

Resource Conservation Council Meeting

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to new members:

- Dewey Stoffels, City of Grapevine
- Amanda Valdez, City of Benbrook

Recognition of departing member:
Jennifer Shaver, City of Arlington

Member Roll Call – Please unmute your phone
to state your presence

2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest.

Steve Massey, Chair of the Resource Conservation Council (RCC), will request RCC representatives with a potential conflict of interest relating to an agenda item to notify the RCC of the conflict of interest.

Action Items

3. **Meeting Summary.** The [August 20, 2020 meeting summary](#) will be presented for approval.

► Members: Please unmute your phone to vote.

Action Items

4. Solid Waste Grant Program - Application Process Improvements. Kathy Fonville, Vice Chair, will present the Solid Waste Grant Task Force's recommendations on improving the solid waste grant application process to the RCC for approval.

Action Items

4. Task Force Recommendations:

- ▶ In-kind expenses are no longer eligible for reimbursement
- ▶ Each entity will be limited to two applications and only one per department
- ▶ Supporting documentation (quotes, photos, etc.) will now be required
- ▶ Score sheets will be adjusted to be more detailed and to include scoring categories for past grant management performance and quality of application

Action Items

4. Task Force Recommendations:

- ▶ Application template will be shorter with more detailed instructions and will be fully up-loadable to the website
- ▶ Project Summary Slide will be eliminated
- ▶ NCTCOG will perform a preliminary review of all applications and disqualify those not meeting minimum requirements
- ▶ Subcommittee members will review and score grants prior to Scoring Sessions and will be able to adjust scores as needed during the Scoring Sessions

Members: Please unmute your phone to vote.

Presentation

5. Accelerating Recycling: Policy to Unlock Supply for the Circular Economy. The Recycling Partnership will provide a presentation covering the Circular Economy Accelerator, an initiative that proposes a unique public-private partnership solution to transform the local US residential recycling system.

