

Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 07, 2024 7:00 pm Town Hall 13400 Griffin Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Council Liaison

Board Members
Harold Gubnitsky
Rose Allbritton
Debbie Green

Debra Goff Rose Alessia Martinez Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski, Esq. <u>Staff Liaison</u>
Dan Stewart

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS
 - a. Introduction of Board Member Alessia Martinez
 - b. Approval of April 02, 2024 Minutes
 - c. WM Presentation and Video Dawn McCormick
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discussion Items
 - i. Clean Tech Innovation Topic
 - ii. Exploring Federal Grants
 - iii. Zero-Waste Task Force Discussion and Update
- **E. OLD BUSINESS**
- F. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
- G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
- H. STAFF COMMENTS
- I. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- J. ADJOURNMENT

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Town of Southwest Ranches Zero Waste Advisory Board Minutes

April 2, 2024 7:00 pm

Board Members Rose Allbritton, Debra Goffe-Rose, Debbie Green, Harold Gubnitsky	<u>Council Liaison</u> Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski, Esq.	<u>Staff Liaison</u> Dan Stewart
Members present:	<u>Council present:</u> Gary Jablonski	
Rose Allbritton	Jim Allbritton	
Debra Goffe-Rose	Steve Breitkreuz	
Debbie Green	David Kuczenski	
Harold Gubnitsky	Bob Hartmann	
ZWAB Members absent:	Others present: Alessia Martinez	
Staff present:	Richard Ramcharitar	
Dan Stewart	Lori Parrish	
	Doug McKay	
	John Garate	

Call to order at 7:00 PM

The members present reviewed the staff minutes of the March 2024 meeting.

Debbie Green motioned to approve the March 2024 minutes. Debra Goffe-Rose seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Goffe-Rose motioned to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule to meet the 1st Tuesday each month with a hiatus in the months of July and December. Debbie Green seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair discussed "Clean Tech Innovation Topic". The board requested to keep this as a standing item on the agenda. Chair discussed Biochar. This makes for very good fertilizer and feed for animals. Possibly able to extract carbon for batteries. All yard debris has carbon in it. If we are able capture & turn into biochar and then further turn into CO², could be a valuable commodity as an alternative to composting.

Members requested that we get more detailed information from WM as to the categorization of our solid waste. Dawn McCormick from WM is planning to attend the next advisory board meeting on May 7^{th} . She works with recycling and robotics at WM. Staff is working on coordinating a tour of the WM Facility for the board. April 10^{th} and 17^{th} were given as possible tour dates.

Staff shared that the Town is working to bring more recycling right education to the Town Parks and Facilities. There will be larger bins placed at the facilities and a large recycle bottle to collect recyclable materials at the Town parks. The Town Council is creating a PSA for "recycling right". The Town is working with WM to send out decals with what can and cannot be recycled to residents using billing accounts. The decals will be mailed with a flyer and introduction from the Town.

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Alessia is going to bring back ideas for coordinating High School students to partner with Hawks Bluff Elementary School. She would like to create educational programs for recycling, composting, and other zero waste methods to implement at the elementary school.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.



