

## **Experience**

## Senior Developer/UX Engineer/IA

re:group Integrated Marketing 2013 - Present

- Collect insights by creating user surveys, leading user testing, and facilitating A/B testing
- Incorporate user data into UI designs
- Generate content outlines, site maps, and interactive wireframes
- · Collaborate with clients to ensure that the delivered product meets expectations

### Design Victory

• In 2015, I completed a website redesign for a Michigan medical practice. With the previous design, only 30% of users were able to successfully use the "Find a Doctor" tool. On the new site, over 80% of users find the correct doctor or facility.

## Lead Developer/UX Designer

Stone Interactive Group 2010 - 2013

- Managed four to six development projects at a time, while handling support tickets
- Maintained live sites by updating UI elements and developing user testing for continued growth of the site
- Worked up from support manager to lead developer through proven proficiency in emerging web technologies
- Leveraged my experience in support for insights into common user issues

## Graphic Designer/Front End Developer

Ferris State Admissions Office 2008 - 2010

- Helped to grow the marketing-focused web department from one to a team of five, including four developers and one videographer
- Maintained the marketing website for prospective students
- Maintained brand standards

### Graphic Design Intern

Ferris State Design Project Center 2009 - 2010

- Worked with a team of other students to produce a website, brochure, fliers, and buttons for the school's Good Choices campaign
- Met with the client and presented the campaign to a committee board in order to approve a budget for printing
- Collaborated with a television production team to design and produce a video for the website's homepage

## **About**

As a child, I wanted to be a jet plane (not a pilot), or maybe a robotic dinosaur. These days, I'm happy to be a web maker, although I haven't given up the dream of someday being a robot. I love spending my days transforming the web into a friendlier and less frustrating place through user-focused design. To me, this means basing design decisions on research and data to provide users with what they need, when they need it. Sarah Parmenter, Luke Wroblewski, and Jeffrey Zeldman are some of my UX design idols.

Recently, I've been working with a professor from my alma mater to better integrate web development practices and processes into the design curriculum. I think it's critical that new design graduates are familiar with web technologies.

When I'm not making things on the web, I like to make things at home: cooking, dis/re-assembling my bikes, or honing my amateur luthier skills. Once I'm worn out, you'll often find me lounging with my two dogs (Princess Zelda and Sir Ralph Ralphington III, Esquire) and watching old horror films or re-watching Stargate for the tenth time

## **Education**

Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design Ferris State University Winter 2005 - Spring 2010

### **Skills**

Proficient in Mac & PC **Browser Optimization JSON** 

Angular PHP

MySQL

Playing guitar

Javascript

Jquery

Velocity CodeIgniter

HTML5

CSS

SASS

LESS

Grunt

Bower

Gulp

Joomla

Drupal

Magento

Wordpress

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**JSlint** 

Sketch

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

Cycling

Luthier

User Testing

A/B Testing



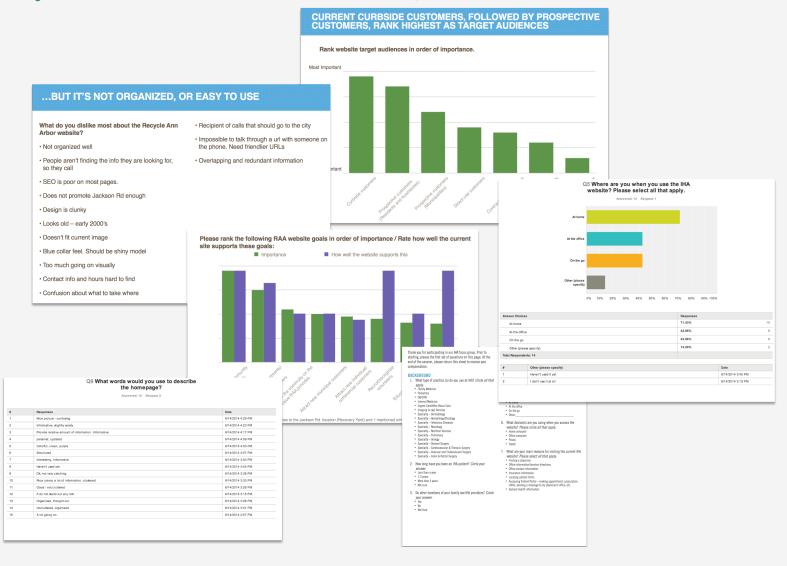
## **Recycle Ann Arbor**

## **Project Overview**

The client requested a site that was easy to update and allowed them to direct users to the proper recycling facilities and procedures. We walked through preliminary website and user discovery, as well as user testing. Based on data from the discovery phase, we recommended restructuring the site architecture with improved access through a more engaging recycling guide search. One of the surprising discoveries we made was that users were interested in learning more about what Recycle Ann Arbor brings to the community. Based on that insight, we implemented the "Did You Know" blurbs you'll see in the website. These blurbs reflect the section that the user is currently viewing and take the user to related information deeper in the site.



## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Discovery & User Research





## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — User Personas

## **User Type: Current Residential**



**User Priority: Primary** Name: Aretha Franklin Sex: Female Age: 45

Primary device: Desktop Secondary devices: Phone Browser: Safari/IE

Most common task: Checking A-Z lists

Location: Ann Arbor

#### BACKGROUND:

Aretha is a family woman who lives in the old west side of Ann Arbor with her family of four in a single family home. Her family tries hard to compost and sort things properly into the recycle bin. Quarterly they visit the drop off station with anything that cannot be taken through curbside pickup. In the summer, she composts all of the grass clippings from the yard but would like to see reminders either through an email newsletter or by announcement on the website regarding when they start and stop picking up compost each year. In the winter, alerts would be helpful either by email or text when there are weather delays regarding weekly curbside pick up of recycling. Aretha has bookmarked the A-Z list on the family computer as she and her husband use it to teach their child Abigale what things can be recycled and what happens to them after they've been picked up. Aretha's friends wouldn't call her and her family hippies but more so white-collar, eco-conscious people. Recently she has been going to the Reuse center to get "urban wood" to use on projects around the house; like the coffee table she just completed.

#### HABITS/PERSONALITY TRAITS:

Aretha would be found doing the following:

- Priority of information Aretha is looking for:
  - 1. A-Z recycling guide
  - 2. Residential curbside pick up restrictions
  - 3. DOS hours and guidelines
  - 4. Reuse center hours
- · Commonly asked questions:
  - > How late is the Reuse center/DOS open till?
  - > "Abigale what do we do with cardboard packaging boxes?"
  - > Will the recent storm push back recycling pick up a day?
  - > What do I do with these scrap pieces of wood and old nails?
  - > Where do I find X educational material for my daughter?

## **User Type: Prospect Residential**



**User Priority:** Secondary Name: Savannah Sex: Female

Age: 29 Primary device: Phone

Secondary devices: Desktop Browser: Chrome

Most common task: Reading educational materials/Checking out DOS

**Location:** Genessee County

#### BACKGROUND:

Savannah lives in a condo complex in Fenton. She's unhappy with the lack of recycling or availability of access to ready recycle her electronics. Sayannah has driven to the reuse center in Ann Arbor before with the intent to drop off some old laptops and monitors. They informed her about their curbside service to Ann Arbor residents and she's been trying to find a comparable service near her. She frequents social media platforms but is unaware of Recycle Ann Arbor's presence on them along with the events and educational functions that Recycle Ann Arbor puts on. Savannah recently tried looking up hours for the Reuse center while out with friends one weekend intending to stop by but gave up and had to wait till she was home on her laptop to check. Savannah's friends would call her thrifty and creative due to the crafts she does in her free time. She re-purposes found objects and enjoys refurnishing old furniture she finds at garage sales and thrift shops.

#### HABITS/PERSONALITY TRAITS:

Savannah would be found doing the following:

- Priority of information Savannah is looking for:
  - 1. Hours of the Reuse Center
  - 2. Residential curbside pickup service area and restrictions
  - 3. Educational materials
- Commonly asked questions:
  - > Who handles recycling and composting around me?
  - > Where can I drop off my old TV and laptop?
  - > What benefit does it serve for me to drive to Ann Arbor to drop off my goods?
  - > What can I do to get more involved in my community with recycling?

## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — User Personas

## **User Type: Current Business/Commercial**



**User Priority:** Other Name: Timothy Sex: Male Age: 35

Primary device: Phone Secondary devices: Desktop

Browser: Safari

Most common task: Reviewing guidelines for single-stream

Location: Ann Arbor

#### BACKGROUND:

Timothy owns and operates a locally sourced grocery/cafe. He tries his best to use packaging and materials that can be easily recycled or composted. Tim was born and raised in Ann Arbor and grew up recycling with Recycle Ann Arbor as a child because that's who his parents used. He's familiar with the Reuse Center and DOS but rather new to the business side of Recycle Ann Arbor. There are questions he has regarding what items are readily picked up under the single-stream recycling system. Timothy's friends and family would jokingly refer to him as a "granola hippie" as he is constantly trying to advocate to them about bettering the community they live in through recycling. He requires staff at his store to educate themselves on local recycling services and practices.