TOGETHER

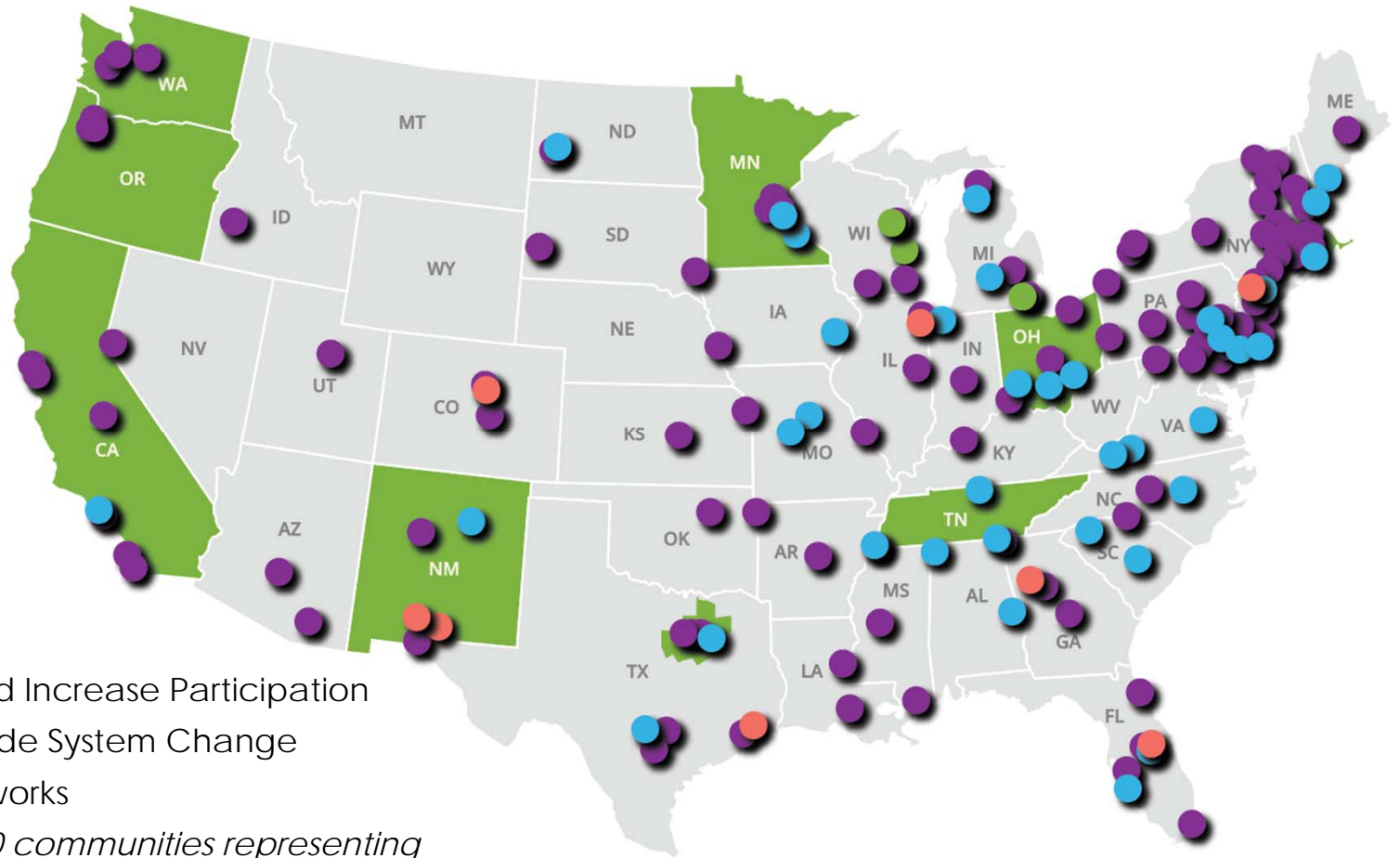
Transforming Recycling For Good



Driving National Recycling System Change Coast to Coast

- Infrastructure Grants
- Reduce Contamination and Increase Participation
- Drive Regional and Statewide System Change
- Connect Peer-to-Peer Networks

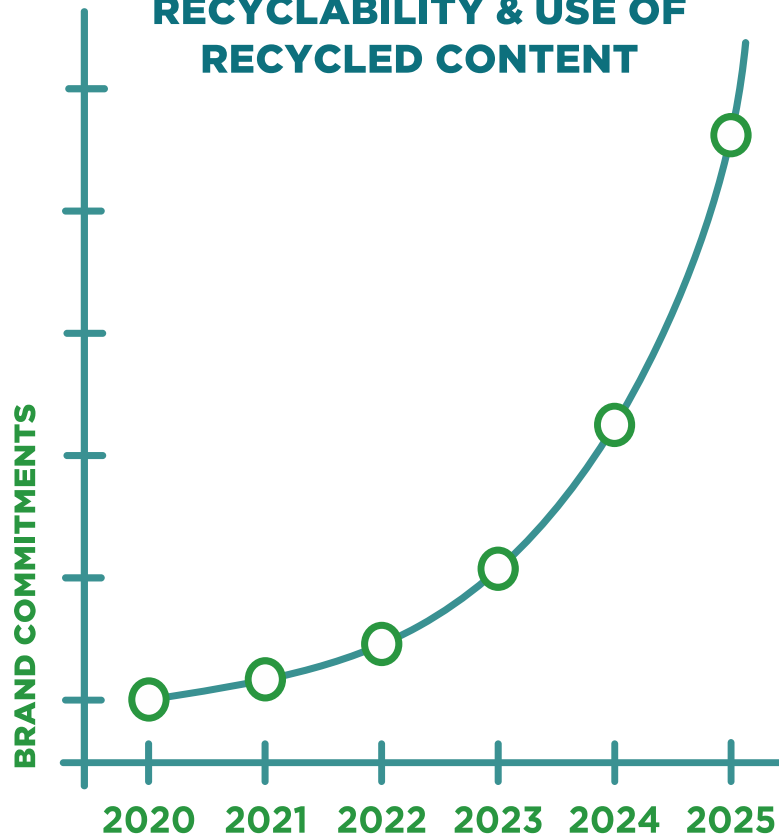
Additionally, more than 500 communities representing 30 million households have downloading our free videos, campaigns, social media kits and tech tools.



83% of Americans view recycling as a valuable public service, but only 59% have access to recycling on par with disposal.



BRAND COMMITMENTS TO RECYCLABILITY & USE OF RECYCLED CONTENT



450 of the world's largest companies have made global commitments to increase the recyclability and the use of recycled content in their products more than five-fold in the next five years.

Circular Economy Accelerator Purpose

Together, we will drive change by building consensus and advocating for attainable policy and legislative solutions that rapidly advance the circular economy. Our work will seek to:



Incentivize recycling over disposal.



Secure sustainable funding for recycling infrastructure and education.



Expedite innovative public-private solutions.



