collier 1773 S. Ainger Rd.	Please do not shut down the Charlotte Area Recycling Center. This is a vital part of our community. We love teaching our kids about recycling and they join us in the effort to keep as much out of landfills as possible. Every time we take our recycling to the center, many others are there also. A closure of this facility would be a sad loss to our community. Please do not choose this as a budget cut. Thank you
4/28	Karen Miller 1596 Brookfield Rd	Please keep the recycle center open!! This is such an awesome facility to have in our town!
4/28	Andrew Odom [no address]	would be a major mistake to close cara and I will vote against anyone who chooses to do so the next time they're up for election.
4/28	Tama Bucher 1785 E. Clinton Trail	Please keep the Charlotte Recycling Center open! Use it often to dispose of recyclables. We need to be mindful of this planet and recycle not just put to waste landfills. Much needed here in this county. Go green, recycle, save our earth! Thank you!
4/28	Lynn Wertz 516 Pearl	Please do not close down our recycling center a lot of people around town use this service.
4/28	Carolyn Rockafellow 132 Corona Ave.	We moved back to Michigan 5 years ago, and have been using CARA for those 5 years. We are very glad to be able to recycle. It is such an important asset to this community. We have taught our kids and grandkids to recycle and they all do. If something isn't recycled they now get very upset and don't understand why everyone doesn't recycle. It needs to be convenient for people to recycle not a challenge by having to go to Lansing to recycle. Please consider keeping our recycling center open. It is very important. Thank you.
4/29	Susan Skougard 307 Plymouth Dr.	Do not close CARA, the way forward is through recycling. While most cities are turning Green, we should not be turning away from it.
4/29	Marcia Jewell	Please keep the recycling center open! Thank you!

	711 High Street	
4/29	Rich Lown [no address given]	To all concerned: We use the CARA recycling center regularly and believe it is an asset to the Charlotte community. Please choose to keep this important service open in the upcoming vote.
4/29	Lacey Wilke [no address given]	I'm writing to urge you to keep CARA open. This is a unique place for Charlotte and so much better than other recycling centers. Not only is it important to Charlotte and the environment, but it is teaching my kids to recycle and take care of the earth. Please, please consider keeping CARA open. It sets Charlotte apart from surrounding cities.
4/29	Ashlyn Lapham [no address given]	<p>There's nothing more important for a small community looking welcoming and quaint than cleanliness. If anyone has driven back roads in our community or been to our neighboring recycling facility in Pottersville, you can see where our community is lacking in cleanliness.</p> <p>Not only that, but CARA diverts 400 tons of waste from landfills a year. 400 tons! That's an amazing amount of waste that our community doesn't contribute to destroying our environment.</p> <p>CARA takes things most recycling centers won't, including fluorescent bulbs and batteries. When fluorescent bulbs aren't disposed of properly by recycling, they break in landfills leaching mercury to the land, air, and water. Not only that, but it's illegal to trash them. Batteries? They do similar damage to our environment and the lithium released from batteries can cause landfill fires that burn for YEARS.</p> <p>Our community knows the cost of improper disposal. Our neighbors on backroads end up with trash that isn't theirs, blowing across their fields, endangering their wildlife. Our community also loves to recycle and do their part to create a sustainable future for our children.</p> <p>I think it would be irresponsible and damaging to our community image to remove CARA. Your community members would, once again, have to leave the community to go to another for this service, eroding even more of our in town assets.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider your ideas of improperly disposing of an amazing community asset.</p>
4/29	Kimberly Passick 421 Merritt, Apt. D	In response to the news that there is a proposal to close CARA, I would like to comment that I am OPPOSED to this action. Many households in the area do not have the ability to secure local pickup of recyclable materials and rely on the center to do their part to reduce the bulk in our landfills. There are opportunities for grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and government and private entities to assist with meeting budgetary needs. Have those been pursued prior to this proposal for closure? Climate change is a valid and pressing concern for the citizens of Charlotte and CARA is one of the most visible and valuable assets we have in helping to combat it. It is also

		valuable in attracting new businesses and residents to the area. It's closure would signal a community in decline, not one looking toward the future. Keep CARA open
4/29	Chara Thacker 221 N. Bostwick	Why is closing the recycling center being considered? How can a community trying to grow & entice people here not offer recycling? Whatever service the money would be diverted to is not as important as having a recycling center. I think you owe the community a valid explanation for why this is happening. So many people use the center - who is benefiting from the closure? If this goes through you bc are doing a great disservice to your city, the broader community, and our environment as a whole. Shame on you Charlotte. I do not support this.
4/29	Glenda Lyon 1631 S. Michigan Rd.	I messaging you concerning the closing of the recycling facility. Please do not close it. I use it personally as well as I work for Charlotte Shoe Repair and we bring many many boxes there to be recycled. It would be so Awful not to have the ability to recycle in Charlotte and more go to the landfills. I am I anxiously awaiting the recycling center reopening to bring in all of my accumulated recycables during quarantine.
4/29	Lorie Smith 1827 S. Ionia Rd	The recycling place is very important for citizens of Eaton County I use that so much and it would be a shame if that was to disappear recycling is very important I've done it for years and always went there they do a great jobIt would be a great loss if we didn't have the recycling place
4/29	Linda Spica 3635 Carlisle Hwy	Please DO NOT close our recycling center. If anything we should promote it more. Our planet is dying due to our life style. Recycling is a small but important step we can take to help protect our planet by reducing our footprint. Maybe if we all recycled more we could halt climate change and the extinction of more plants and animals. We need to do this for ourselves and future generations. Please keep the recycling center open.
4/29	Kathleen Lilley 6630 N. Cochran Rd.	Do NOT close the recycling center. Be a beacon of light instead. Charlotte needs to start showing it cares about the future. It cares about the planet. It cares about being a resource for the community. People donate cooking oil to use for energy. They donate books for children and adults. They collect shoes for those in need. People who recycle are greeted by nice people who smile and help. What kind of leadership wants to eliminate goodwill and saving our environment?
4/29	Casey Mulvany 5265 Griffin Hwy, Olivet	Please consider keeping CARA open. This is a very valuable resource to many members of the community. It would be a shame to lose a resource like this and to have all of the recycling go into landfills for those items that other recycling services do not service. I hope you reconsider closing CARA.
4/29	Chris Smith 2700 Island Highway	Don't close the recycling center.at a time of global warming it would be irresponsible to close our recycling center.

