

Refined Ideas Generated by 9/15/20 Community Engagement Meeting

- Offer grants or other City financial support for mowers that mulch-in-place.
- Offer more education to residents and lawn care companies about where to put leaves using a series of videos and other communication methods to keep ditches clear and manage leaves effectively.
- Develop a street ambassador program to encourage participation with and education about proper leaf management.
- Establish a team competition for who can collect the most cubic yards of leaves. Set aside \$50,000 for teams to collect leaves and those who collect the most tonnage share the prize. Perhaps a donation to a favorite community cause. IU has a program "Dance Marathon" perhaps enroll students or any groups. Team collection tonnage potentially include vulnerable populations to get bonus points for tonnage amounts- the neighborhoods that collect the most earn a block party!
- Charge a user fee for those that use the vacuum collection and are not composting on site. Those wishing to compost on site receive incentive to participate in small group workshops to learn how to compost.
- Farms adopt neighborhoods or neighborhoods adopt farms and leaves are taken to the farm.
- Encourage lawn care companies to offer leaf shredding in-place as a service.
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- Create a YouTube educational series on how to compost leaves using Earth Machines or something similar. This option respects the neighbors who are not able to compost while also showing/teaching folks how to compost leaves in their own yard (how to make them smaller and use them in gardens etc).
- Have the City supply free 64-gallon green composting bins. Residents can fill these bins and place them at the curb every other week for free with yard waste.
- Establish neighborhood drop off/dumpster for leaves. Incentivize residents who haul their leaves there.