

WEEKLY REPORTER

Street Maintenance Yard Picked for Household Waste Site

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency picked the city street maintenance yard near 120th & I on Aug. 2 to be the site of the future household hazardous waste collection facility.

The street maintenance yard was one of three finalists, and was rated as the second-best choice going into the meeting. The top-rated choice was a 17.2-acre site adjacent to the Omaha Recycling Center near 60th & Harrison. This spring, neighbors objected to the possible expansion of the Omaha Recycling Center, partially because of increased truck traffic. The third-rated site was the former Omaha Stockyards near Highway 75 & I Street.

The city signed a deal with Metropolitan Community College promising Metro a healthy portion of the stockyards for future development the day before MAPA made its selection official.

The 5.3-acre street maintenance yard currently serves as a storage space for sand, salt and other material. Before construction begins on the \$1.1 million hazardous waste collection facility, the material stockpiled at the street maintenance yard will be taken to a new yard near 96th & F.

The collection center will serve residents of Douglas and Sarpy counties, and is scheduled to be completed next summer or early fall. Materials accepted include motor oil, tires and various cleaning and lawn care chemicals.