

If you look at it now, the property on 25th Street and 2nd Avenue North in downtown Birmingham has a few recycling bins, along with a run-down building. However, that area will eventually be transformed into a state of the art recycling center and office building. While it's still in the early planning stages, the [Alabama Environmental Council](#) (AEC) wants to move their state offices into the building's second floor, and convert the first floor into an educational recycling center. "Signage is going to be very distinct," says Michael Churchman, AEC executive director. "This is going to be the public face of the council and expose people as to what kind of work we are doing."

Their plans include adding more bins that can collect different materials, constructing a security fence around the bins, and adding loading zones so people can drop off their recycled materials more easily. Churchman says recycling centers aren't readily available across Alabama, but they 're excited to be moving their services to downtown Birmingham. "There is alot of advocacy for revitalization here," comments Churchman. "We are thrilled to be apart of it, and to provide this service to residents."

No timetable has been set as to when the new recycling center will be completed. For now, the current recycling center will remain open for the public. If you would like more information, [visit the AEC's website](#).