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Food Summit 2024

Closing Remarks



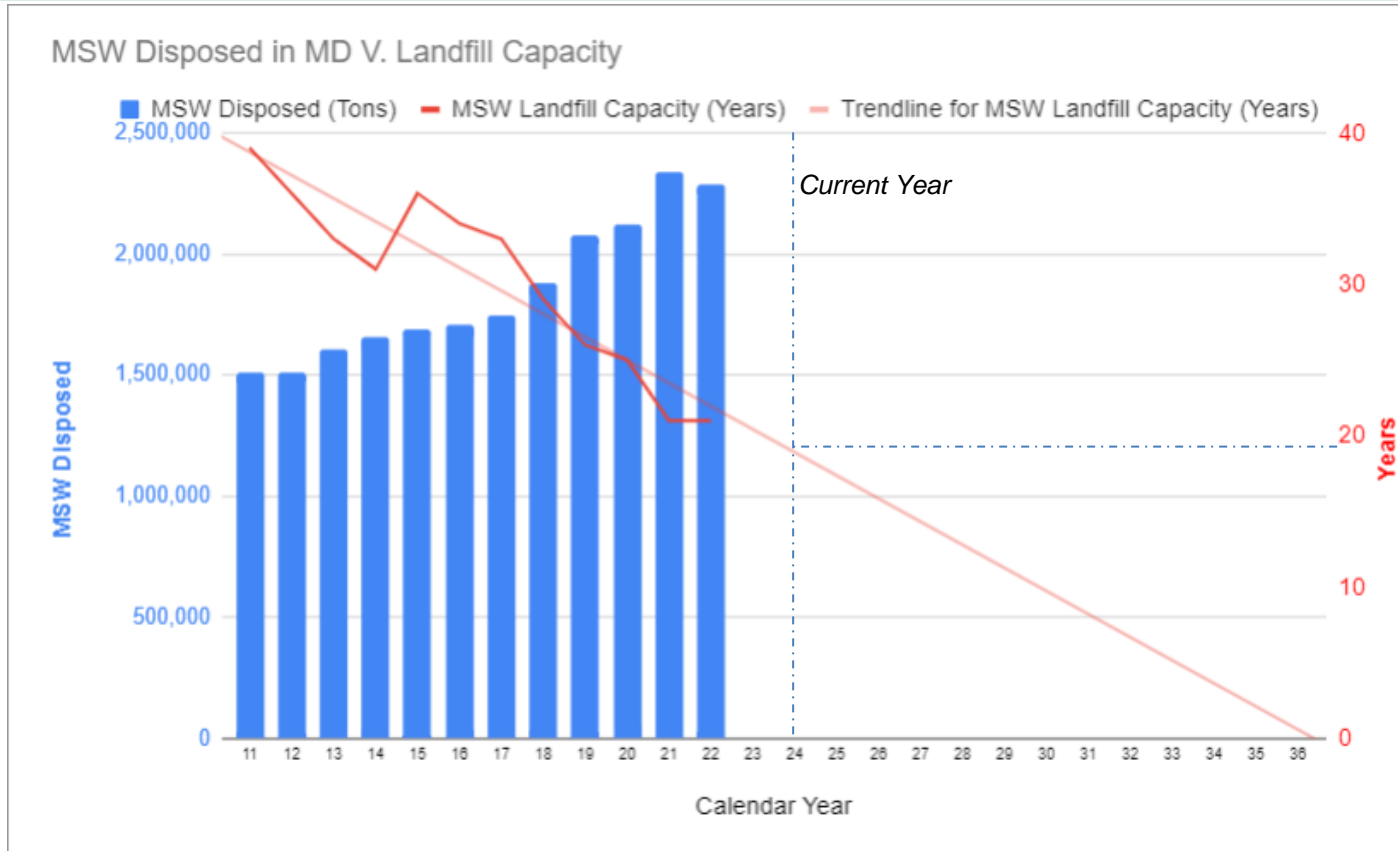
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Where we are Today – 21 years



***Data from table C1 in Maryland Solid Waste and Diversion Report



MD Waste Stream Makeup **2016

Figure ES-2 Maryland Statewide Waste Composition and Quantities Disposed (tons)

