INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 6, 2014) – Indianapolis' Board of Public Works approved an agreement Wednesday with Covanta to provide recycling for all of Indianapolis.

The Covanta Advanced Recycling Center will go next to the company’s current facility on Harding Street. It’s said to be the first completely sustainable, closed-loop waste management system in North America.

The center will recover up to 90 percent of recyclables picked up via normal trash routes once it’s up and running in 2016. Non-recyclable materials will be turned into clean, renewable steam energy, city officials said.

Covanta will invest about $45 million to build the facility. The contract approved Wednesday runs through 2028.

One drawback is that the facility won’t recycle glass. In June, the Indiana Recycling Coalition sent a letter to Mayor Greg Ballard asking him to wait six months and consider alternatives before agreeing to the deal.

According to a release from the city of Indianapolis, glass recycling may be added in the future. The new recycling center will create up to 130 jobs, the city said.
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