



LEE'S SUMMIT CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY GOALS WORK SESSION **SOLID WASTE**

March 4, 2025

Introduction

- What has been done?
- What has changed?
- What is our Goal?
- What is next?



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CITY COUNCIL **SOLID WASTE** PRIORITY GOAL

1. What we heard at the Council retreat



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Solid Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start the statutory two-year notification process.• Determine preference for one or multiple haulers (i.e., quadrants)• Determine scope of regulations (residential only or commercial too)• Research best practices of communities that have consolidated solid waste collections• Determine the impact of current practices in Lee's Summit (litter, pavement conditions, choice, environmental impacts)• Success is measured by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Debris management○ Eliminating dumping of bulky items○ Resolving unclear direction to staff○ Reduction of waste – better recycling education• Barriers to overcome:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Desire for choice○ Pressure from haulers○ State regulations/HOA restrictions
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Ignite! Plans



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Comprehensive Plan Objectives and Action Items



Infrastructure

Plan and build City services and infrastructure to promote quality growth and resiliency.

- Reduce maintenance costs while enhancing infrastructure performance and sustainability



Fiscal Impacts



Environmental Sustainability



Quality of Life



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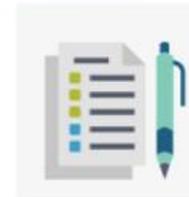
Strategic Plan Objectives, Strategies, and Action Items



Sustain and enhance city services to protect a high quality of life.

Focus on maintenance and improvement of existing infrastructure

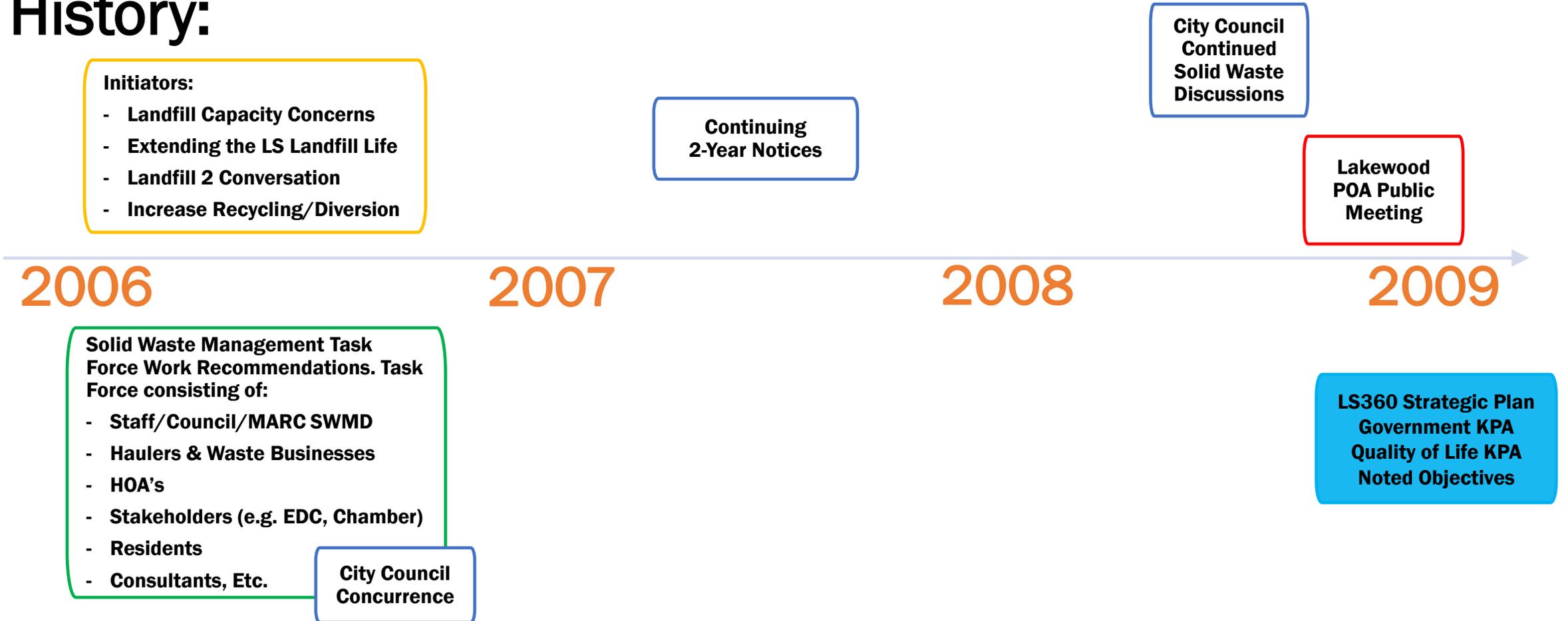
- Evaluate solid waste management services



