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Calhoun County Breaks Ground on a Future Recycle Center Collection Site

PORT LAVACA, TX (May 7, 2024) – Calhoun County and Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, broke ground on Monday, May 6 to make way for a future recycle center. The County already has a recycle center but has plans to expand it and add much needed enhancements.

Calhoun County Commissioner for Precinct 2 Vern Lyssy said, “We are going to build a hurricane proof building that can hold more recyclable materials. The building will have a concrete push wall and roll-off container, which will makes things more efficient for our partner Republic Services. Presently, Republic Services is making frequent trips to its sorting facility in Corpus Christi, Texas. This will allow Republic to reduce the number of trips and thus reduce our carbon footprint because the site will hold more materials.”

On Wednesday, May 1 the Calhoun County Commissioners Court approved the project. G&W Engineers is providing engineering for the Calhoun County Citizen Collection Site. Con Metal Contractors was awarded the contract to build the center.

Darren Downs, Vice President for Con Metal Contractors, said, “We will begin excavating next week and hope to have this project completed by January 2025.”



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On June 14, 2023, the Formosa Plastics Environmental Endowment Trust Fund provided a \$670,000 grant to the county for the project.

“This is part of our sustainability goals,” said Eric Stevenson, Director of Administration for Formosa Plastics, Corporation, Texas. “We have recycled oil and metal for more than 30 years at our site and last year we began recycling post-consumer materials. We are committed to supporting recycling in our community. We have donated more than \$60,000 to date to the City of Point Comfort to provide recycle bins and free curb-side pickup services. Great community participation has so far diverted a total of 30,700 pounds of clean recyclable materials from landfills.”

“We were very impressed with the low amount of contamination that the City of Point Comfort had when it began recycling,” said Mike Reeves, Republic Services Manager of Municipal Services. “Point Comfort had the cleanest material for a new city beginning a program. Typically, it takes cities years to educate their citizens on what can go into a bin. Communication and education are key to a successful recycle program.”

Stevenson said, “A local citizen collection site will not only reduce our carbon footprint by reducing the number of loads that need to be transported to Corpus Christi, but it will also make it economically viable for other local communities and organizations to join Point Comfort and Formosa in recycling plastic bottles, soda cans and cardboard. We look forward to working with other partners to leave a better legacy for our grandchildren.”