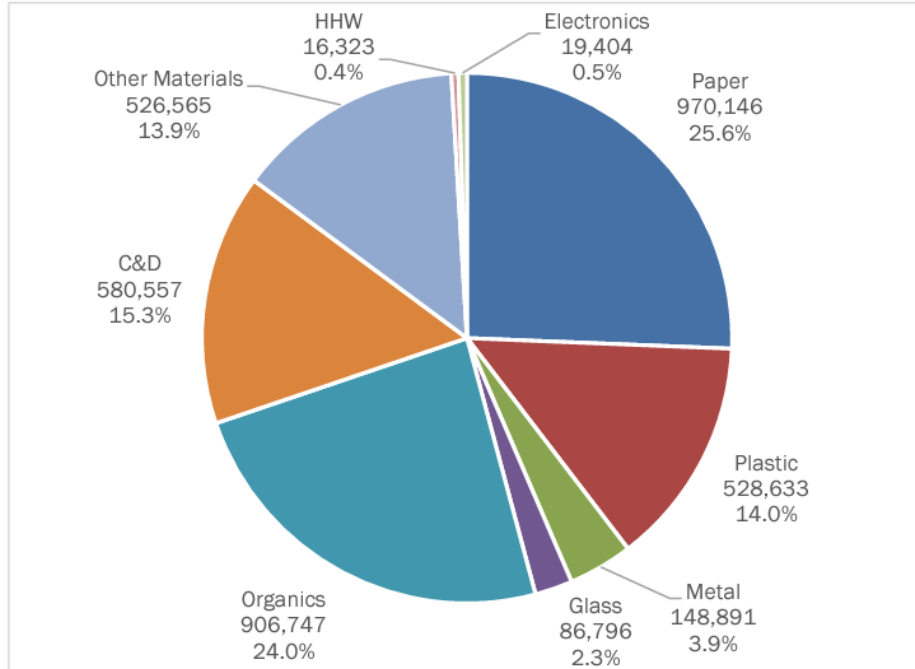
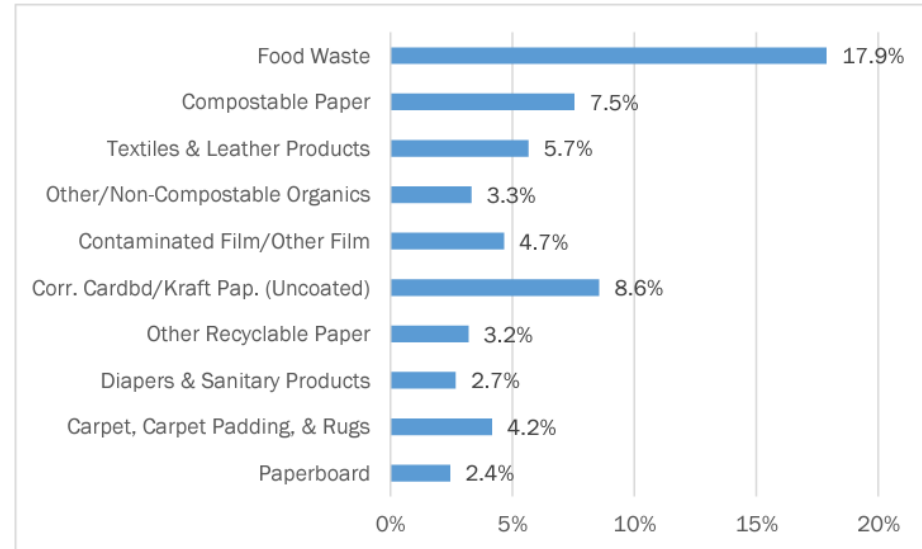