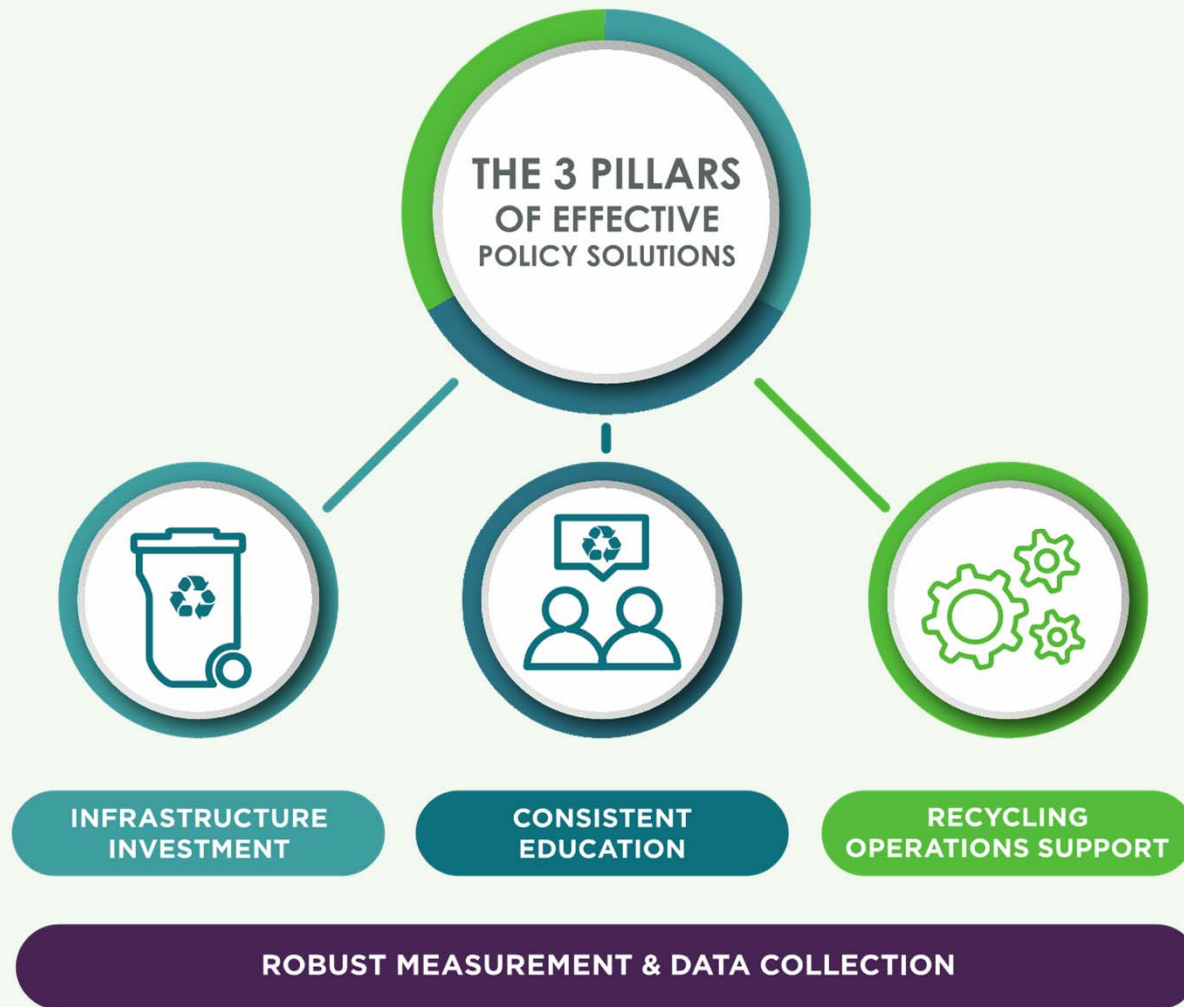
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Accelerating Recycling:

Policy to Unlock Supply for the Circular Economy





POLICY PROPOSAL

SUPPORTS

**PACKAGING AND
PRINTED PAPER FEE**



**INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT**



**CONSISTENT
EDUCATION**

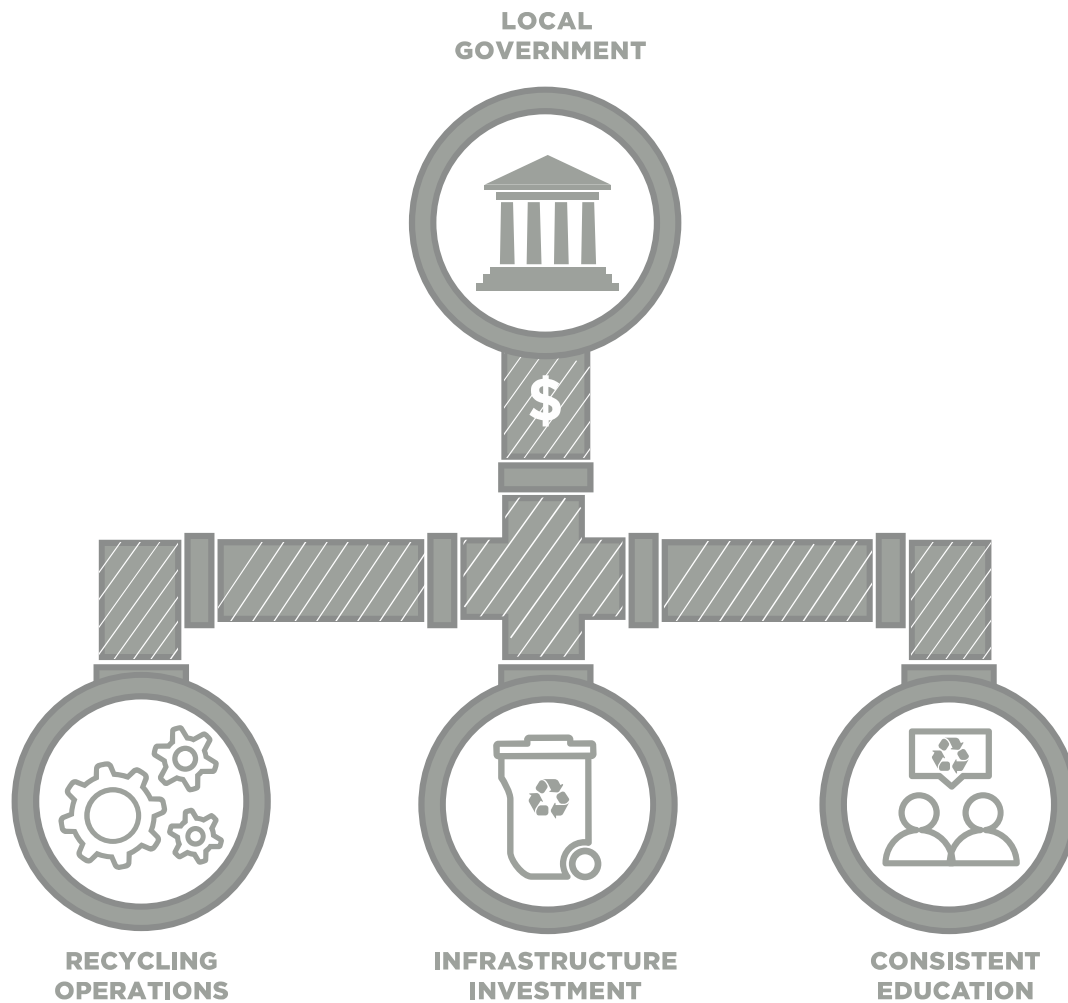
**DISPOSAL
SURCHARGE**



**RECYCLING
OPERATIONS**

