



The Full Story to Becoming a Regional Recycling Resource

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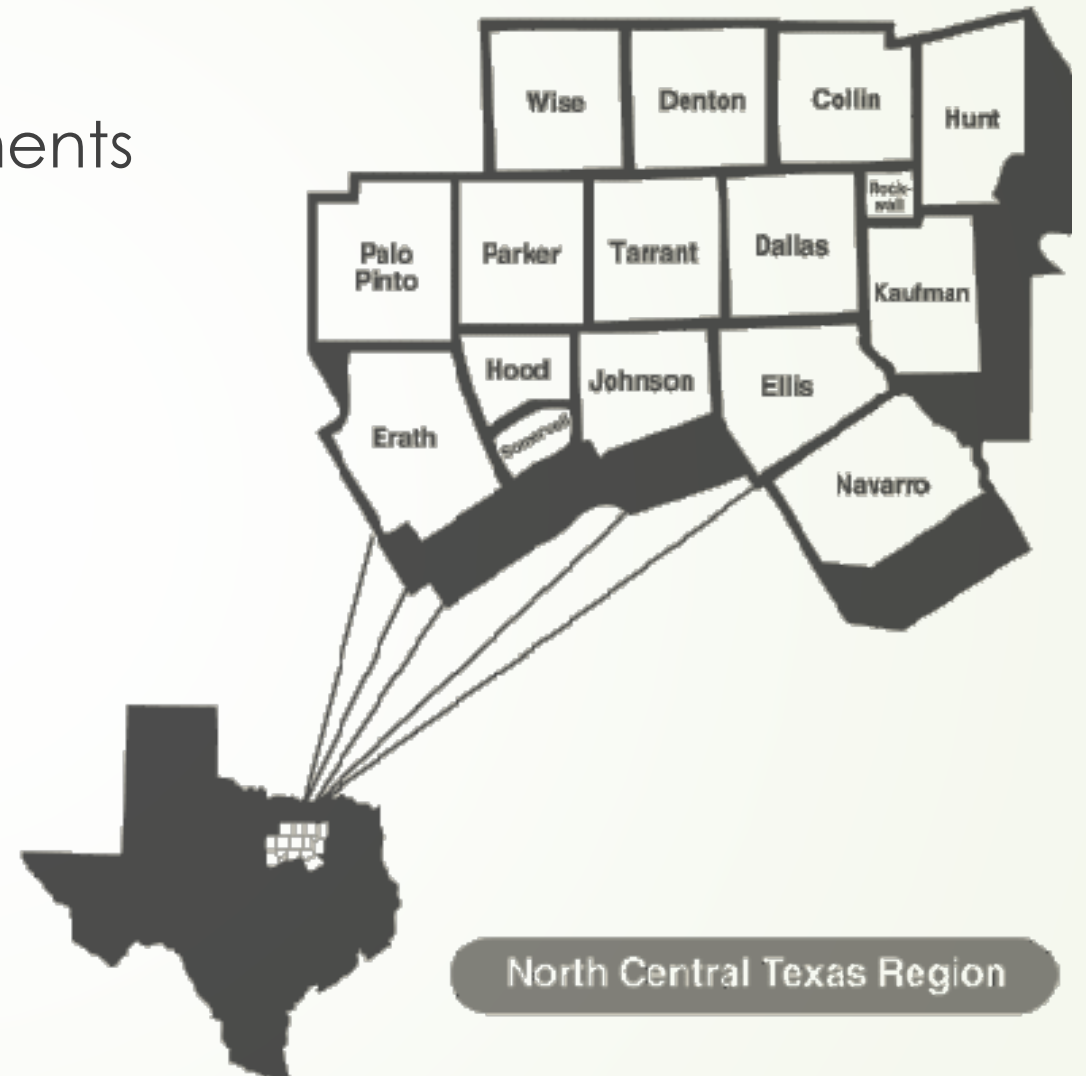
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What is the North Central Texas Council of Governments?

- Voluntary association of local governments
- Established in 1966
- Assists local governments in:
 - Planning for common needs
 - Cooperating for mutual benefit
 - Recognizing regional opportunities
 - Resolving regional problems
 - Making joint decisions



