

WasteSmart Progress Chart

This chart lists progress made on each of the action items in the WasteSmart Strategic Plan. For more details about WasteSmart, please visit alexandriava.gov/WasteSmart.

Progress Key

- Not started
- Initiated
- Moderate progress
- Significant progress
- Complete

Timeframe Key

- Short: FY19-21
- Medium: FY22-25
- Long: FY26-38

 EAP Action Item

ACTION ITEM		LEAD AGENCY	TIME FRAME	PROGRESS	NOTES
1. Effective Government Operations					
1.1	Formalize a special revenue fund	OMB	Short	●●●●	Implemented in FY20
1.2	Conduct a Route Optimization Study  5.1.3	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Kick-off meeting with consultant 10/15 complete
1.3	Review residential and commercial solid waste fees	T&ES	Short	●●●●	FY20 residential approved
1.4	Continue to incorporate AVL technology for new trucks	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Included for Recycling Contract. Ongoing
1.5	Examine current usage of HHW facility operating hours to improve convenience and reduce costs	T&ES	Short	●●●●	
1.6	Evaluate recruiting and retention of CDL drivers	T&ES	Short	●●●●	FY20 budget approved for \$1/hr increase
1.7	Develop and implement stakeholder engagement survey and forum for commercial properties	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Identifying stakeholders
1.8	Evaluate training and safety program	T&ES	Medium	●●●●	Internal Safety Plan developed
1.9	Review licensing fees for commercial haulers	T&ES	Medium	●●●●	
1.10	Evaluate and make recommendations on optimizing public space trash and recycling bins  5.1.6	T&ES	Medium	●●●●	Looking into smart bin pilot
1.11	Explore fleet greening  2.2.8	T&ES	Long	●●●●	
1.12	Establish sustainable purchasing guidelines for City procurement  5.2.6	Procurement	Long	●●●●	
2. Education & Outreach					
2.1	Refresh resource recovery website	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	Temp to be hired
2.2	Develop resources for schools, government buildings, commercial and multifamily properties	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	Graphic temp search in progress
2.3	Implement digital outreach resources such as a how to dispose search tool  5.1.2	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	In development, waiting contract award
2.4	Implement a resource recovery sorting game app and share with schools	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	Complete, VRA Award Recipient
2.5	Launch a Recycle Right education campaign  5.1.2	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	June COG GO Recycle campaign complete
2.6	Conduct bi-annual campaigns on resource recovery	OCPI, T&ES	Short	●●●●	Waiting for contract award for messaging
2.7	Make website more accessible (more translations and graphics)	OCPI, T&ES	Medium	●●●●	Glass Drop-Off Mailer translated in Spanish and Amharic
2.8	Conduct a survey of households to determine satisfaction of cost and services	OPA, T&ES	Medium	●●●●	
2.9	Evaluate feasibility of a Resource Recovery Ambassador Volunteer Program	T&ES	Long	●●●●	Evaluating with Volunteer Alexandria partnership
3. Reduce & Reuse					
3.1	Develop and maintain a reuse directory  5.2.1	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Ready for launch (tent. America Recycles Day)
3.2	Evaluate and make recommendation on Pay-As-You-Throw  5.2.2	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Proposing for FY21 budget
3.3	Support the development of a legislative proposal of a bottle bill and plastic bag fee/ban  5.2 (Legislative Priorities)	T&ES	Short	●●●●	Env Program Manager working through the VRA and NVRC Policy Committees.
3.4	Pilot Share-A-Bag  5.2.3	T&ES	Short	●●●●	RFQ developed
3.5	Educate and promote Grasscycling	T&ES	Short	●●●●	On web, will continue in Mar
3.6	Support building material reduce, reuse and recovery  5.2.4	T&ES	Medium	●●●●	On current web / Sorting tool
3.7	Support the regional development of Product Stewardship Legislation	T&ES	Medium	●●●●	See 3.3 notes
3.8	Work with surrounding jurisdictions to develop and implement a regional approach to reduce plastic waste  5.2.5	T&ES	Long	●●●●	City working with DC and Northern Virginia partners
3.9	Support local food recovery efforts	T&ES	Long	●●●●	Building partnerships