4/29	John Ramsey & Mary Jane Hummel 108 Krebs Court	We would like to express our opinion that closing the recycle center is not in the best interest of the citizens of Charlotte. We are afraid that if this resource is closed that not only will many recyclables end up in local landfills but many of the items will end up being dumped on vacant land around the city or out in the country around Charlotte.
4/29	Lorena York P.O. Box 72, Charlotte	Please City Consul!!! Do not close our recycling center here in Charlotte Mi. I use it a lot along with my family, friends and neighbors. Our recycle center is vital for our environment. East Lansing has one!!! We were very happy to know Charlotte has one when we move from East Lansing to Charlotte. City Consul please reconsidered your decision of closing our much needed recycling center. If the city of Charlotte will want to run the collection of recycle like is in East Lansing, it will be great too
4/29	Joanne Williams 115 Yale St., Olivet	As a supporter of CARA, I hope the council sees the benefits and worth of this operation, for the city, the community, and the world as well. The cost is outweighed by the fellowship of citizens doing the right thing, the benefit to the health of the environment, and the example the effort sets to all. It spotlights the responsibility shown in a true community recycling effort. Much like a good school system or a good medical facility, a good, clean, community effort speaks volumes to the health and wealth of a city. Please support CARA. Thank you .
4/29	Katrina Lumsden 1236 Porter Drive	In response to the news that there is a proposal to close CARA, I would like to comment that I am OPPOSED to this action. Many households in the area do not have the ability to secure local pickup of recyclable materials and rely on the center to do their part to reduce the bulk in our landfills. There are opportunities for grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and government and private entities to assist with meeting budgetary needs. Have those been pursued prior to this proposal for closure? Climate change is a valid and pressing concern for the citizens of Charlotte and CARA is one of the most visible and valuable assets we have in helping to combat it. It is also valuable in attracting new businesses and residents to the area. It's closure would signal a community in decline, not one looking toward the future. Keep CARA open.
4/30	Connie O'Neill [no address given]	I received news that you may close the Charlotte Recycling Center. Please do not do this! They provide an incredible service and helps environmentally! I can't imagine everyone putting all this recycling into the trash that would fill up our landfills. Please find some other alternative!!
4/30	Alex Lilley [no address given]	I am writing in defense of keeping the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority. It is a necessity in these times as our attention is drawn to finding solutions on reducing our carbon footprint across the board. Multiple businesses in the Charlotte area utilize CARA on a regular basis to deal with their recyclable materials. If anything,

		<p>CARA should be expanded. Look to our capitol, Lansing, and their recycling center. The whole city enjoys curbside pickup, and waste material pickup steadily decreases, thus decreasing the costs of waste handling.</p> <p>Recycling as a business model can seem hard and confusing, but it is a necessity; CARA is helping bring business to Charlotte, and Eaton county by providing a service to both businesses and local residents. Without it, waste management costs will rise, and Charlotte will have yet another empty building/lot, lowering the value of the city as a whole.</p> <p>Don't kill this gem; it is one of the few things keeping Charlotte competitive in our changing economic climate.</p>
4/30	Robert Delaney 159 Legacy Parke	<p>I would like request that Charlotte not close the recycling center. The site is not as busy now because it no longer takes hard plastic. Hard plastic is apparently without value. However, metals, batteries and cardboard shouldn't be wasted. I would prefer that Charlotte find a more efficient way to collect these recyclables. A location where people travel to frequently like one of the major supermarkets, would also encouraging recycling. And allowing recycling any time like Potterville does would also encouraging recycling. Potterville's site is often a mess so having Charlotte's site attended and maintained would be preferred as well.</p> <p>We had a good recycle center and I would hate to see our community go backwards.</p>
4/30	Douglas Sjoquist 712 E. Henry	<p>I recycle for the Charlotte Community Library as a volunteer and have been doing this for several years. I'm writing this letter in support of CARA. This is one of the city's most valuable assets! The community library benefits greatly from the services provided by CARA. The library generates a lot of paper, cardboard, and books that are recyclable and that these materials would go to a landfill instead of the recycling center is just unthinkable. Please consider the fact that CARA provides a valuable service to not only our community library but to the city itself and the environment, too. CARA should remain open!</p>