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City of Ramsey  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW  
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RE: Moving Clothing Recycling Into the City of Ramsey

Dear City of Ramsey :

Triangle Recycling is pleased to submit its proposal to the City of Ramsey. This proposal requests approval from the City to move my Minnesota-based clothing recycling program, Wear Ever Recycling, into the building located at 6001 – 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

Our company has been operating out of Nowthen, MN, for the last four years. Since 1946, the Bauer family has resided in Ramsey. My grandfather, father and brother all have operated their businesses out of Ramsey. I hope to do the same with my company.

The building we are interested in is located in the industrial park off of St Francis Boulevard NW and 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. The site has been vacant for approximately four years and it is currently zoned for retail operations. Our proposal enhances the overall useage of the location. We intend to improve the esthetics of the location and to bring additional traffic to the industrial park.

I ask that you give this proposal significant forethought when considering the growth of the local economy. If allowed to do so, my family-owned, full service clothing recycling company will relocate from Nowthen, MN. We would be honored to have the opportunity to operate out of Ramsey and this proposal details the community benefits.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

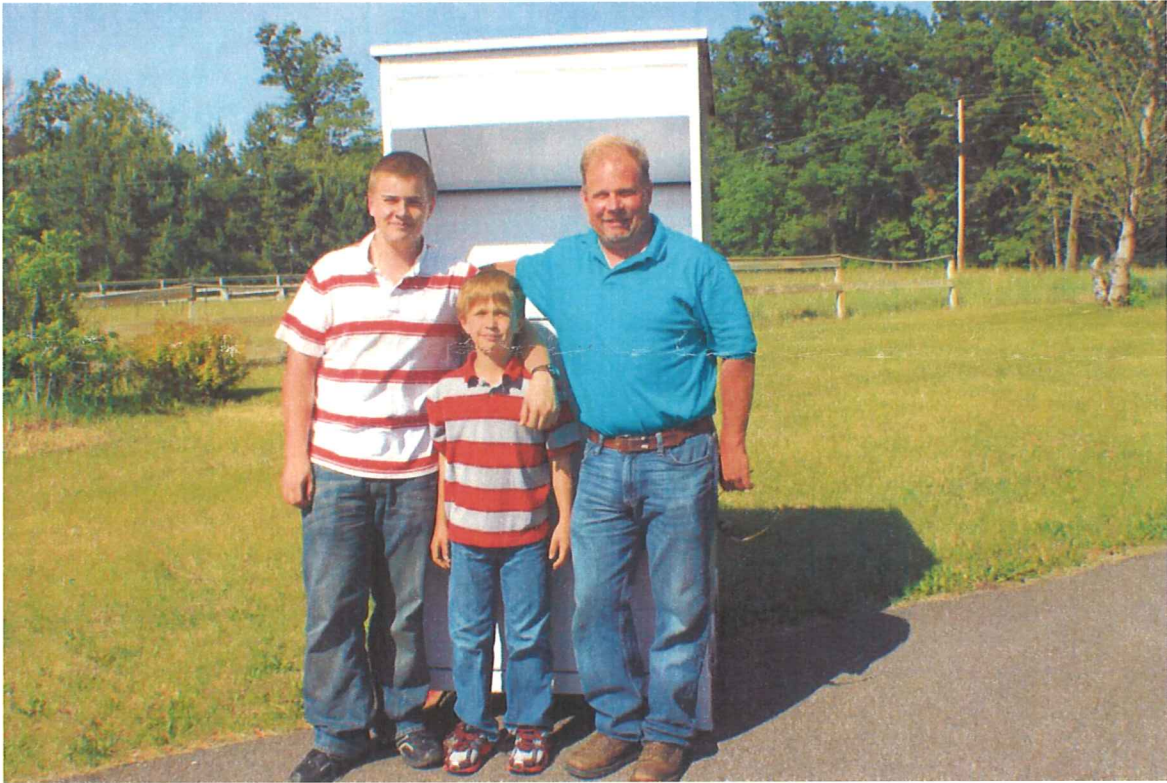
Best Regards,

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## COMPANY BACKGROUND



Triangle Recycling is a family-owned company owned by Jerry Bauer. The Bauer family has resided in the City of Ramsey since 1946. Jerry's Grandparents and Father operated businesses out of Ramsey and today his Brother runs his business in Ramsey also. It has always been Jerry's vision and dream to create and grow a viable Minnesota business for his family. Jerry has three sons that he hopes to teach the recycling industry and to mentor into taking ownership in the business.