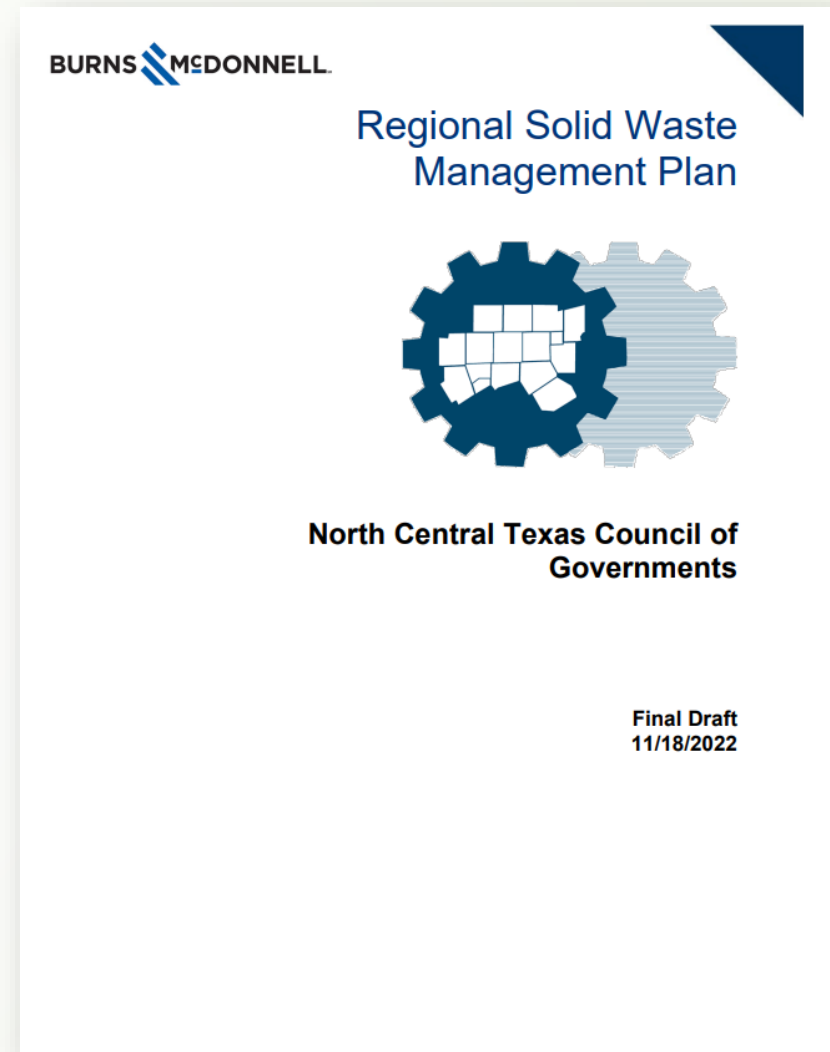
Environment and Development Department

- Work with a diverse set of stakeholders to address regional challenges
- Facilitate committees that work to find solutions to regional challenges
- Funded through grants and local partners

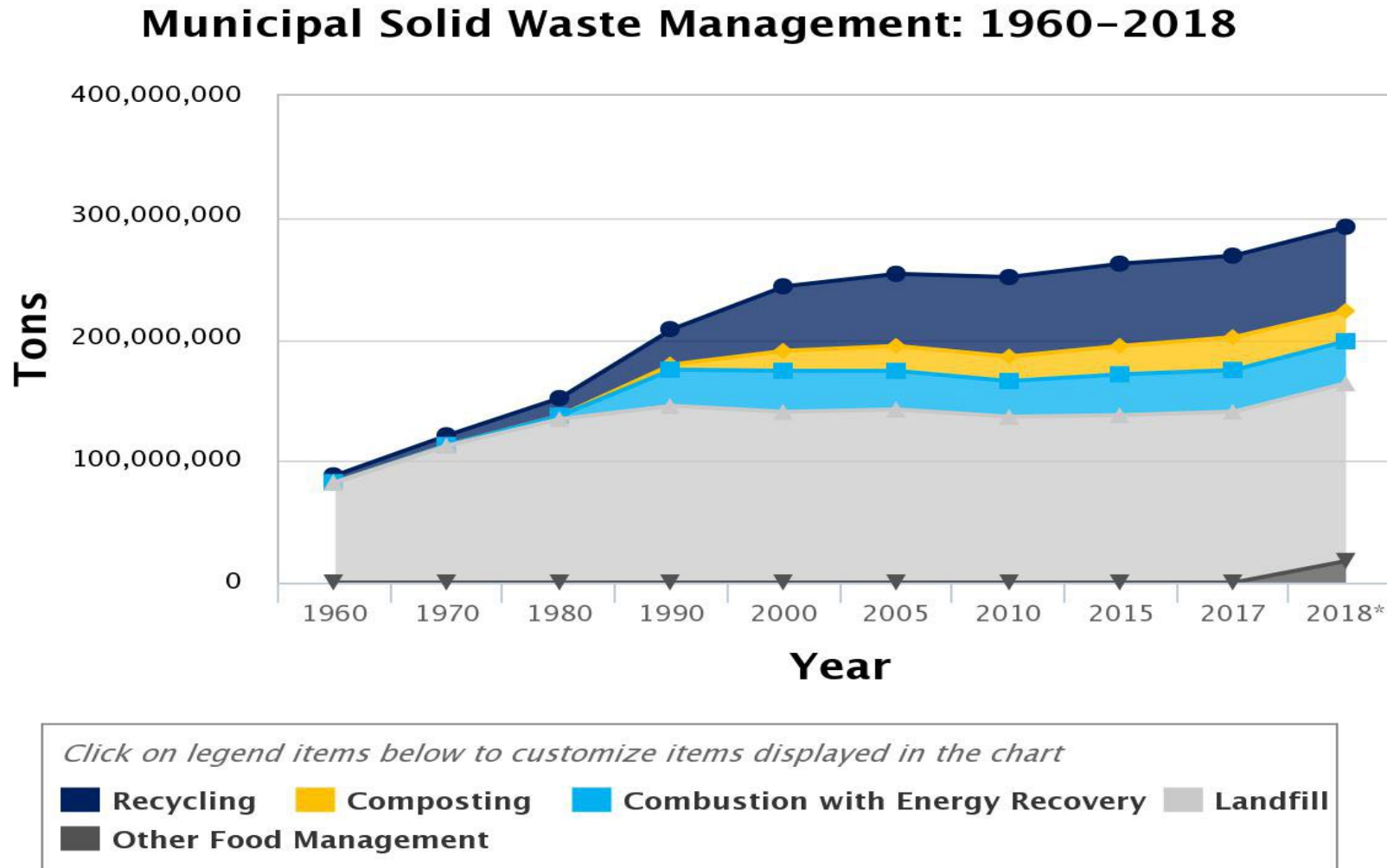


Regional Materials Management Planning

- NCTCOG is the designated regional solid waste planning agency for North Central Texas.
 - Store a Closed Landfill Inventory
 - Promote education and outreach
 - Administer a pass-through grant program
 - Support the Resource Conservation Council
 - Provide local governments with technical assistance
- Coordinate with partners to implement and advance materials management programs in North Central Texas.
- Maintain Regional Solid Waste Plan.



Municipal Solid Waste Management in U.S.