Southwest Ranches Zero Waste Advisory Board

Dawn McCormick
WM Director of Communications &
Government Affairs

May 7, 2024



WM's Sustainability Ambitions





WM Recycling Footprint

Largest North American Manager of Recyclables

7,780,337
Paper



584,756
Glass

516,717
Plastic

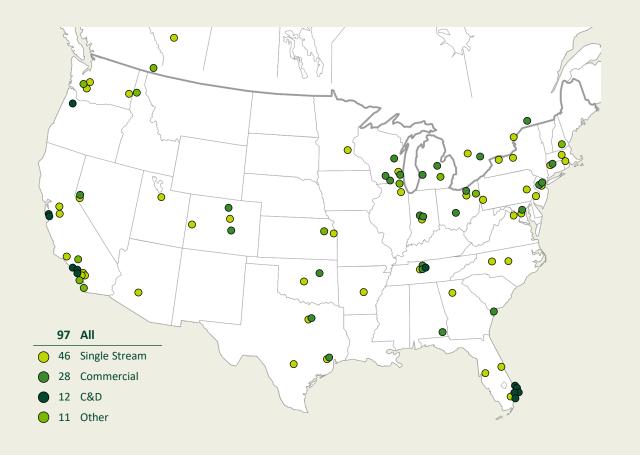
417,452
Metal

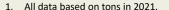
3,919,198
Mixed Organics

884,281 Fly Ash **5,105** Other

3,567
e-Waste/Lamps/
Batteries

15M Tons of Volume Across Recycling Facility Footprint





2. Construction and demolition.



WM Making a \$1B+ Investment in Increased Recycling Capacity and Infrastructure











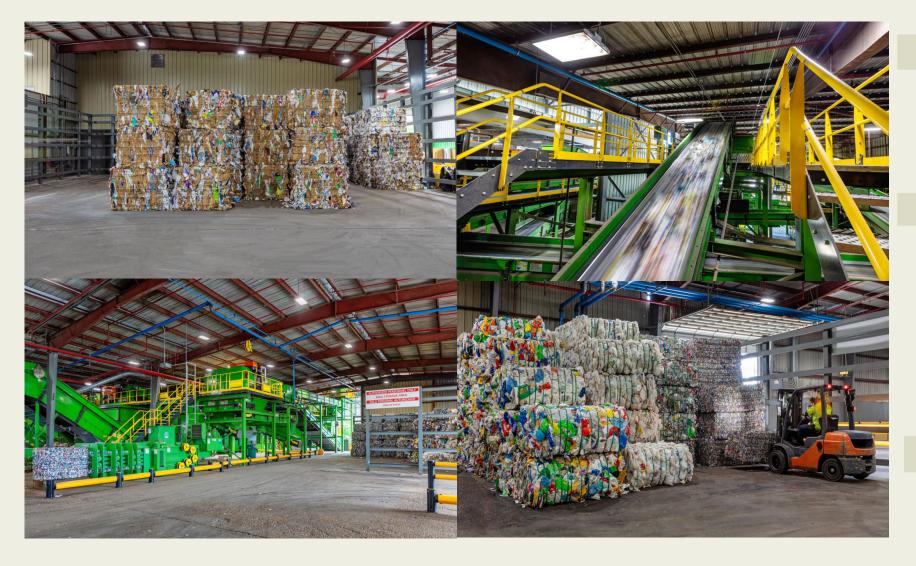








State of the Art Recycling Facilities



Objectives

Our State-of-the-Art Recycling Facilities are:

- → Increasing capacity
- → **Reducing** labor costs
- → **Improving** commodity recovery and quality
- → **Maximizing** material values

Improved Material Quality

- √ Improved glass quality due to upgraded sorting equipment
- ✓ **Increase** in cardboard recovery
- ✓ Plastics Recovery 39% increase in PET recovery; also recovering significant new amounts of polypropylene (#5)
- ✓ **Better capture rates** 59% increase in Aluminum recovery

Results

75% increase in processing capacity

51% reduction in volume of recyclables in residue

33% reduction in labor costs per ton

31% increase in average revenue per ton



WM is Constructing and a State-of- the-Art Single Stream Recycling Processing Center in Pembroke Pines



- WM's Reuter Recycling is already the largest volume single-stream Recycling Facility in the southeastern United States.
- This new facility will be built to process up to 60 tons per hour. This will result in a 75% increase in production of marketable recycling materials, ensuring the longterm viability of sustainable recycling programs throughout south Florida.