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 4. Resource Recovery: Recycling (Residential)					
4.1	Solicit and award a short-term recycling collection and processing bid change	T&ES	Short		Collection ITB awarded. Processing ITB in process.
4.2	Install glass drop-off containers  5.1.1	T&ES	Short		Over 122 tons collected
4.3	Upon evaluating the recycling market, develop a plan to expand glass drop-off centers and/or potentially eliminate glass from single stream recycling  5.1.1	T&ES	Short		Evaluating partnership opportunities with grocery stores.
4.4	Conduct an annual MRF sort	T&ES	Short		FY19 complete, FY20 to be scheduled with new contract
4.5	Review recyclability of #3-7 plastics and determine whether to include in the City's recycling list and update City Code.	T&ES	Short		
4.6	Update the City's recycling ordinance to reflect changes in the global recycling marketplace  5.1.4	T&ES	Short		
4.7	Conduct a waste characterization study	T&ES	Medium		
4.8	Refresh Oops Tags for Recycling and evaluate direct cart messaging at the refuse level	T&ES	Long		Oops tag drafted, waiting for contract to be final
 5. Resource Recovery: Recycling (Commercial)					
4.9	Evaluate an additional FTE for commercial recycling education and enforcement	T&ES	Short		Commercial recycling FTE started July 1, 2019
4.10	Implement an education campaign for commercial and multifamily buildings and spot inspections	T&ES	Medium		
4.11	Identify development opportunities in the site development plan for new and additional commercial compactor rooms	T&ES	Medium		
4.12	Review commercial recycling requirements to improve resource recovery  5.1.7	T&ES	Medium		
4.13	Consider establishing business rebates, resource recovery grants, and/or revolving loan programs	T&ES	Long		
 5. Resource Recovery: Organics					
5.1	Continue to meet and grow awareness of composting program at farmers' markets	T&ES	Short		
5.2	Evaluate privatizing composting program and whether to expand program	T&ES	Short		RFQ with procurement
5.3	Improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the yard waste collection program (e.g. evaluate whether to privatize, suspend during winter, etc.)	T&ES	Short		Working through route optimization study as part of the evaluation
5.4	Expand education and outreach of curbside yard waste collection	T&ES	Short		Oops tag developed and implemented leaf season FY19 for no plastic bags
5.5	Evaluate whether mandatory yard waste separation and a plan to ban plastic bans from yard waste	T&ES	Short		Evaluating current yard waste operations
5.6	Improve accuracy of weights and participation rates for leaf and yard waste collection operations	T&ES	Short		
5.7	Evaluate the City's Leaf Storage Facility for efficiencies and equipment maintained	T&ES	Medium		
5.8	Evaluate organics processing market readiness and feasibility of curbside organics collection  5.1.8	T&ES	Medium		
5.9	Develop an organics haulers license list to support commercial organics collection	T&ES	Medium		
5.10	Support growing local composting efforts such as backyard or community composting	T&ES	Medium		
5.11	Support the regional legislative development of a large quantity organic generator ban	T&ES	Long		
 6. End Disposal					
6.1	Continue, closely monitor Covanta's preventative and corrective maintenance efforts	T&ES	Short		FMG meets on a quarterly basis
6.2	Develop and implement a stakeholder engagement forum on the \$.00/ton tip fee	T&ES	Medium		
6.3	Develop options and recommendations for budget savings	T&ES	Medium		
6.4	Complete a regional comprehensive alternative disposal study. Evaluate long term end disposal options.  5.1.9	T&ES	Medium		Started discussions with neighboring jurisdictions
6.5	Evaluate and make recommendations on the potential for commercial refuse service expansion.	T&ES	Medium		
6.6	Upon completion of an alternative disposal study, revise the SWMP	T&ES	Long		