

Local Policy Initiatives and Trends in Recycling

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- Review some great things happening locally with recycling
- Review some not so great things happening locally with recycling
- What should we be watching out for that may create future opportunities or disruption.

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Some great things are happening locally to grow recycling

- CERA has provided every county in the State the ability to recycle electronics
- Small changes to the Act have allowed food scrap composting and its use to grow
- The Agency has been able to fund more HHW collections this year
- There will soon be a State Solid Waste Management Plan
- Green Fence has caused a renewed interest in recycling education
- Legislative bills to help grow recycling and reduce waste should have strong support in the fall session
- New markets for many recyclable materials continue to develop

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Some not so great things are happening locally

- MRF's struggle with low value commodities mixed with contaminants
- Several materials are no longer able to be recycled due to the loss of end markets
- MRF's, Landfills and haulers are asking their customers to pay more for services
- Local governments are considering limiting or eliminating recycling programs

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Things to be watching out for

- Justification for rate increases
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Increased and decreased demand for materials
- New technologies and approaches to handling and managing materials
- New public and private sector policies