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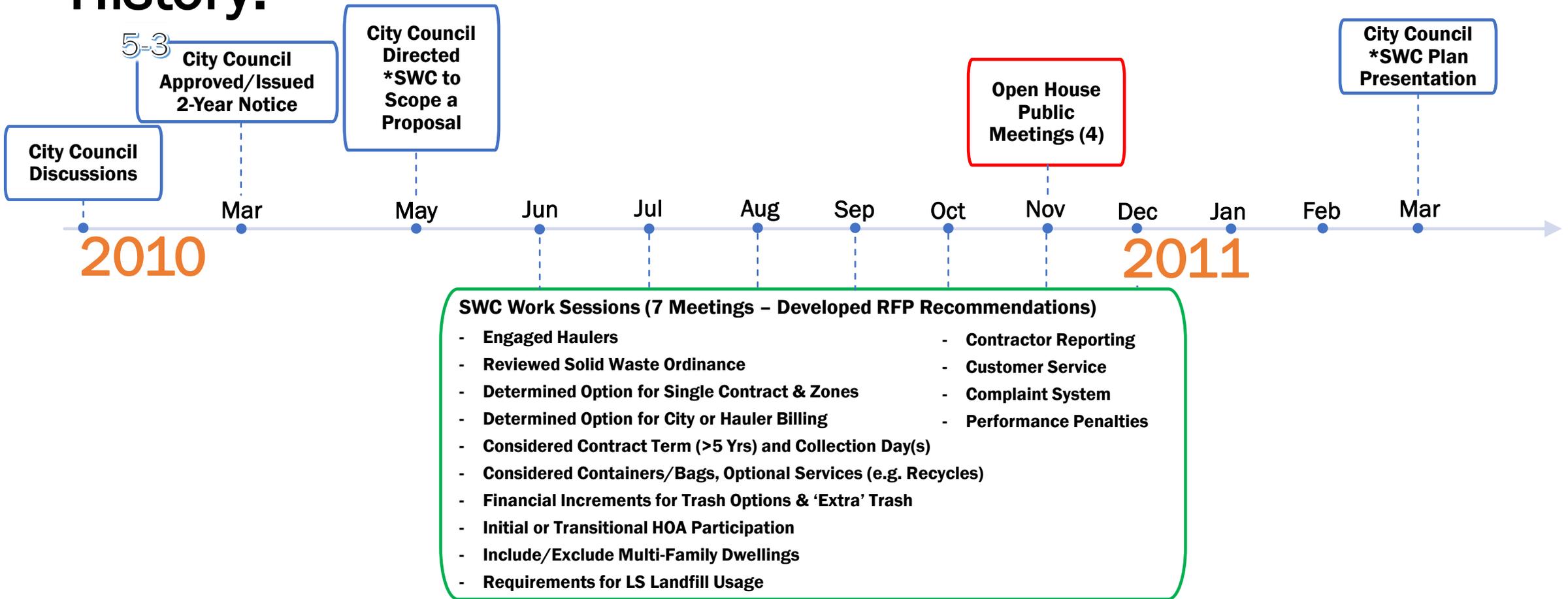
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History:



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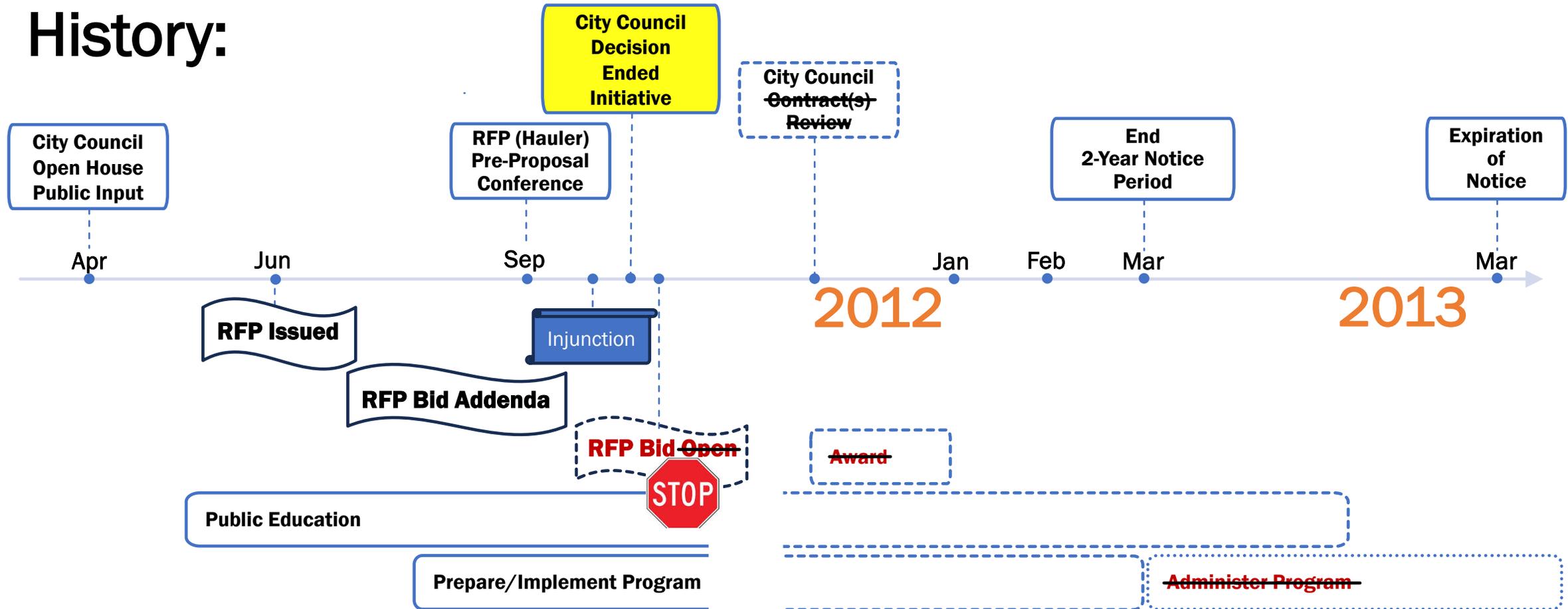
History:



*SWC (Solid Waste Committee) and Public Works Committee consisted of the same Councilmembers

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History:



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Previous Recommendations:

- Strategic Plan
- Solid Waste Task Force
- Issued 2-Year Notice (Renewing Notice)
- Issued RFP (Council Approval 5-3 Vote)
- Addressed Scope, Services, Billing, Expectations...RFP

Additional Work Completed:

- Consultant Completed Service Billing Assessment
- Legal Research of Program(s) and Authority

Lessons Learned:

- Expect Opposition...More Engagement/Education Needed
- Supported by Case Law
- Requires City Council Commitment

