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Tim,

Thank you very much for the reply. You are correct, the American Legion and the Resource Recovery are the places that the flags are currently taken to for proper disposal. However, not everyone knows that. I wasn't made aware of the Resource Recovery Plant taking these until last fall and I've lived in the area for over 17 years. The girls found a need to have a more public location for disposal and also one that could be accessible 24/7. The Legion is only open a few hours and you need to be either "buzzed in" to the Post, be a member of the Legion Family (Post, Auxiliary, Sons) or know a Legion Family member in order to get it to the post. The closure of the Post earlier during the Pandemic made it extremely difficult to drop off retired flags. In regards to Resource Recover, there might be people that are hesitant in doing this as this is where recycling and garbage also end up, so some might think they are throwing away their flag.

The area that they were thinking of on the NE Corner of Main and Kellogg near the flag poles. The girls did take into account navigation the right of way for the sidewalks for disabled persons as well on busy days, when there are parades or events downtown and even snow removal. They thought that if it was placed near the flag poles or the bench that is currently there and would be out of the right of way of the sidewalk. In regards to emptying, They will be working with the Legion Post on getting it emptied. The main concept behind the project is to have a publicly accessible box/ receptacle for the flags and along with that create public awareness as to where to get replacement flags.

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