

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Trailblazer Recycling

Background:

Trailblazer RC&D, the City of Ruston, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, and other partners have need to cooperate together to accelerate the Trailblazer Recycling Program through the Vision 2012 Plan, which includes the Green Enterprise Zone.

- Trailblazer has created and maintained an ongoing recycling program for more than 10 years.
- The Ruston/Lincoln Parish area has sufficient population to generate a steady flow of paper and other items to be recycled.
- Citizens in the area are asking for more recycling services.
- An accelerated Recycling Education program is needed to better inform citizens of recycling opportunities.
- Commitment from the City of Ruston is needed to partner with Trailblazer Recycling in the Vision 2012 Plan.
- Commitment from the Lincoln Parish Police Jury is also needed to fulfill the goals of the Vision 2012 Plan.

Trailblazer agrees to:

1. Assign a staff member to have responsibilities for outreach to school groups and organizations with emphasis on educational activities in recycling, litter abatement, and exhibits primarily in the city and throughout Lincoln Parish. * *Contingent upon full funding.*
2. Purchase and maintain ownership of the recycling collection bins and the box trailers.
3. Publicly recognize the valuable contributions of major partners.
4. Provide training to participants as needed.
5. Schedule the sale (where and when) of recyclables.
6. Oversee the maintenance needs of the property and equipment.
7. Reinvest proceeds into the Trailblazer Recycling Program.
8. Form an advisory team to help guide the local program.
9. Provide written quarterly accountability reports to contributing partners.
10. Conduct evaluations of all program activities.

Lincoln Parish Police Jury agrees to:

1. Provide \$40,000 per year to Trailblazer for operational support of the recycling program.
2. Annually appoint an authorized representative (area council member) who shall be the point of contact for the Lincoln Parish Recycling Program.
3. Assist in the securing of property to serve as the GREEN ENTERPRISE ZONE fulfilling the Vision 2012 Recycling Plan.
4. Upon request, depending on availability, provide in-kind support (labor & equipment) for program activities.

The City of Ruston agrees to:

1. Provide \$60,000 per year to Trailblazer for operational support of the recycling program.
2. Annually, the Mayor of Ruston will appoint an authorized representative who shall be the primary point of contact in regard to the Recycling Program for the City of Ruston.
3. Upon request, depending on availability, provide in kind (labor & equipment) support for program activities.
4. Assist with security of the Green Enterprise Zone property.
5. If needed, assist in the securing of property for the Vision 2012 Plan.
6. Notify Trailblazer of any need for cleanup around the recycling centers.

Other Partners agree to:

1. Notify Trailblazer of any need for cleanup around the recycling hub.
2. Assist with security of the recycling program property such as containers and trailer.

It is mutually agreed:

1. This agreement will remain viable until cancelled in writing.
2. Any party in this agreement may terminate their part of the agreement by providing 30 day written notice.

Approved (signatures/dates):

Lincoln Parish Police Jury

City of Ruston

Trailblazer Board Member

President, Trailblazer RC&D