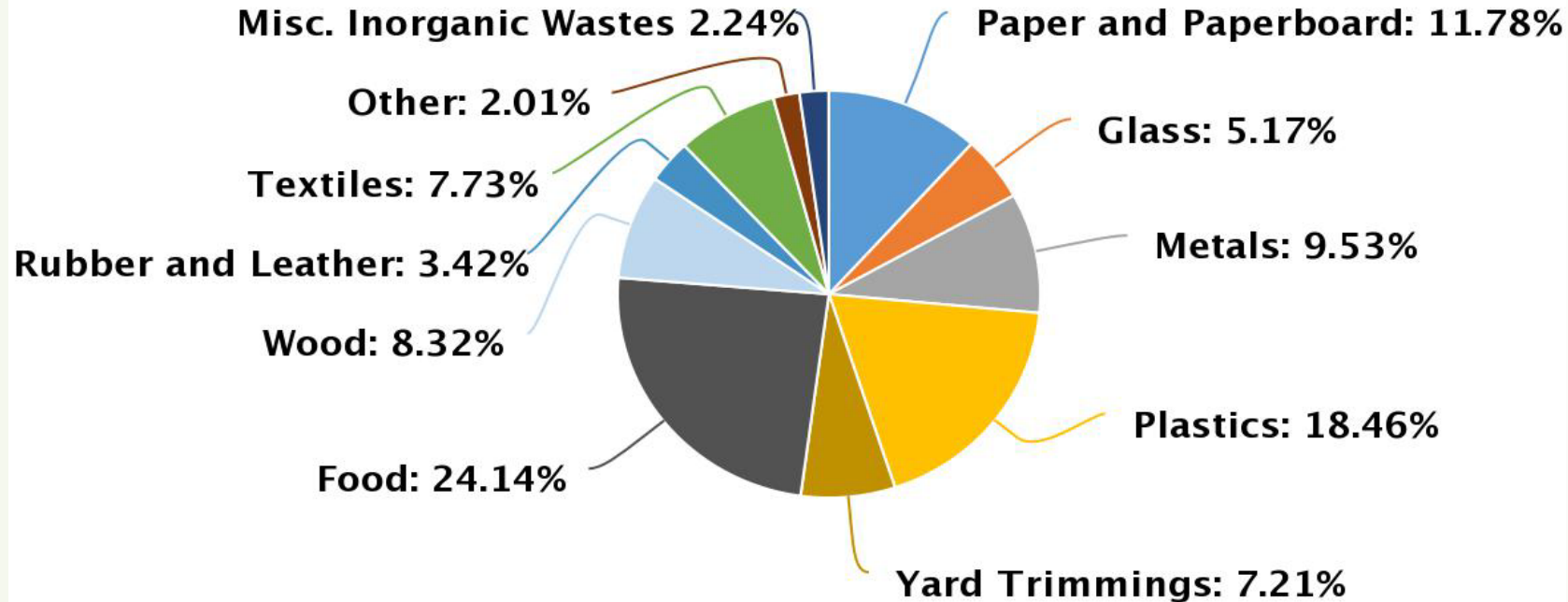
32.1% of Municipal Solid Waste was recycled or composted in 2018, the most recent year data is available.

The National Recycling Goal is to increase the recycling rate to **50%** by 2030.

National Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Composition

Total MSW Landfill by Material, 2018

146.1 million tons



2018 Top 3
Components:

Food = 24.14%

Plastics 18.46%

Paper products = 11.78%

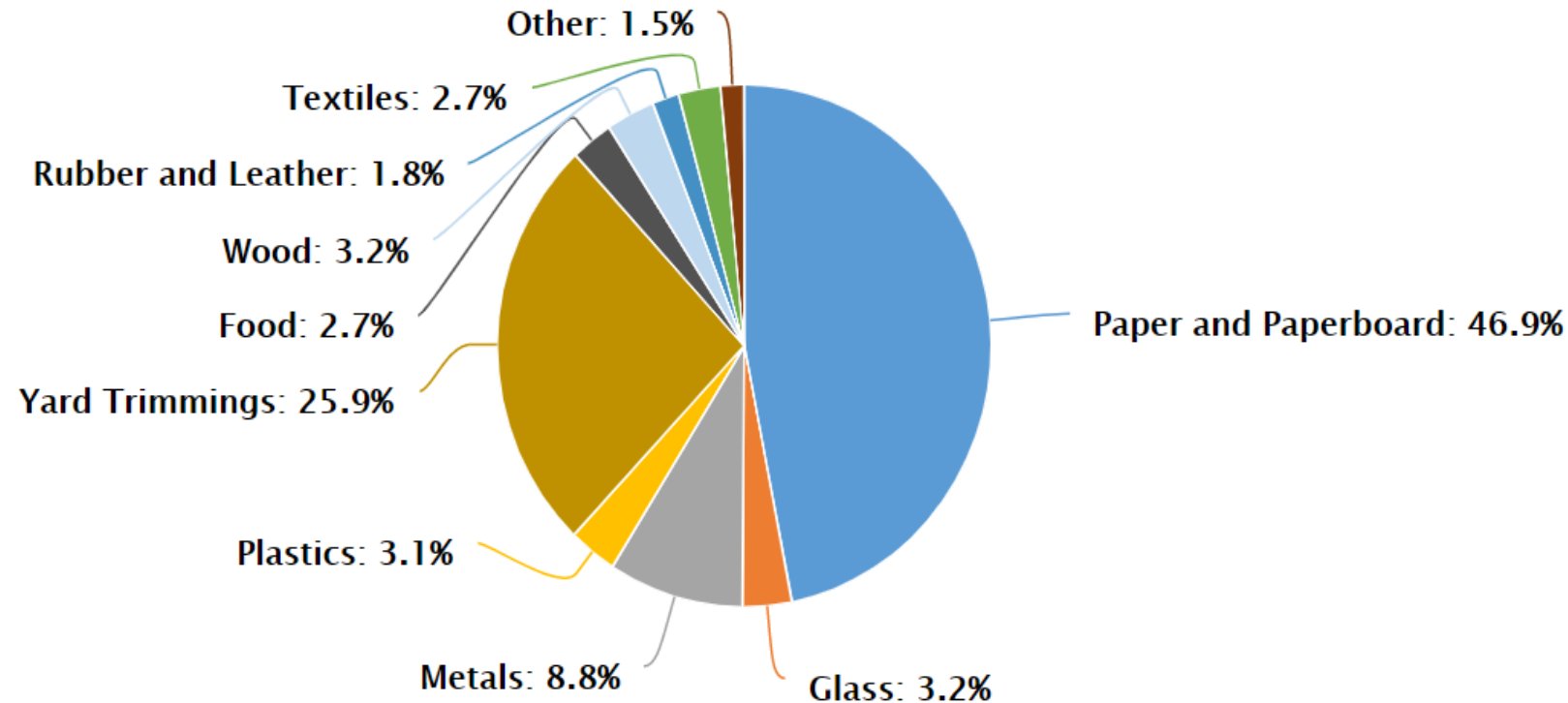
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National Recycling Composition