Figure ES-3 Top 10 Most Prevalent Materials in Statewide Disposed MSW Stream

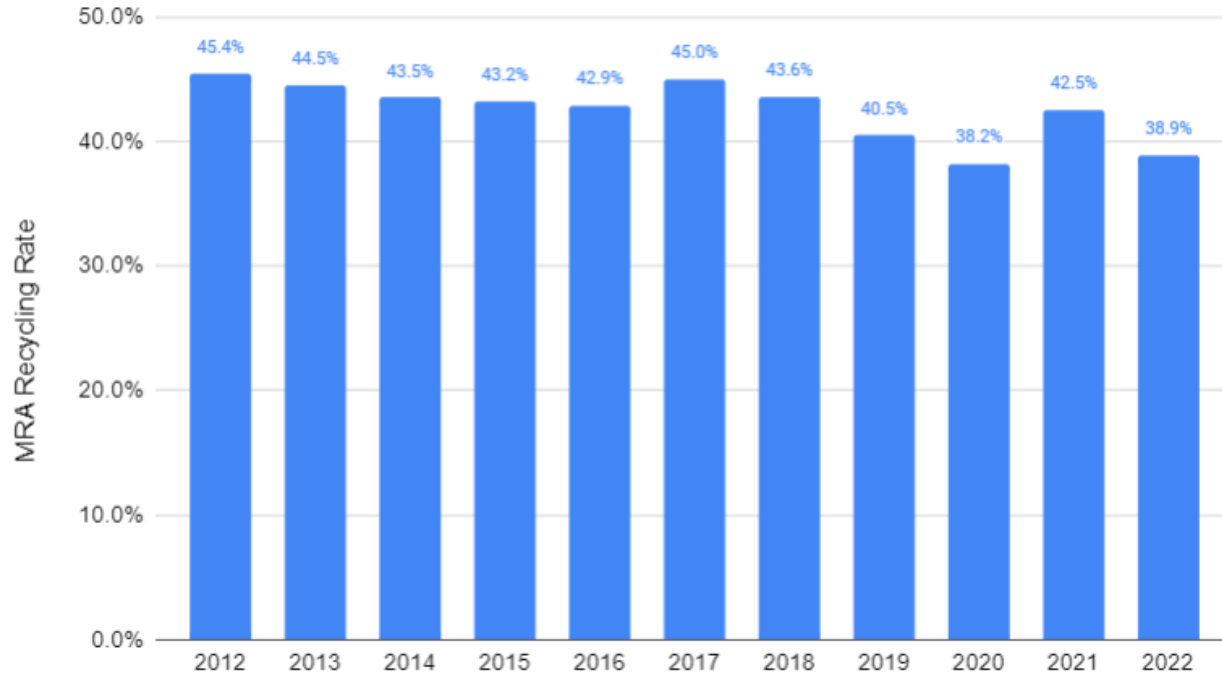


***Data from 2016 MD Waste Characterization Study



Recycling in MD

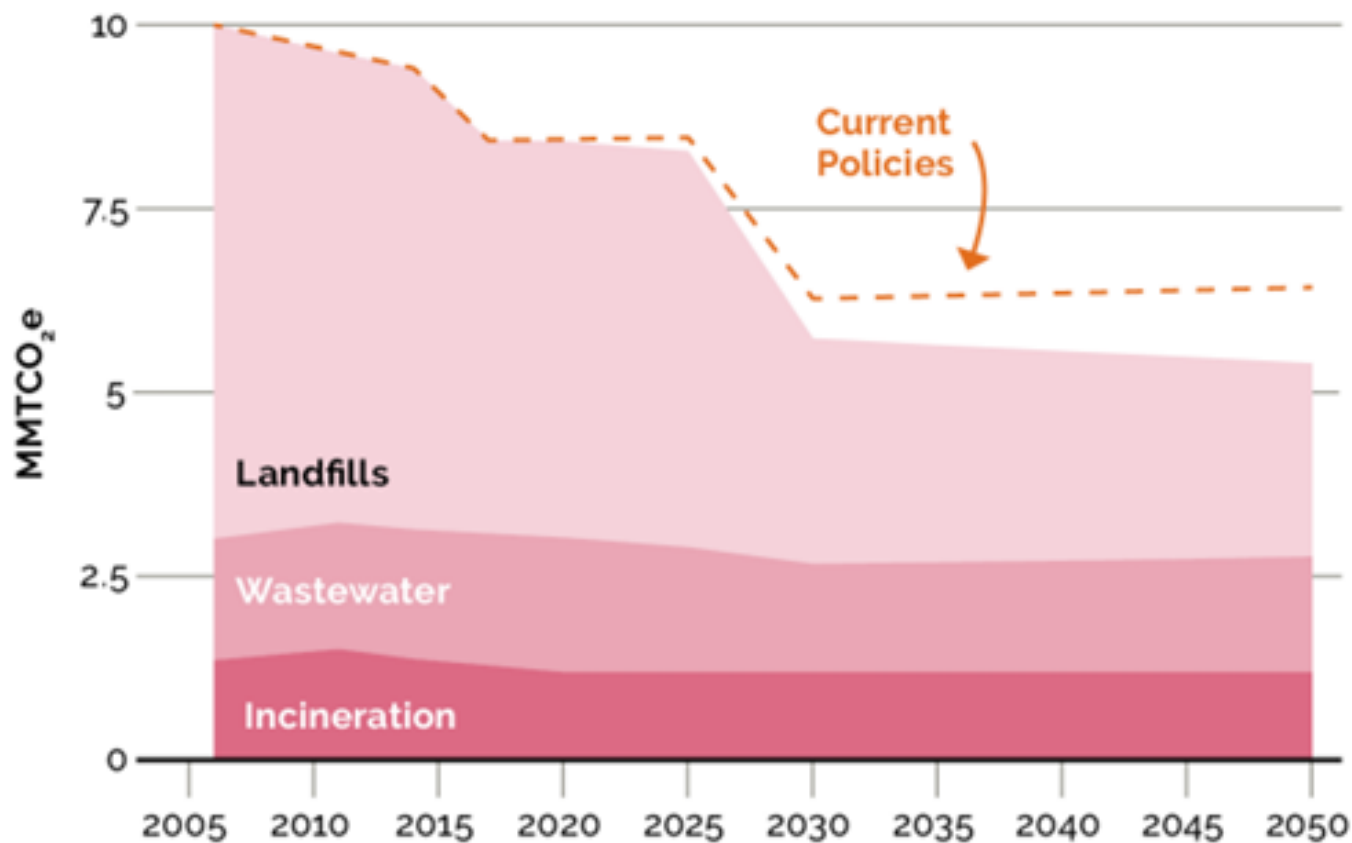
MRA Recycling Rate



Organics
Recycling Law
Requirements
Started in 2023

***Data from Figure 4 in
Maryland Solid Waste
and Diversion Report

Figure 9: **Maryland's waste sector GHG emissions trends**, historical and projected, from 2006 to 2050 based on current and new policies



***Data from MD's 2023
Climate Pollution
Reduction Plan



Federal Support for Food Recovery

Donation Protection Law

BILL EMERSON GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DONATION ACT

Passed 1996 - Encourage donation of food and grocery products to non-profit organizations for distribution to individuals in need. This law:

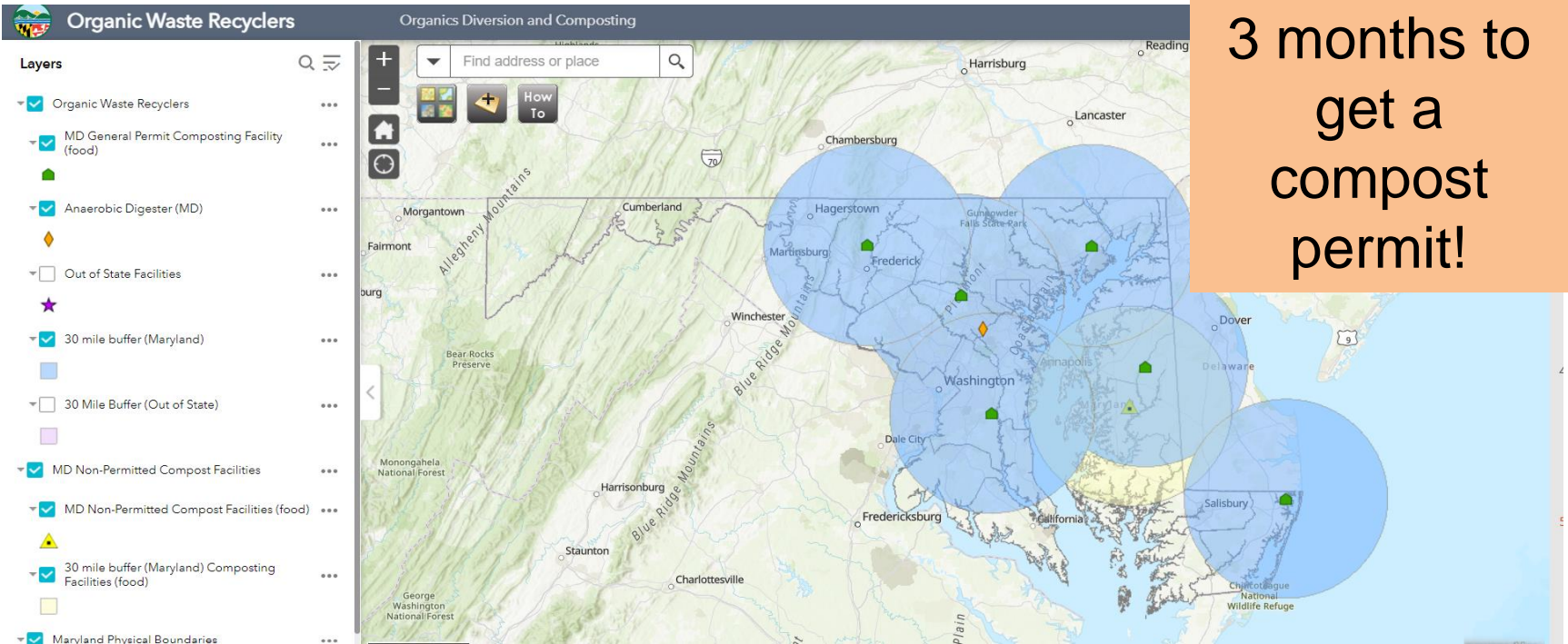
- Protects donor from liability when donating to a non-profit organization;
- Protects donor from civil and criminal liability should the product donated in good faith later cause harm to the recipient;
- Standardizes donor liability exposure. Donor or donor legal counsel do not need to investigate liability laws in 50 states; and
- Sets a floor of "gross negligence" or intentional misconduct for persons who donate grocery products. According to the new law, gross negligence is defined as "voluntary and conscious conduct by a person with knowledge (at the time of conduct) that the conduct likely to be harmful to the health or well-being of another person."

Revised 2022 - Updated liability protections to include donations of an apparently fit grocery product or apparently wholesome food

- For which the recipient is charged a good Samaritan reduced price that is no greater than the cost of handling, administering, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, and distributing the food or product; or
- That is donated directly to a needy individual at zero cost by a retail grocer, wholesaler, agricultural producer, agricultural processor, agricultural distributor, restaurant, caterer, school food authority, or institution of higher education.



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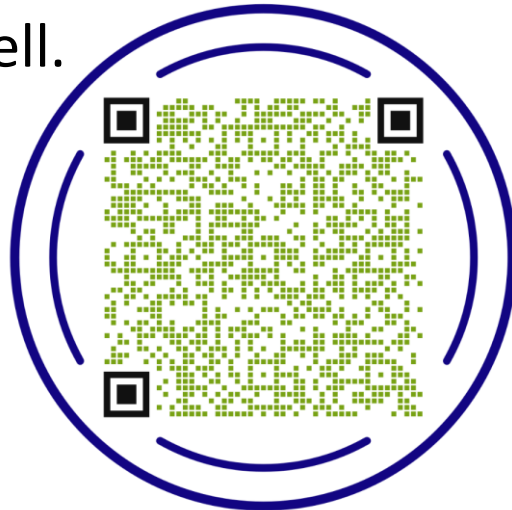


More coming soon!



Follow up

- This QR code directs to MDE's dedicated Food Summit page. Includes previous summit slide decks as well.



- Learn more about the Food System Resiliency Council and programs by visiting [here](#).
- Learn more about Recycling Market Development, Composting, and other Waste Diversion programs [here](#).