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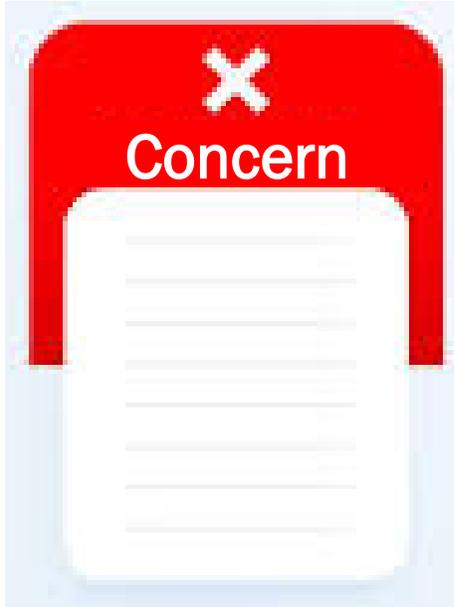
What's Changed:

- Community Seems to be Initiating the Current Issue
- LS Landfill Closed
- Subscription Prices Significantly Increasing
- More Littering
- The 2-Year Notice Lapsed without Renewal

What's Not Changed:

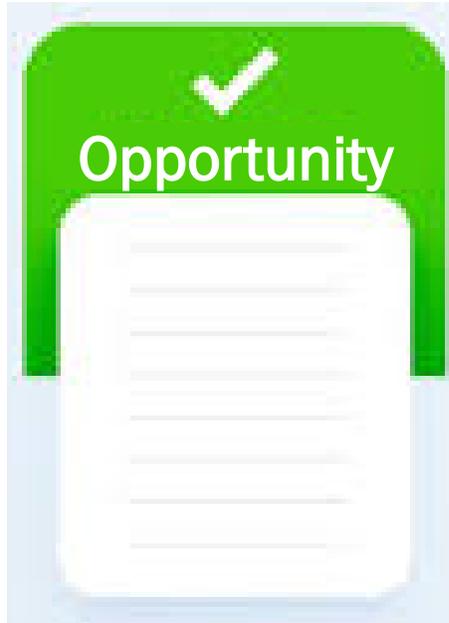
- Staff and Resident Support for Contracted Services
- Opposition to Contracted Services
- Majority of Communities Contract Service (67%)
- Regional Landfill Capacity Issues
- Recycling Rates Remain Comparatively Low in LSMO
- Pros/Cons or Opportunities/Concerns

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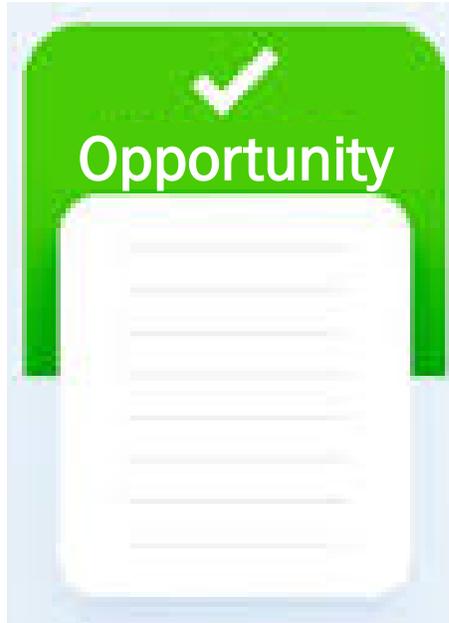
- Residents' Lose Choice of Hauler
- Limits Number of Residential Haulers Operating in LSMO
- Increased Resources Needed for Contract Oversight
- Additional Resources for Bill Management
- Expanding City Customer Support Services
- Expect Hauler and Resident Opposition
- Potential Legal Challenges

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- Alignment with Norms (Expected Service)
- Professional and Uniform Community Trash Service
- Reduced Cost of Service for Residents'
- Diminishing Pavement Damages and Road Repair Costs
- Increased Hauler Efficiencies
- Limits Number of Residential Haulers Operating in LSMO
- Increases Recycling Rate (Reduce Landfill Demand)
- Reduced Noise Impacts on Neighborhoods
- Less Fuel Use/Less Emissions
- Improved Neighborhood Aesthetics (Uniformity)

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- Fewer Trucks in Neighborhoods (Safety)
- Better Customer Services (Assisted by City)
- Guaranteed Service for All Residents in LSMO
- Additional Recycling & Service Option Opportunities
- Increased Waste Collections Accountability and Transparency
- Improved Air Quality
- Haulers' Financial Reliability (Secured Business Investment)
- Conditional Covered Load & Litter Enforcement (Fines)
- SW Environmental Programs & Public Education (MS4)
- Potential Debris Management (Emergency Operations Support)



Goal/Scope Discussion:

1. Contract Based Services or Subscription Based Services?
2. What are we trying to accomplish?
3. Who do we engage? How and when do we engage?
4. When do we want to finish?
5. What does success look like?

