



# Not In My Backyard

Worksheet E.1

Handout A

## *HAZELTON COURIER PRESS*

Citizens Raise Concerns

### New Resource Recovery Plant Proposed

Hazelton, USA – Hazelton is a small but growing community. Presently, the city ships its solid waste to Clinton Landfill in a neighboring state. Due to the city's growing population, and Clinton's increased tipping fees and transportation costs to use the Clinton site, the city council has proposed location of a Resource Recovery Plant in Hazelton.

Mayor Jones says the proposed plant is needed. "This Resource Recovery Plant is good for Hazelton. It would create jobs and reduce the cost of trash removal for the taxpayer." The mayor also explained that electricity can be generated from the solid waste incinerated at the plant.

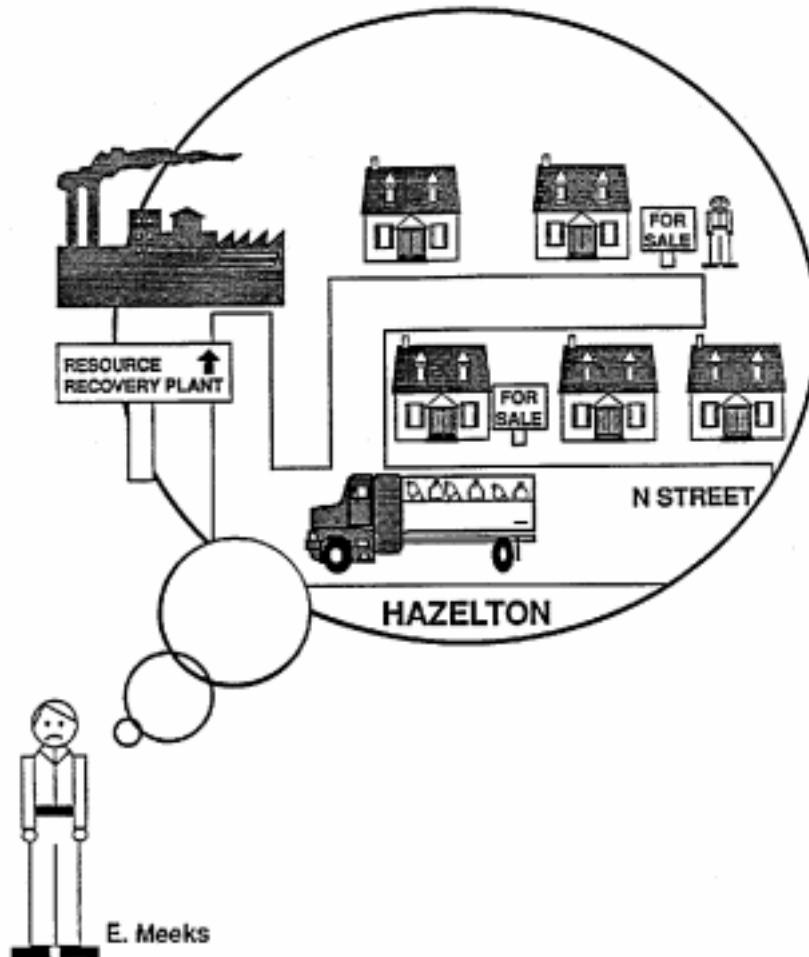
ACE Environmental has requested a permit to construct a Resource Recovery Plant at Norman's Point. Presently, N Street is the only viable access to the proposed site. Edwin Meeks, an N Street home-owner, is worried about possible indirect or spillover costs created for his neighbors if this plant is built at Norman's Point.

Mr. Meeks has formed a concerned citizens group, Citizens Against Landfills (CAL). CAL has convinced the city to survey the citizens of Hazelton to obtain their views on the proposed ACE Environmental Resource Recovery Plant. The results of the survey will be discussed at the upcoming city council meeting.

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Edwin Meeks is concerned about his neighborhood. Below is a picture of how he thinks his neighborhood will look after the resource recovery plant is built.



# Activity Worksheet A

## Resource Recovery Plant Survey

Hazelton City Council

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Hazelton Residents,

The City Council and the Mayor want your views on construction of a Resource Recovery Plant at Norman's Pointe. Please help us by completing this survey. Return your completed survey to Etta Joiner, City Council Secretary prior to the next City Council meeting.

If it were determined that Hazelton had an environmentally safe site for a state-of-the-art Resource Recovery Plant, would you support locating it at that site? Explain.

Use the code below to answer question 2.

1 = No Impact

2 = Good Impact

3 = Bad Impact

What impact do you think a landfill at Norman's Pointe will have on each of the following:

\_\_\_ Air Quality    \_\_\_ Property Values    \_\_\_ Waste Reduction

\_\_\_ City Image    \_\_\_ Neighborhood    \_\_\_ Traffic

\_\_\_ Wildlife    \_\_\_ Water Quality    \_\_\_ Jobs

\_\_\_ Taxes

City Council values your input. Thank you for completing this survey.

Sincerely,

Etta Joiner  
City Council Secretary

## Activity Worksheet B

### Resource Recovery Plant Survey Results

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The results of the Norman's Pointe Resource Recovery Plant survey will be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting. Council President Alvaraz has prepared her comments for tonight's meeting. Her notes include how the city plans to address citizens' concerns about the Resource Recovery Plant. She also will outline the benefits for Hazelton if the plant is built.

The meeting is scheduled to begin in one hour. As President Alvarez reviews her notes, she realizes she forgot to outline the benefits to the city of a Resource Recovery Plant. Below are her incomplete notes. Help the Council President finish her remarks by listing on a piece of notebook paper four benefits to Hazelton and its citizens of locating ACE Environmental's Resource Recovery Plant at Norman's Pointe.

### **Notes For Council President's Speech**

#### **Citizen's Concerns About Norman's Pointe Resource Recovery Plant**

<i>Concern</i>	<i>Way City Will Address the Concern</i>
1. Air Quality Devices	The plant has state-of-the-art pollution abatement.
2. Traffic	New access route to the plant will be built, which bypasses N Street.
3. Taxes	Hazelton will receive tax revenue from the plant. City's tax expenditures for solid waste removal will decrease.
4. Property Values	ACE Environmental has agreed to install state-of-the-art methods to control air pollution and to design the facility so it is aesthetically pleasing to their neighbors. The intent is to keep property values from falling.
5. Neighborhood	See above.
6. Wildlife	ACE Environmental has agreed to build an environmentally friendly facility.
7. Aesthetics	ACE Environmental has agreed to landscape the facility to present an eye-appealing view to those living close by and to construct attractive fencing so that the plant itself is not visible from the street.