Total MSW Recycling and Composting by Material, 2017



94.17 million tons



2017 Breakdown
of Top 3
Components:

Paper – 46.9%

Yard Waste –
25.9%

Metals – 8.8%

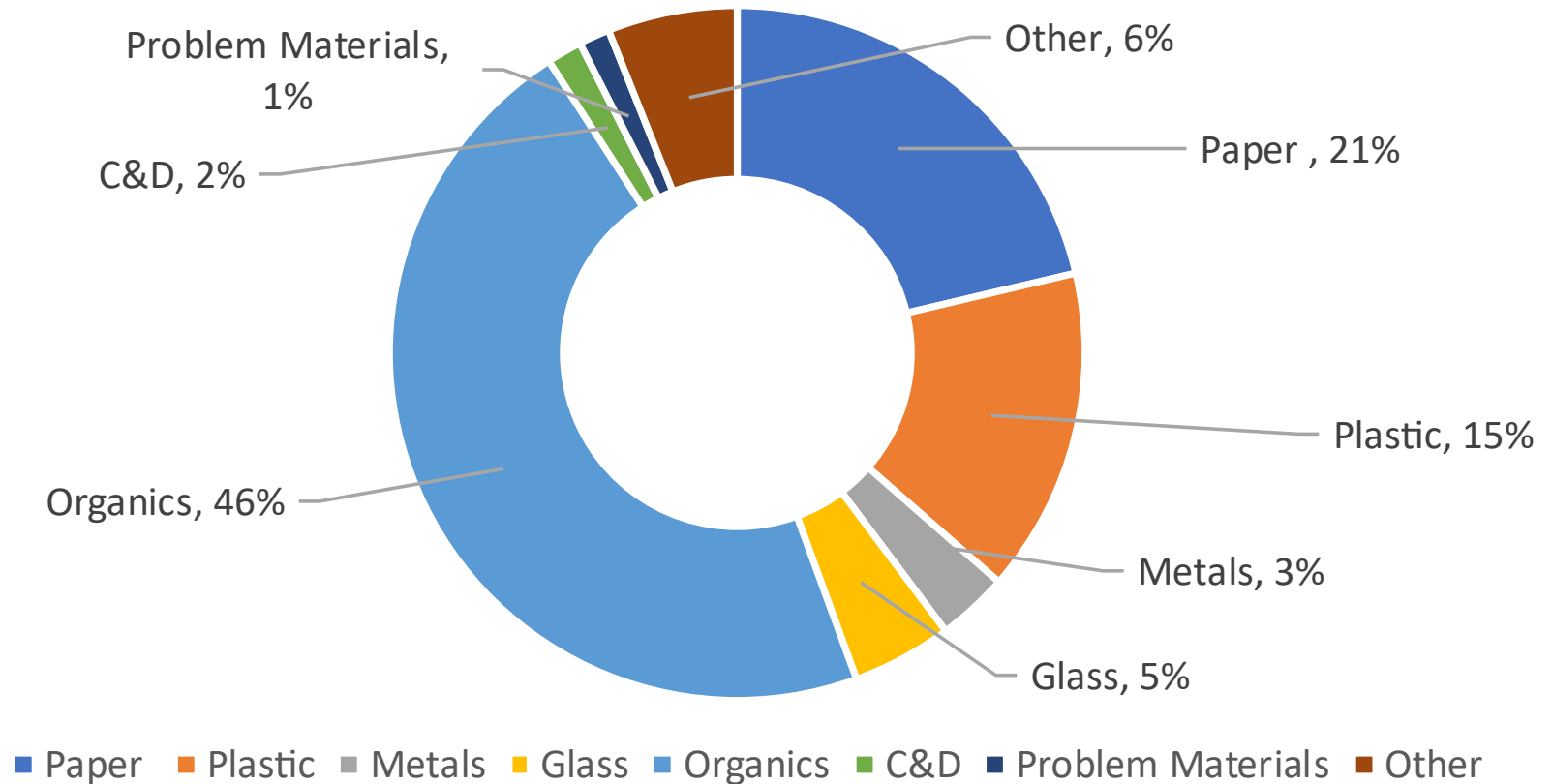
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2020 North Central Texas Municipal Solid Waste Composition

Composition of Organics:

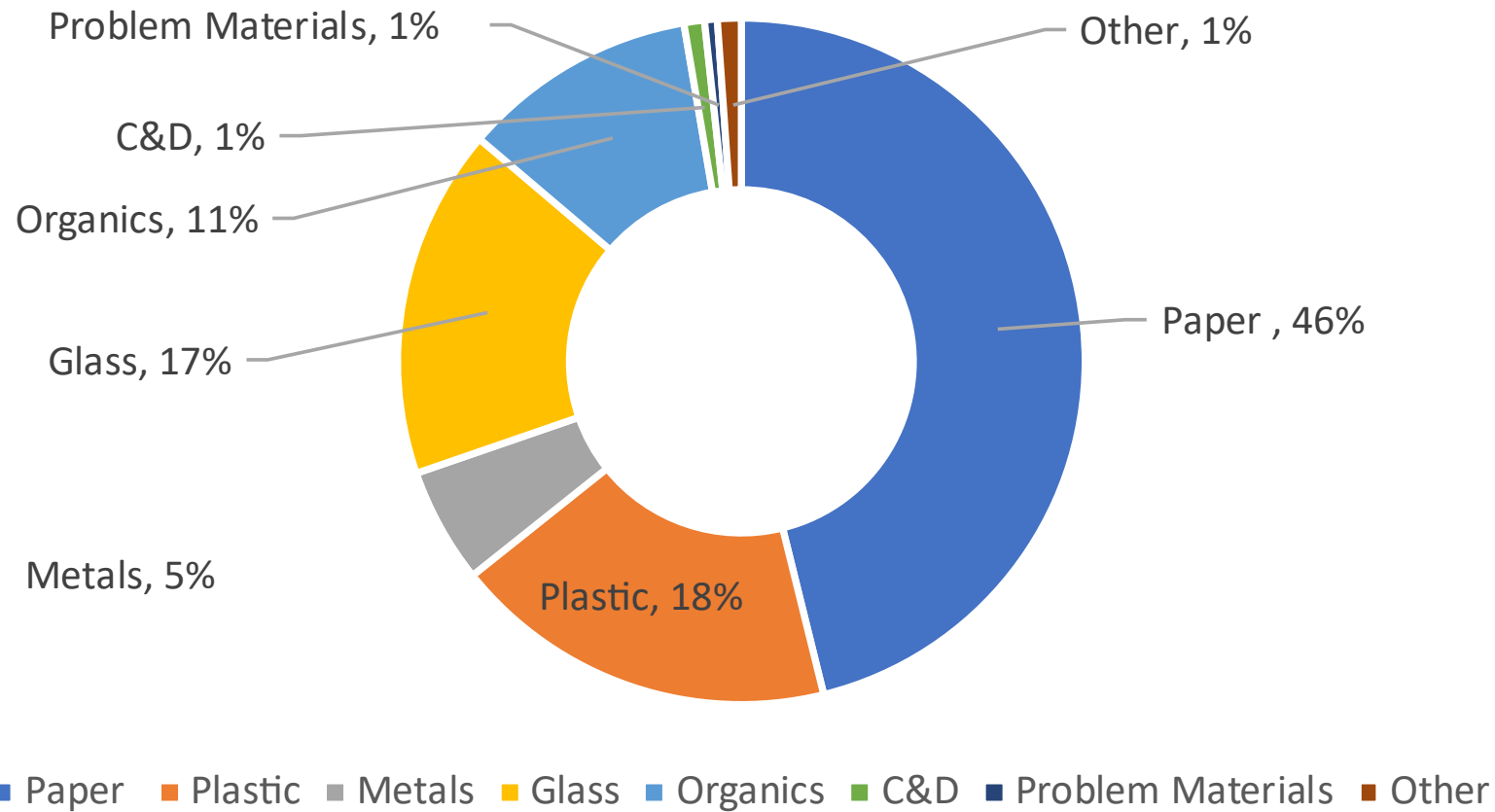
- Food Waste = 27.8%**
- Other Organics = 13.2%
- Yard Waste = 5.1%
- Wood (non C&D) = 0.4%
- TOTAL = 46.5%

2020 Garbage Material Category Summary



2020 North Central Texas Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Composition

2020 Recycling Material Category Summary



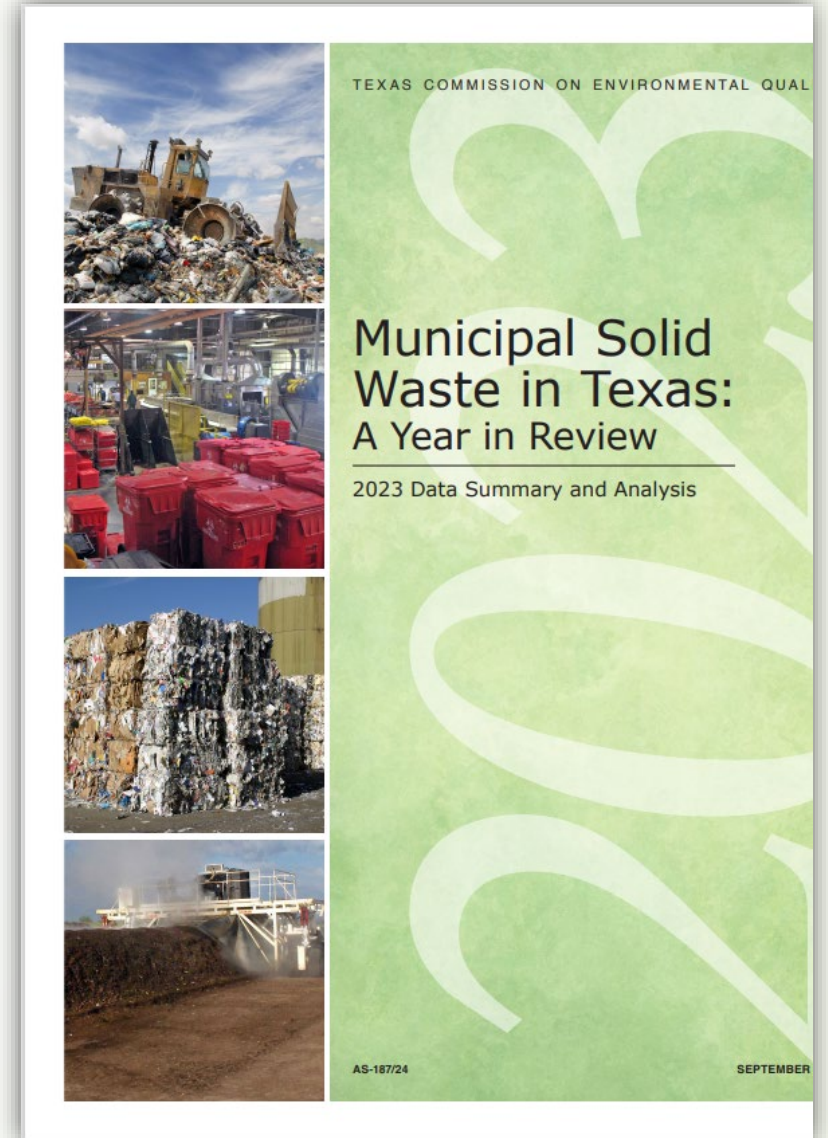
Regional capture rate of recycled materials **estimated at 28.7%.**

Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review

2023 Data Summary and Analysis

Published and distributed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- 40,105,817 tons of waste disposed in Texas
 - 241,594 tons accepted from out of state and out of U.S. combined
- Estimated 7.20 lbs. per day / person
 - About 31 cell phones ([EPA](#))
- Estimated **statewide** landfill capacity is **50 years**



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The NCTCOG region generated 11,107,999 tons of waste in 2023 (TCEQ).