WM Recycling South Florida





Unprecedented demand for recycled materials is 3-4X greater

than current supply



3.1M tons *recycled*

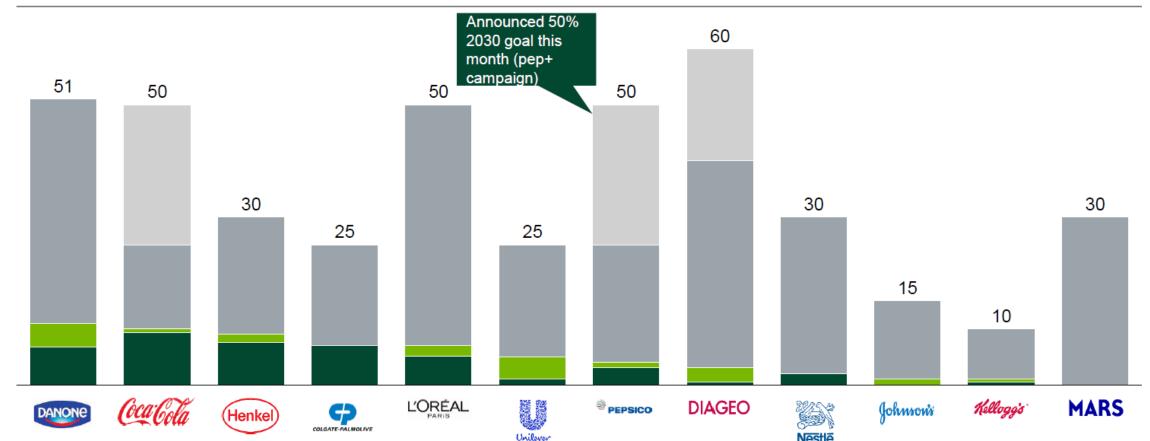


Market leading CPG companies are making public commitments to minimum recycled content, with most pledging 25% by 2025

NOT EXHAUSTIVE

Target 2030 2019 incremental
Target 2025 2018 actual

Recycled content commitments and progress for select CPG companies, % of recycled content



BUILDING MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS

For Tomorrow[®]: WM + Repreve[®]

REPREVE®* fiber, a product of Unifi, Inc. has become an important end market for plastic bottles sourced from WM, which the company transforms into sustainable polyester.

* REPREVE® is a registered trademark of Unifi.



BUILDING MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS

For Tomorrow[®]: WM + Natura PCR

WM has a controlling interest in Avangard Innovative's U.S. post-consumer resin (PCR) business, which now operates as Natura PCR, and is expected to grow recycling capacity to produce an estimated 400 million pounds of PCR in the next five years.



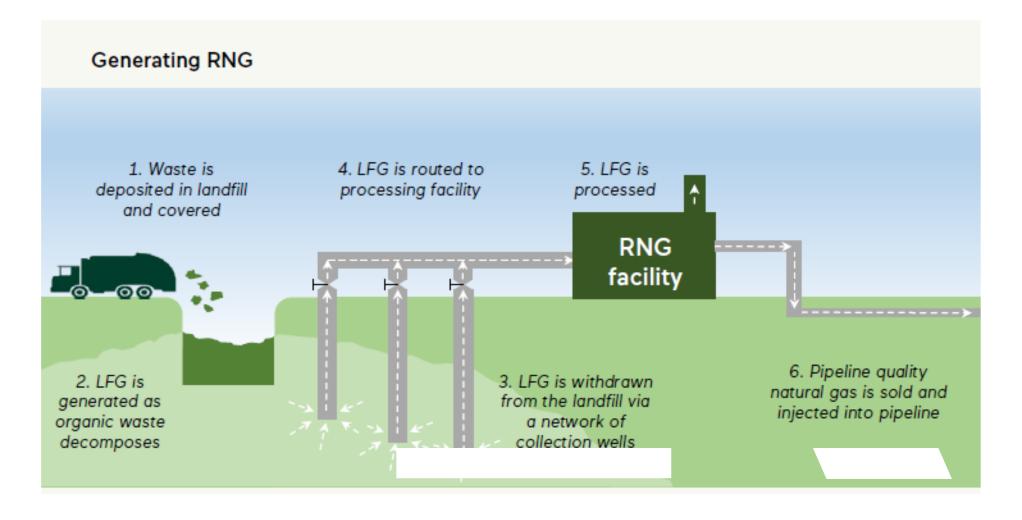
BUILDING MARKETS FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS

For Tomorrow[®]: WM + Dow[®]

WM and Dow® have launched a new collaboration to improve residential recycling for hard-to-recycle plastic films by allowing consumers in select markets to recycle these materials directly in their curbside recycling. Once operating at full capacity, this program is expected to help WM divert more than 120,000 metric tons (MT) of plastic film from landfills annually.



WM is building RNG facilities at Medley Landfill and Okeechobee Landfill





Questions?

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