#### HABITS/PERSONALITY TRAITS:

Timothy would be found doing the following:

- Priority of information Timothy is looking for:
  - 1. Business curbside pick up schedule and guidelines
  - 2. Referencing the A-Z guide on his phone which requires a lot of pinching and scrolling
  - 3. Looking up education materials for his staff to review
  - 4. Information on how to get involved
- Commonly asked questions:
  - > What do I do with my compost in the winter?
  - > What do I do if I need more picked up this week than my bin can hold?
  - > How do I find out more about the other services that Recycle Ann Arbor provides to the community?

## **User Type: Prospect Business/Commercial**



**User Priority:** Secondary

Name: Sam Sex: Male Age: 45

Primary device: Phone Secondary devices: Desktop

Browser: Safari

Most likely common task: Checking DOS hours/locations

Location: Brighton

#### BACKGROUND:

Sam owns a small roofing company (Slinging Shingles) which currently operates mostly in the Brighton area. He frequently is using his phone trying to find drop off centers for scraps from local works sites which can be recycled or reused. Sam wants to better integrate a zero waste policy into his companies normal work flow. He would be interested in learning more about the roll off containers if he can efficiently reserve them for the date and location of where he will be working. Sam can be considered a blue collar guy but is concerned about finding an effective, convenient, and as eco-friendly way as possible to dispose of the waste that is generated on work sites. Don't get Sam wrong, he's concerned about his community and his foot print on the environment but at the end of the day he's trying to run a business and has to be economical. So if he can come close in cost and convenience he's more than willing to take the "green" route. When something can't be taken away by Calverts he would be looking to drop it off to the Recovery Yard in his crew's trailor.

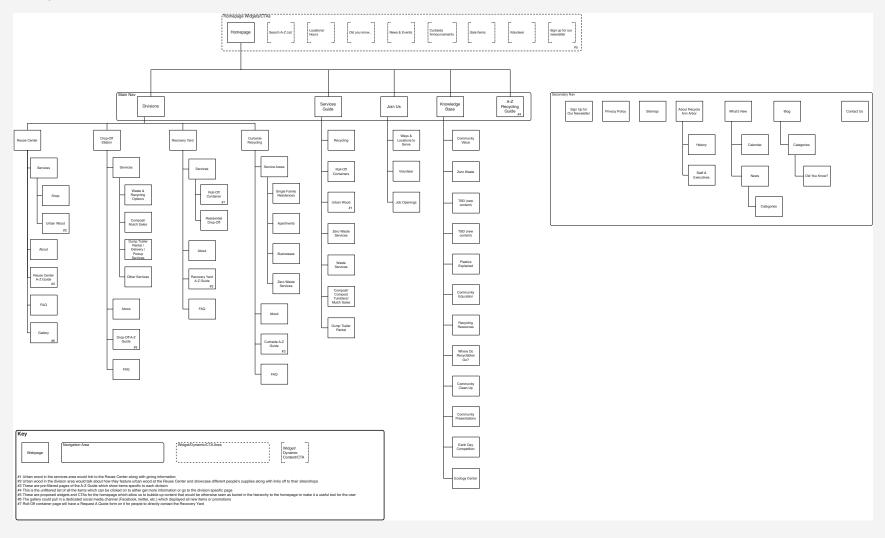
#### HABITS/PERSONALITY TRAITS:

Sam would be found doing the following:

- · Priority of information Sam is looking for:
  - 1. Calvert's Roll-off information, pricing, scheduling, and sizes (would like to see graphical representation of sizes)
  - 2. Information on the benefits of recycling from a business prospective
  - 3. DOS service information, locations, and hours
- Commonly asked questions:
  - > Are there any tax incentives from the local government for businesses who recycle?
  - > Who is my point of contact for frequently scheduling delivery of the Roll-offs?
  - > How far away from the facility will they deliver to?
  - > How much do they cost and are there any contracts for summer months?
  - > What is accepted in the Calvert's Roll-offs and how do I dispose of things that aren't accepted?