How many AT&T Stadiums would this fill?

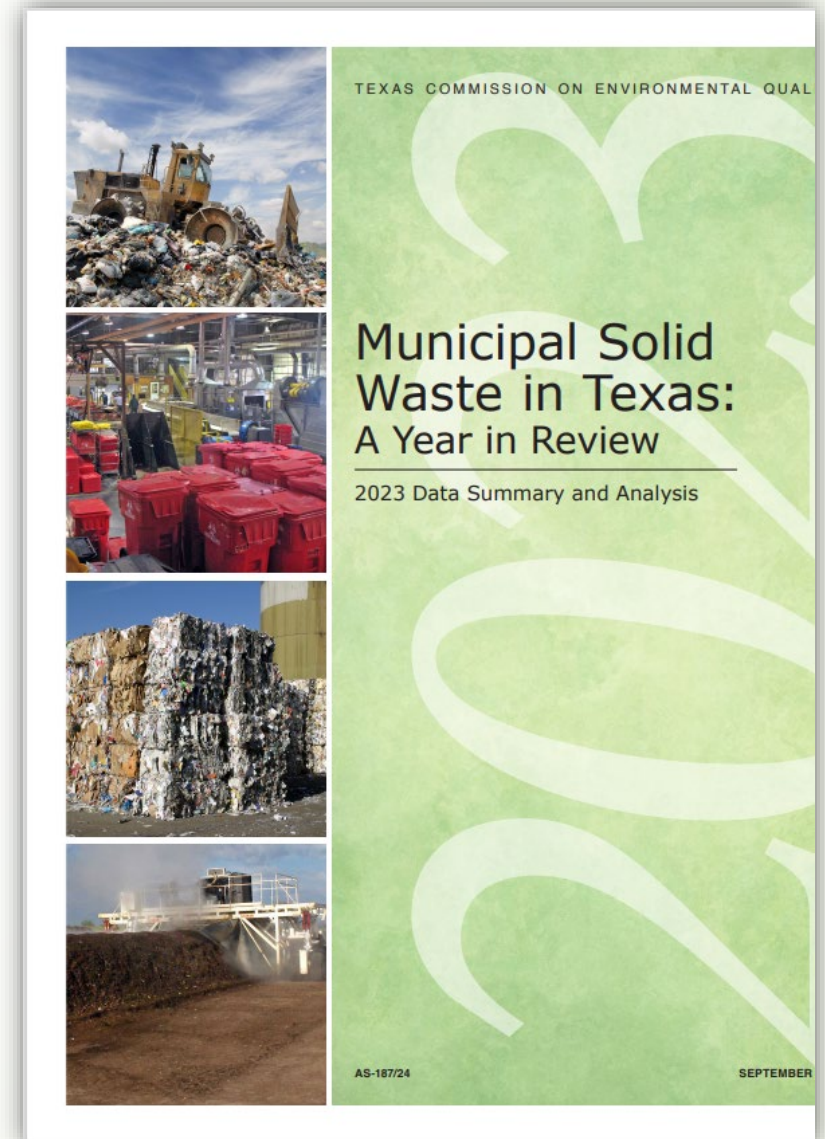


3.8 AT&T Stadiums

Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

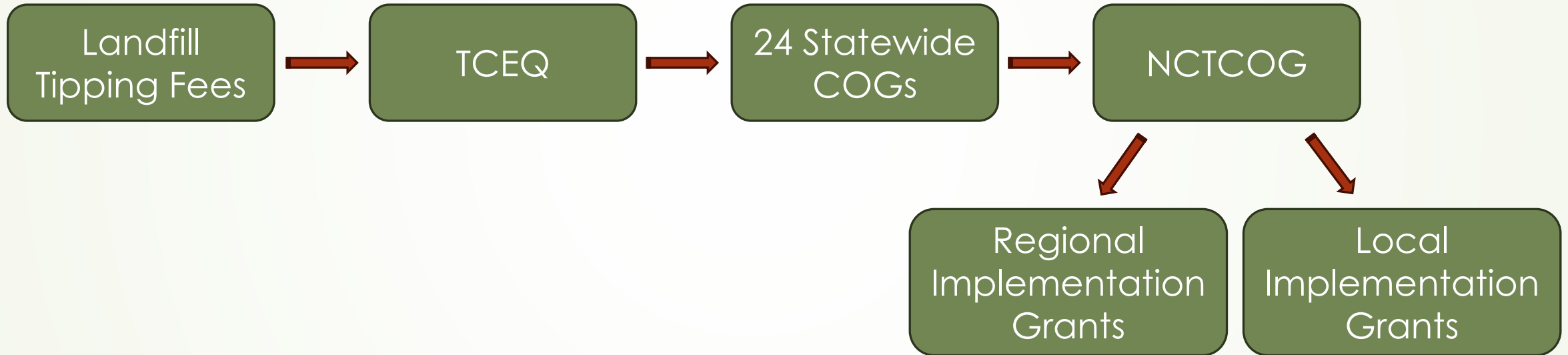
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- TCEQ allocates funds generated by **landfill tipping fees** to the 24 council of governments in the State of Texas
- Portion of this funding at NCTCOG is allocated towards **local and regional implementation grants**
- All COGs required to issue a **biennial report to legislature** detailing impacts and results of pass-through grants



