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FACT SHEET

Ezell Pike Convenience Center Opens January 25, 2016

Features convenient access for waste & recycling disposal, green elements, educational programs and information

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Mayor Megan Barry joined Metro Public Works today to cut the ribbon and celebrate the grand opening of the new Ezell Pike Convenience Center.

The convenience center is Nashville's 4th, and offers residents in the southern part of Nashville convenient access to recycling, household trash, bulky items, brush, tires & household hazardous waste. Hours of operation for the new center are Mon.-Sat. 7:30am-5:00pm and Sun. Noon-4:00pm.

The approximately 3 ½ acre site is located on Metro property, a portion of which is used by the Davidson County Sheriff's Office. The center features a new MTA bus stop at the entrance.

Ezell Pike Green Features

Green Services Provides/Operations:

- Recycling accepted includes Aluminum & Metal Cans, Glass Bottles (clear, green & brown), Plastic Bottles & Containers, Cardboard, Newspaper & Mixed Paper, e-waste, bulky Items (couches, stoves, etc.), brush, Tires for recycling, mattresses, carpet pad, and more. The site will also collect used oil – this is made possible through a State of Tennessee, Department of Environment and Conservation grant awarded Metro a Used Oil Collection Grant to establish a used oil collection site at the new center.

Attendant Booth:

- LED lighting with motion sensors
- Tankless water heater and low flow toilet
- Insulated and tinted glass with low emission coating
- EnergyStar HVAC and furniture re-claimed (from Metro Surplus)

HHW Building:

- Meets LEED Low Emitting Materials, Paints and Coatings
- Meets LEED Regional Materials criteria
- Reuse center for paint and similar items and furniture and shelving re-used (from Metro Surplus)

Landscaping and Trees:

- The entrance to the new center will be landscaped with a selection of both native and non-native plants to provide seasonal highlight and interest. This added touch will be done once the weather warms and the ground unfreezes.
- Additionally, trees will soften the HHW Building at the back of the convenience center.
- There is a dominate detention pond on the south western part of the property that will provide stormwater retention and mitigation from the new impervious black top surface of the facility.

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Site:

- Meets LEED Regional Materials criteria
- Meets LEED Site Selection criteria
- Meets LEED Public Transportation criteria (MTA bus goes by the center and a bus stop has been added in front of the convenience center entrance)
- Meets LEED Accredited Professional criteria
- Landscaping and enhanced storm water features (Design in process).
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Education

- Educational/Waste Reduction signage installed on site (includes facts about recycling)
- Educational programs will be held in the HHW building. Education will focus on the following:
 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - What is HHW and how does Metro's collection program work
 - What people can do at home to reduce the HHW they have
 - Safe alternatives to HHW
 - Metro's Other Recyclables (focusing on recyclables collected at convenience centers that are not collected at the curb) including tires, mattresses, carpet pad, white goods, etc.

Safety

- The focus of the new center and buildings is on safety and the safe handling and processing of materials. The Ezell Pike HHW building includes an extensive ventilation system and has an eyewash station. The ventilation system, as described below includes energy saving features that allow it to run at a lower speed overnight, thus saving energy, and a higher speed during the day when material is coming in and staff is working. The ventilation system utilizes specialized venting stations tailored for specific types of vapor producing materials. See description below:
 - The ventilation system in the household hazardous waste (HHW) building consists of a two speed, continuous ventilation system powered by a roof mounted centrifugal exhaust fan. When the facility is not in operation the speed of the fan can be adjusted to the low setting to prevent the accumulation of harmful fumes within the closed building. During operation, the fan can be adjust to the high speed setting to provide an additional measure of personnel protection during loading and unloading operations. There are four intake vents mounted approximately 12" above the floor of the building to capture heavier vapors. Additionally there is a 15 ft. x 4 ft. Ventilation hood and two individual drum vents to be utilized for drums being loaded with incoming materials and a ventilation duct along the rear of the building to provide ventilation for drums awaiting shipment.

Led by Metro Public Works, project partners include Davidson County Sheriff Office, MTA, Rock City Construction Co., Inc. and Triad Environmental Consultant.

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