

Where Does Trash Go?

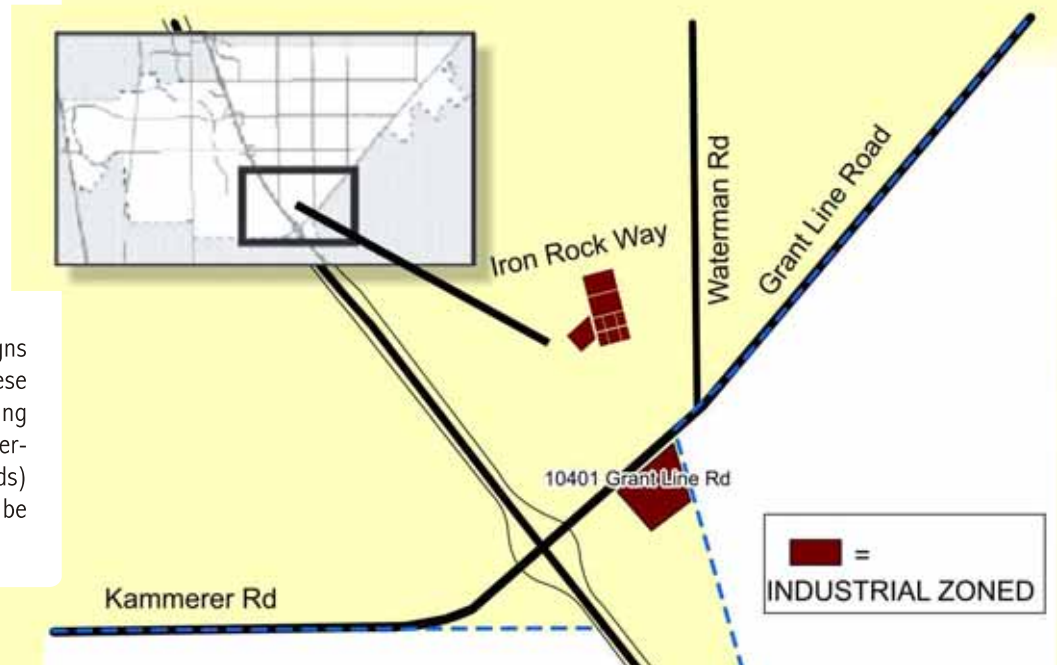
In recent issues, we've talked about the need for local municipal waste facilities that may include a Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility and Household Hazardous Waste facility. These facilities are intended to improve the collection of waste generated within Elk Grove.

This map shows the two proposed sites identified for Elk Grove's future municipal waste facilities – both locations are zoned industrial (M1 or M2) and are located in southeast Elk Grove.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the preparation of an Environment Impact Report (EIR) which evaluates potential impacts and designs "mitigation measures". Concerns about these facilities include dust and noise during construction, traffic volume at local interchanges, increased litter, pests (rodents, birds) and odors. These concerns are valid and can be mitigated with proper design features.

To hear more the City is holding public information meetings throughout the year two upcoming ones are scheduled for July 22, at 6:30 p.m. and August 26, at 7:00 p.m. both meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers to explain the importance of the project.

Please join us!



Fluorescent Lamp Recycling

Fluorescent lamps or tubes can help businesses reduce their energy consumption, using less than half the energy of traditional incandescent lamps. But fluorescent lamps contain mercury, a toxic element that can cause serious health problems even in small amounts. If broken or improperly disposed of, these lamps can leave mercury lingering in the air, water and soil for months or even years, causing threats to human health and the environment.

Recycling used fluorescent lamps is a great way for businesses to eliminate mercury emissions, and reduce waste and toxic material disposal. Businesses typically generate a large volume of four- and eight- foot lamps, which must be disposed of at either one of the Sacramento Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities available to Elk Grove residents and businesses. For more information, call 478-2289.

For more information about mercury spills, please visit www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm



Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station

8491 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento

North Area Recovery Station

4450 Roseville Road, North Highlands