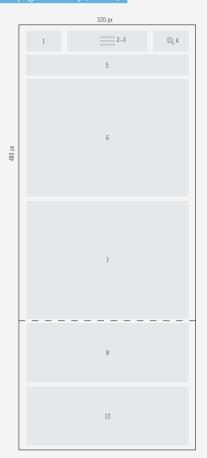
## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Site Map





## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Wireframes

#### Homepage Hierarchy (mobile)



- 1. Logo (img/hyperlink)
- 2. Primary Navigation (text links)
- · Divisions (text separator/dropdown)
- . Services Guide (text separator/dropdown)
- · Join Us (link to page)
- Knowledge Base (link to page)
- . A-Z Guide Recycling (link to page)
- 3. Secondary Navigation (text links) Sign up for Newsletter (link to page)
- About Recycle Ann Arbor (text separator/dropdown)
- . What's new? (text separator/dropdown)
- . Blog (link to page)
- . Contact Us (link to page)
- Search engine (site wide)
- Division Announcements (feed displaying the latest announcements from this category)
- Search A-Z list (input field, w/option to link to entire list)
- Divisions (address, phone, fax, email, hours of operation)
- 8. News & Events (small feed displaying the latest posts from these two categories)

#### 9. Sale items (call-out area displaying item(s) being adver-

- tised from ReUse Center 10. Did vou Know
- (static text, with link to Knowledge Base or Blog)
- 11. Volunteer (description about next volunteering event, with
- link to Volunteer section of site)

#### 12. Footer (STANDARD ON ALL PAGES) · Brief elevator speech of Who you are, what you do (adds

- Newsletter Sign-up (link to Newsletter Sign-Up page)
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- . Social Icons (external links to RAA Facebook and Twitter

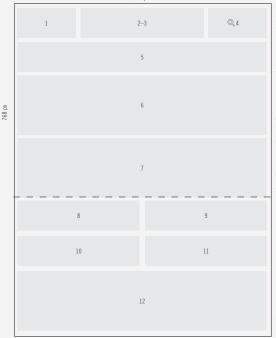
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Pink Text - Points of discussion before finalizing wireframe

#### Homepage Hierarchy (desktop)



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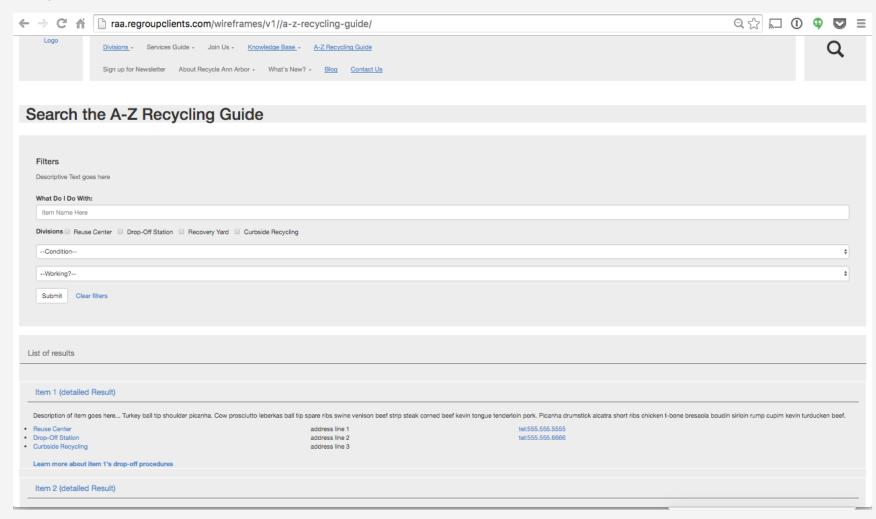
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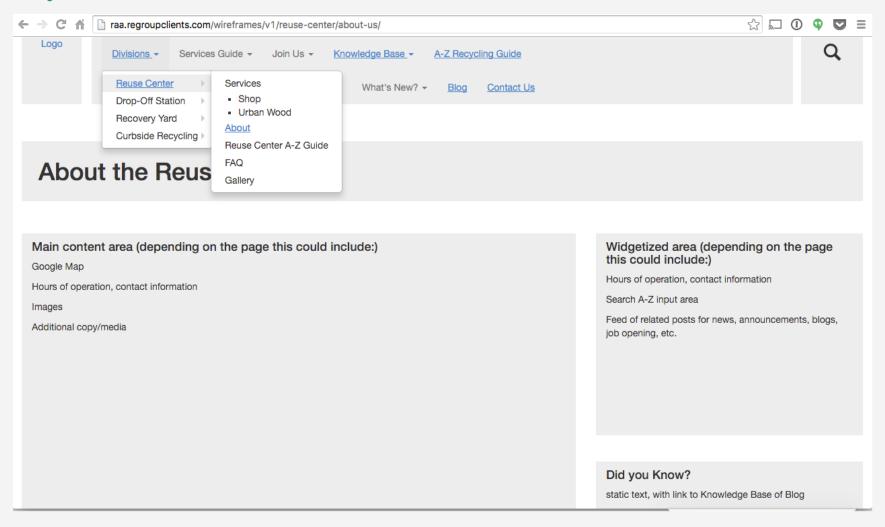