The company's clothing recycling program, known as Wear Ever Recycling, is currently operating in Nowthen, MN. The company was formed in July of 2007 and it began with one owner, one driver and an inventory of clothing recycling boxes. Over the last four years the company has grown approximately 400%. Customers will find locations across the state of Minnesota convenient for their recycling needs. Our vision is to continue growing and to offer other recycling programs to the community.

# PROPOSAL

Triangle Recycling is proposing to purchase and utilize the building located at 6001 – 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Ramsey. This site would become a recycling center and a two phase program would apply:

## Phase One – Relocate Existing Recycling Program

Move the existing clothing recycling program currently operating in Nowthen to the new Ramsey building. The move would include the entire staff, trucks and the baling system.

## Phase Two – Expand Recycling Program

Triangle proposes to expand the number of materials that can be recycled. Items being considered include: Electronics, Small Metals, Mattresses, Plastics.

Once the current clothing recycling program is relocated, we will continue to research the viability of other recycling items. We view the Ramsey location as a recycling center for the community that offers recycling for multiple items.

# WHAT WE RECYCLE

If it is wearable or made of fabric, we recycle it:

## CLOTHES

- ◆ **Baby & Kid's Clothes**
- ◆ **Dresses**
- ◆ **Jeans & T-shirts**
- ◆ **Socks & Slippers**
- ◆ **Sweaters**
- ◆ **Swimsuits & Shorts**
- ◆ **Ties & Suits**
- ◆ **Undergarments**
- ◆ **Workout Wear**

## OUTERWEAR

- ◆ **Boots**
- ◆ **Coats**
- ◆ **Hats & Caps**
- ◆ **Mittens & Gloves**
- ◆ **Purses & Bags**
- ◆ **Sandals**
- ◆ **Shoes**
- ◆ **Sneakers**

## HOUSEHOLDS TEXTILES

- ◆ **Bedspreads**
- ◆ **Bedskirts**
- ◆ **Blankets**
- ◆ **Comforters**
- ◆ **Fabric Curtains**
- ◆ **Pillow Shams**
- ◆ **Sheets**
- ◆ **Towels**

# CLOTHING COLLECTION

## CONTAINERS

Collection containers are placed throughout Minnesota for convenient community drop off.



## VEHICLES

One of our collection trucks is shown below while assisting the 2012 Twin Cities Marathon team in gathering the clothing discarded from runners throughout the race. This vehicle is also used to empty the collection containers.



## LOCATION

**6001 – 167<sup>TH</sup> Avenue NW, Ramsey, MN**



The location of interest has been vacant for the last four years. It is an 18,000 square foot building that would provide adequate space for our proposed recycling program.

The building currently provides a loading dock and two doors to assist in receiving and shipping material. The on-site drop off location for customers would be located in the back of the building. All materials collected and baled would be inside of the building to maintain the integrity of the material, as well as, keeping the area esthetically pleasing.

Once in the building, we are committed to cleaning up and maintaining the grounds. Below is a list of items we will take care of with possession of the site:

### ***Plans for Maintenance:***

- Paint Building
- Remove Light Posts
- Add Illumination Lights to Building
- Clean Up Landscaping
- Remove & Trim Tees
- Clean Blacktop

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Environmental Protection Agency reports in 2010, that Americans generated about 250 million tons of trash. The country recycled / composted over 85 million tons of this material, which is equivalent to a 34.1 percent recycling rate.\* With these types of numbers filling our landfills, it is important our country focus on ways to reduce waste and increase recycling.

The environmental footprint specific to clothing and textiles is substantial. Americans throw away a whopping 68 pounds of clothes on average each year, and we only buy 10 pounds of recycled clothes annually.\*\*

The good news is that reclaiming clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling saves a staggering amount of energy and natural resources. Some studies of this recycling process show remanufacturing or reusing textiles saving up to 85 percent of the energy required to produce the same product from virgin materials.

Specific to the Ramsey community, there are numerous advantages :

- ◇ Adding six jobs at the location initially
- ◇ Longer term, an additional 3 jobs potentially added
- ◇ Increasing the community's opportunity to recycle
- ◇ Reducing the amount of material going into our landfills
- ◇ Boosting traffic into the area to support neighboring businesses
- ◇ Offering a convenient location in the community
- ◇ Providing an efficient and easy drop off program right from the vehicle
- ◇ Personal assistance for customers as they off- load their recycling
- ◇ Improving the esthetics of an existing location that has been vacant

\* [http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/municipal/pubs/msw\\_2010\\_rev\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/municipal/pubs/msw_2010_rev_factsheet.pdf)

\*\* <http://earth911.com/news/2012/10/17/how-much-energy-water-saved-by-recycling/>