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Recycling Coalition Opposes New Recycling Plan

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(UNDATED) - The Indiana Recycling Coalition is speaking out against Mayor Greg Ballard's latest recycling plan.

IRC Executive Director Carey Hamilton says while the Mayor's plan is better than nothing, the city can still opt for the "gold standard for recycling." Hamilton says providing recycling carts in front of every home and telling people how to use them remains the best approach. She says their approach has a 36% recycling rate compared to the 23% recycling rate under the Mayor's program.

Hamilton says there are newly-available resources and grants that will help the city fund recycling carts for residents at no extra charge to taxpayers.

The Mayor's plan calls for curbside recycling for no added cost to taxpayers and residents wouldn't have to separate recyclables from trash. Under the plan, private firm Covanta would build upwards of a \$50 million recycling facility. The facility would boost recycling in Marion County by 500%.

The Mayor is expected to officially unveil the program in about a week.

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