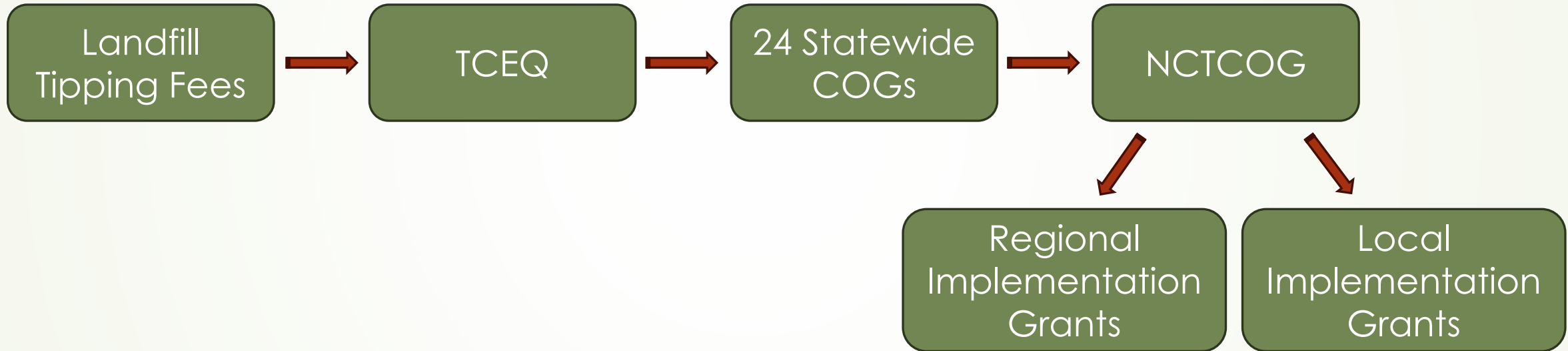
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Cities



Counties



**Public schools
and school
districts**

*(excluding
Universities or post-
secondary
education institution)*



**General and
special law
districts**

*created in
accordance with
state law, and with
authority and
responsibility for water
quality protection or
municipal solid waste
management, to
include river
authorities*



**Councils of
Governments**

*– NCTCOG may
propose to
conduct a
regional project*

Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

**Local
Enforcement**

**Source Reduction
and Recycling**

**Household
Hazardous Waste**

**Litter and Illegal
Dumping
Programs**

**Citizens'
Collection
Stations and
"Small" Transfer
Stations**

**Local Solid Waste
Management
Plans**

**Technical Studies
with a regional
scope/impact**

**Educational and
Training Projects**

City of Denton | 2022-2023

Source Reduction and Recycling

Grant Narrative

- **Commercial Food Waste Diversion**
- Requested funding: \$67,723.00
- **Received funding: \$60,723.00**

Budget Narrative

- Equipment @ \$32,500.00
- Construction @ \$15,000.00
- “Other” Expenses @ \$13,223.00

Year-Later Results

- 26 pilot program participants
- Low contamination rates, 59% participation per week



Total Tonnage			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Trash Tonnage	575.3	945.0	802.6
Recycling Tonnage	176.3	158.7	76.8
Organics Tonnage	0.0	12.5	74.8
Total Tonnage	751.6	1,116.2	954.2

City of Euless | 2020-2021

Local Solid Waste Management Plans / Technical Studies

Grant Narrative

- **Multi-City DDMP: Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst**
- Requested funding: \$125,000.00
- **Received funding: \$125,000.00**

Budget Narrative

- 1 x Contract Disaster Debris Preparedness Plan

Year-Later Results

- 230,210 total population served
- 3 Counties served (Tarrant, Dallas, Denton)



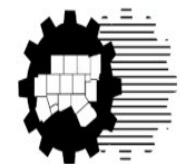
The City of Euless, Texas Disaster Debris Management Plan

June 2021

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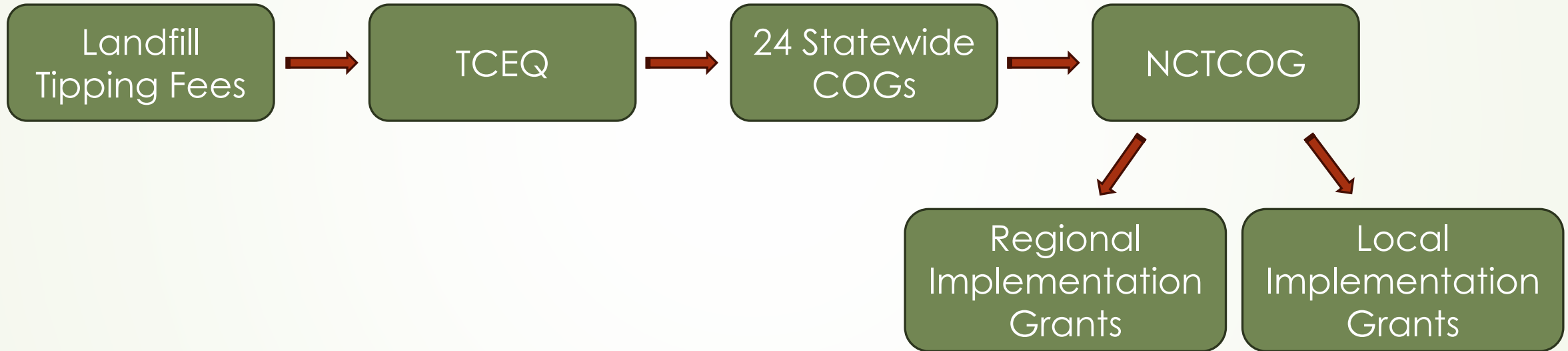


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Regional Tire Collection Event Funding

- Regional scrap tire collection campaign
- Reimbursement based program
- Host an event for residents OR collect tires from an illegal dump site on public property



2022-2023 Results

Participating Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 municipalities• 3 counties
Total Tires Collected	17,143
Total Funding Reimbursed	\$46,922.50

Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Time to Recycle

- Regional recycling campaign
 - Launched August 2018



TimeTo Recycle

WHERE TO RECYCLE HOW TO RECYCLE COMPOSTING RETHINK WASTE RESOURCES

RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATOR

Home » Locator » Map

VIEW BY MARKET: Residential FILTER BY ACCEPTED MATERIALS: All Materials RESET MAP

