## Recycling facility overcoming delays

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It's taken a lot longer than anticipated, but the state-of-the-art regional recycling depot slated to be built in Southfield and serve eight southwest Oakland County communities should be under construction soon.

That assessment came from Southfield city administrator Robert Block regarding the pending contract between giant trash handler Waste Management of Michigan and the eight-community Resource Recovery Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County — commonly referred to as RRRASOC.

The holdup, which has lasted several months, is related to a package of contracts involving Waste Management, RRRASOC and all eight communities. Bast-cally, plans call for a 57-million public/private partnership to build the facility at the northeast corner of Evergreen and Eight Mile roads.

The contracts had been slated for approval by the authority board at its May 12 meeting. "But they still needed some fine tuning," said Block.

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Township are the communities that belong to the authority. In addition to serving the authority members, the facility would also accept recyclables from outside communities and businesses with which Waste Management has contracts. It will be used to sort, crush and bundle recyclable materials for outside sale including newspers, glass, aluminum and plastic. No other garbage or hazardous materials will be processed at the site.

Revenues from the sale of the materials would be shared. The amount of revenue would grow a demand increases for goods made with the recycled materials. Southfield public works director Thomas Vukonich told the city council during a recent update of the project that the facility would eventually process 300 tons of recyclables a day. Eighty percent of it will come from other than authority communities.

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Barring any last-minute changes, the authority would own the land and lease it to Waste Management, which would build, own and operate the facility to the authority's aspecifications. The authority would assume ownership after 15 years.



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No postage due: Brian Botter (left) and Tony Shay (next to Botter) load up food bound for Boy's Republic that was donated by customers of the Farmington Hills post office on 12 Mile. More than 26,000 pounds were collected for four organizations: Boy's Republic, the Sarah Fisher Home, the Salvation Army and St. Alexander's Food Bank. Bob Lightstone (in the truck) and Pat Caristo (right) were two of the many postal workers who donated their time and effort to the cause.

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