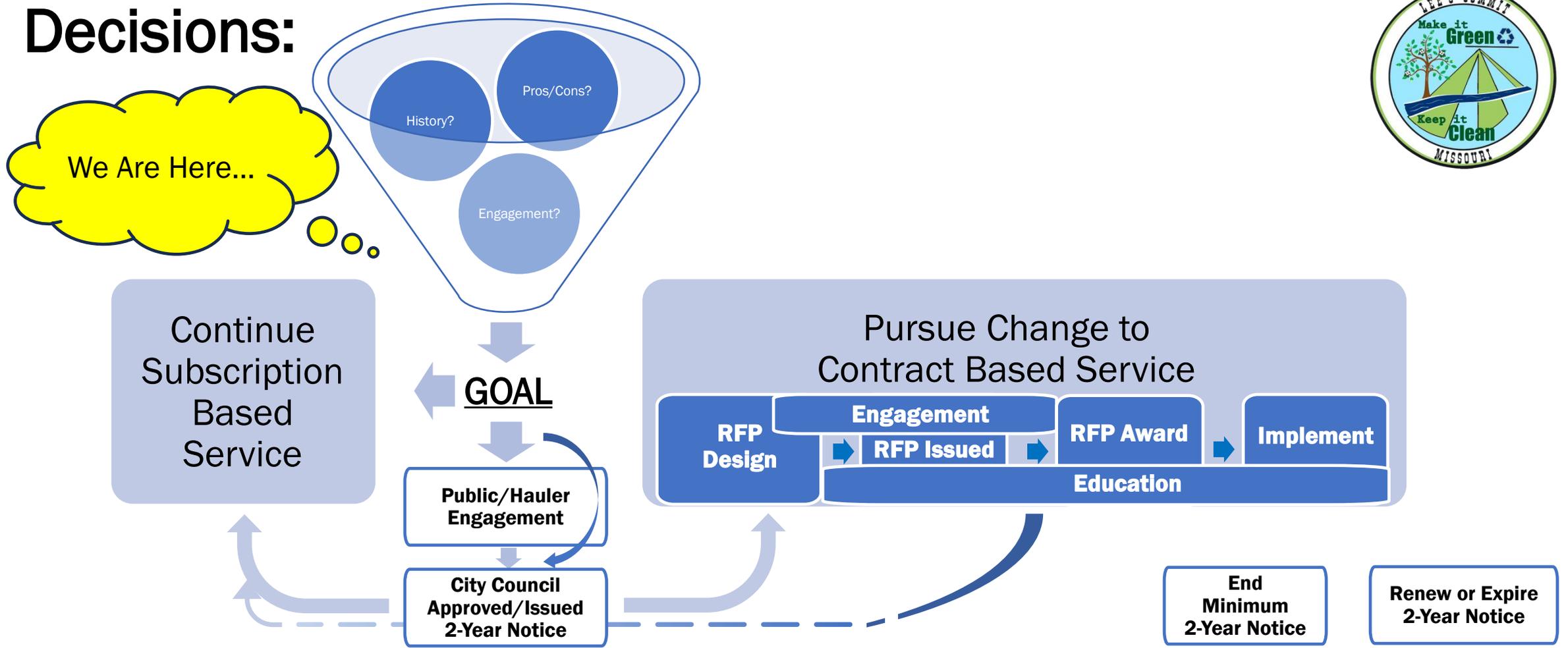
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Forecast:



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Decisions:



Recap

- History
- Pros/Cons
- Goal
- Engagement
- Process
- Timeline



Commitment