Map Satellite

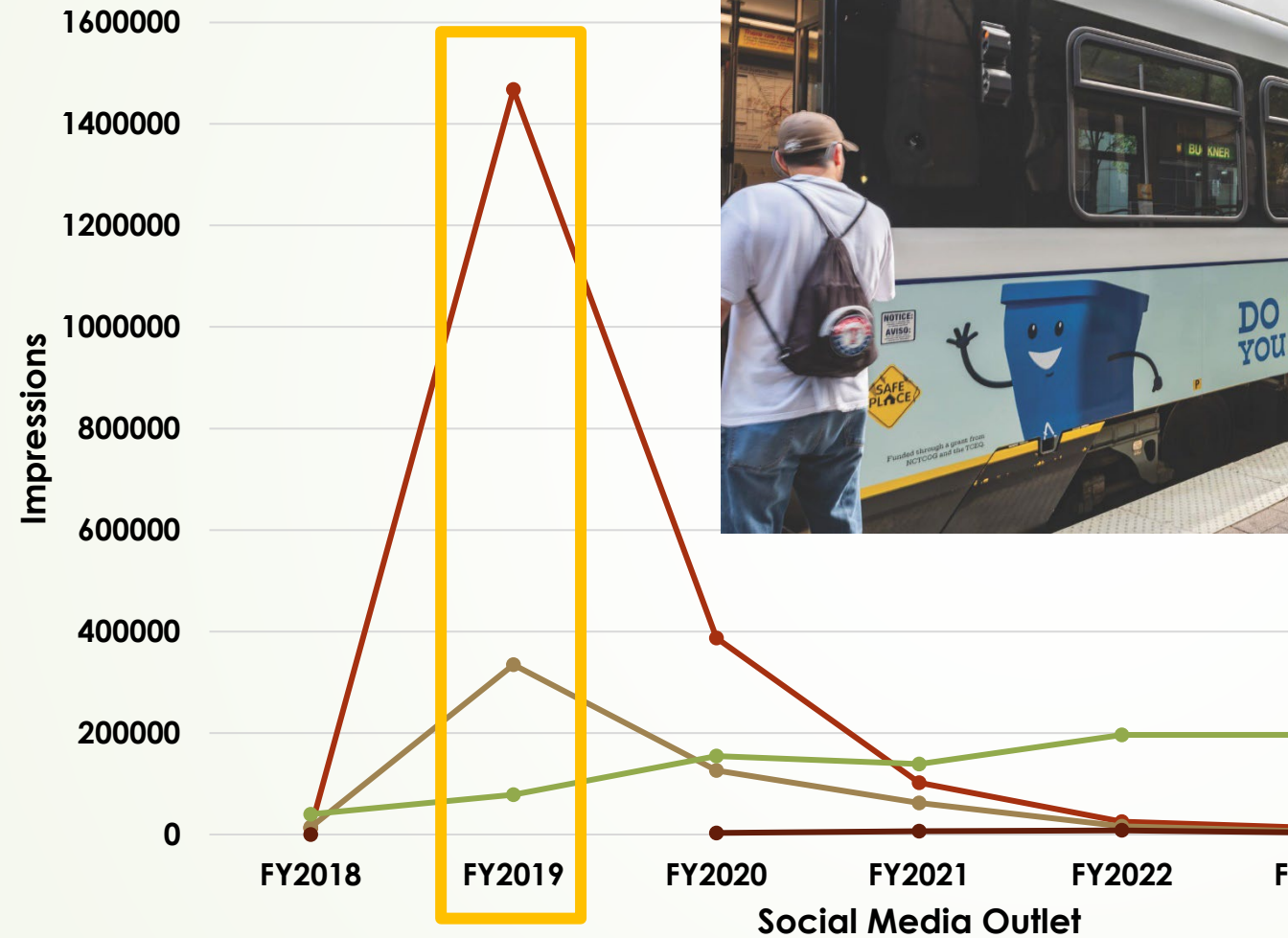
Accepted Materials:

- All Materials
- All Metals
- Aluminum/Steel/Tin
- Appliances
- Asphalt
- Batteries
- Brass
- Bricks
- Cardboard
- Carpet and Padding
- Cathode Ray Tube Televisions
- Ceramic Tile
- Christmas Trees (Natural/Live)
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Compost
- Concrete
- Construction/Demolition Debris
- Cooking Oil
- Copper
- Cork

Legend: Residential Commercial

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Time To Recycle



JUL

✓ Plastic Bottles, Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles

✗ Propane Tanks (HHW Events)

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/locator/map.asp>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/household-hazardous-waste.asp>

AUG

✓ Plastic Bottles, Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles

✗ Plastic Bags (Back to School Shopping)

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/resources/eco-shopping-game.a>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/locator/map.asp>

SEP

✓ Paper

✗ Take Out Containers/Plastic Utensils/Plastic Bags

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/resources/media.asp>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/shredded-paper.asp>

OCT

✓ Cardboard

✗ Needles and Medical Equipment

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/knownwhattothrow/>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/locator/city-list.asp>

NOV

✓ Steel Cans, Food Cans, Aluminum Cans

✗ Food Waste/Contamination

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/creative/>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/composting/bokashi.asp>

DEC

✓ Cardboard

✗ Plastic Bags and Batteries

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/e-recycling/>

<http://www.timetorecycle.com/christmas-trees.asp>



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North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace

- Regional reuse campaign
 - Launched September 2024



**68 TOTAL
ORGANIZATIONS**



44,321 LBS. DIVERTED



**\$58,964 TOTAL MARKET
VALUE EXCHANGED**

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Regional Electronics Recycling Contract

- Launched 2019 and Renewed in 2023
- Master Services Agreements
 - 3-year term and opportunity for 2 additional 1-year renewal periods
 - 2 current MSAs
- Services for permanent facilities, one-day events, drop-off of recyclables at the vendor's facility, and asset disposition



Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Solid Waste Administration & Solicitation Support Project

- Help communities streamline the process of procuring solid waste management services

Procurement
Process
Information

Guidance
Documents for
Development of
Contracts

Model
Ordinance
Language

White Papers
Discussing Best
Practices

- Municipal or other local agencies serving communities with a population *less than 20,000* are encouraged to participate in the stakeholder group

Solid Waste Infrastructure For Recycling Support

- Help communities streamline the process of procuring organic waste management services, which will complement the Solid Waste Administration and Solicitation Support Project
- The **public** document library will include the following guidance documents, specifically for organic waste management:

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Thank you!

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