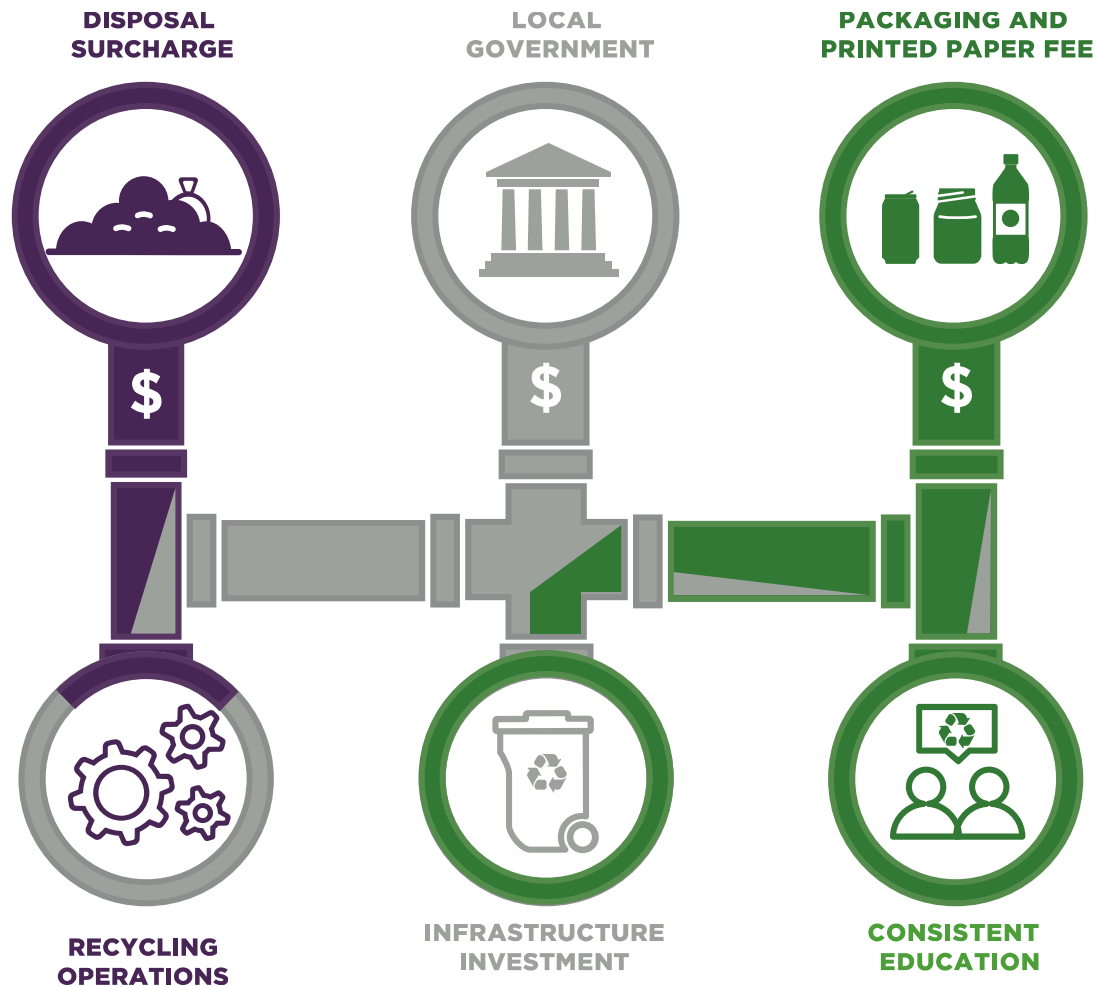
Public-private partnership solutions





How It Works: Current System

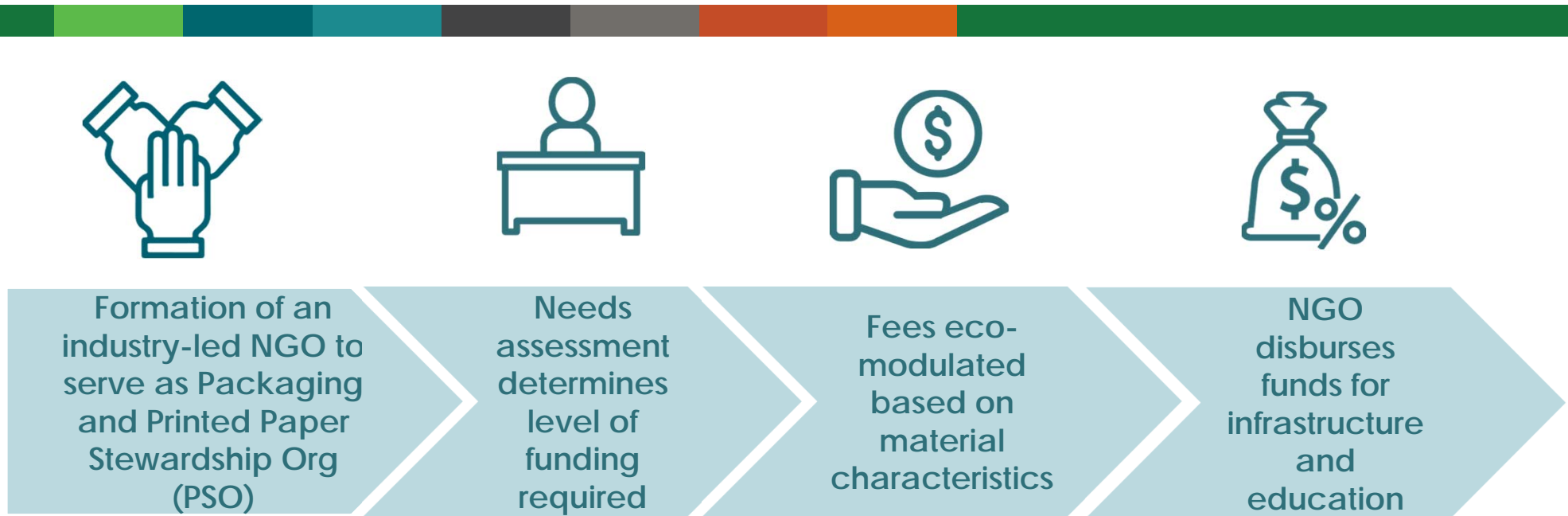
Local governments bear all burden of funding residential recycling, and it's not enough to sustain or improve the system.