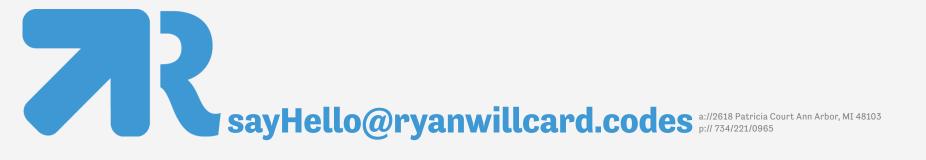
## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Interactive Wireframes



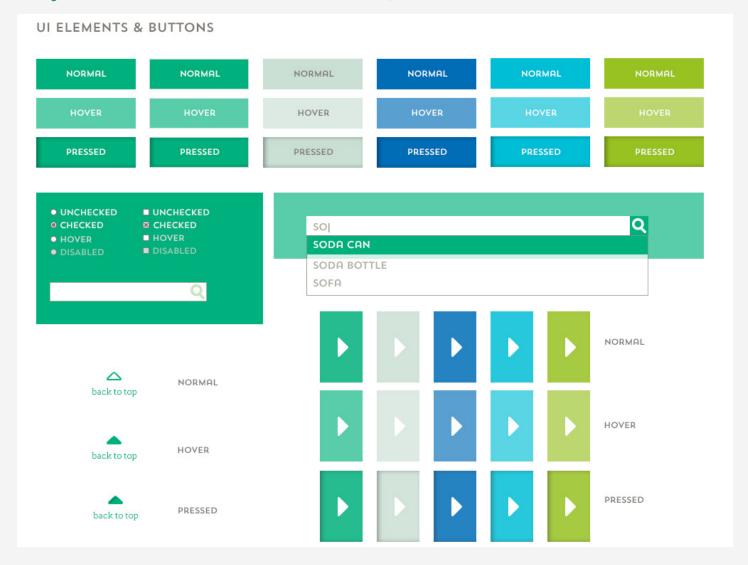


## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Interactive Wireframes



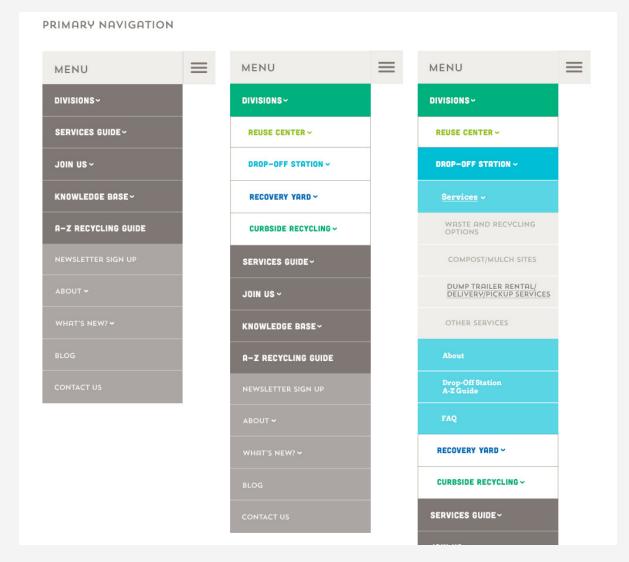


## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Style Guide



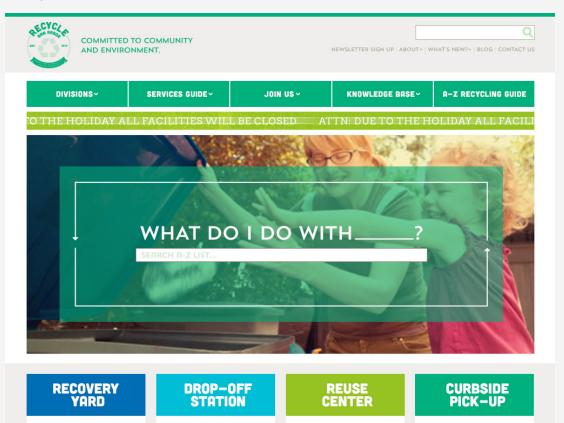


## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Style Guide





## Recycle Ann Arbor Website Process — Designs



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