How It Works: Proposed System

Funding is injected from private-sector packaging and printed paper fees and public-sector disposal surcharges to sustain and improve the system.

Packaging and Printed Paper Fee: How it Works



Brands pay packaging and printed paper fees with discounts for environmental design, such as recyclability and recycled content. NGO sets the fees and disburses funding based on the findings of the needs assessment through direct investments, competitive grants, etc.

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Disposal Surcharge: How it Works



Levied per ton
on MSW disposal

Operator of
facility pays
tax

Facility remits
levy to state or
federal
government

Revenue
credited to
the Recycling
Trust Fund

Funds are distributed to states or local governments on a per-capita basis to be used as ongoing financial assistance to operate the collection, processing and marketing of recyclables by local government programs.

Public Sector Advisory Group

Engaging state and local government stakeholders in discussions to refine, improve, and advance policy solutions, including those outlined in the *Accelerating Recycling* policy report.

Regular meetings beginning November 2020



Discussion



Discussion

6. FY21 RCC Membership. The FY21 terms for new and recently reappointed members began on October 1, 2020 and will continue through September 30, 2022. The roster can be found [here](#). NCTCOG will provide forms for RCC members to designate alternates and select the subcommittee on which they would like to serve.

Discussion

7. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. NCTCOG will provide an update on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and request feedback from the RCC on next steps.

- ▶ NCTCOG is contractually obligated to complete an update to Volume I of the RSWMP (Goals and Objectives) by January 2022.
- ▶ Depending on whether there are significant changes to the goals and objectives, an update to Volume II of the RSWMP (Implementation Plan) may be necessary.

Discussion

7. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

- ▶ NCTCOG recently received the templates from TCEQ for both the Volume I and II update and will be convening the Regional Management Plan Subcommittee (RMPS) on **December 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM** to refresh the subcommittee on the plan forward, discuss TCEQ's expectations, and discuss next steps.
- ▶ The RMPS will serve as the advisory group for the plan update and will bring regular updates to the RCC.

Discussion

8. NCTCOG Updates:

- Recycle Roundtable – next meeting: December 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM (Virtual)
- Western Region Waste Disposal Capacity Study
- Third Waste Characterization Assessment
- FY2020-2021 Solid Waste Grants
- EPA Region 4 Trash Free Waters Grant
- Regional Electronics Recycling Contract

Discussion Topics

8. NCTCOG Updates:

- ▶ EPA “Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities” Grant: Roundtable on December 9, 2020 from 1:00–2:30PM
- ▶ COVID-19 and Waste Management Conference Calls
- ▶ Environmental Law and Enforcement Conference
- ▶ Regional Tire Disposal and Recycling Initiative
- ▶ Senate Bill 1376 Toolkit
- ▶ Outcome of the TCEQ Commissioner’s meeting regarding MSWMRRAC’s suggestion to increase funding to COGs
- ▶ 87th Texas Legislature

Other Business

9. Future agenda items

10. Roundtable topics

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
The meeting will be virtual. Details to follow.

Resources

- ▶ Materials Management website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management>
- ▶ Regional Solid Waste Management Plan: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/materials-management-plan>
- ▶ Solid Waste Grants: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/grants>
- ▶ Regional Electronics Recycling Contract: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/regional-electronics-recycling-contract>
- ▶ Closed Landfill Inventory: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/closed-landfill-inventory>

Resources

- ▶ Illegal Dumping: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/illegal-dumping>
- ▶ Western Region Waste Capacity Study: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/western-region-solid-waste-capacity-study>
- ▶ Regional Recycling Project (Know What To Throw): <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/regional-recycling-survey-and-campaign>
- ▶ Time To Recycle: <http://www.timetorecycle.com/>

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