

# Zero Waste 2030 A Joint Plan for County Government and Schools

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## **JET Recommendation**

Zero Waste government and schools by 2030

- Sub-Recommendations
  - 1. Zero Waste Plan
  - 2. Waste Audits
  - 3. Sustainable Purchasing
  - 4. Composting
  - 5. Schools (Engagement)





# **Zero Waste Planning Team**

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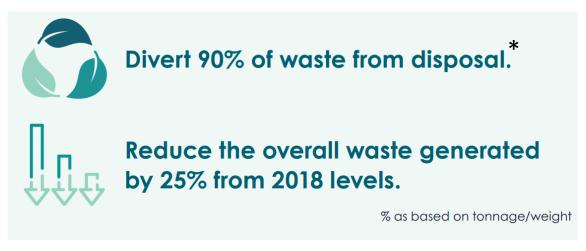
with input from many other County and FCPS departments

## What Zero Waste Means to Us

Priority: Prevent waste before it occurs by systematically reducing and reusing



Aspirational goals for 2030:



\* Diversion = keeping waste out of landfills/incineration

### Where We Are Now

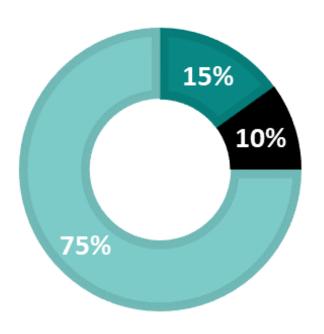
- Operations & Existing Programs
- Diversion Performance
- Waste Audits
- Employee Survey
- Other Communities
- Policies and Regulations
  - VA Executive Order 77



FCPS student recording data for food donation program

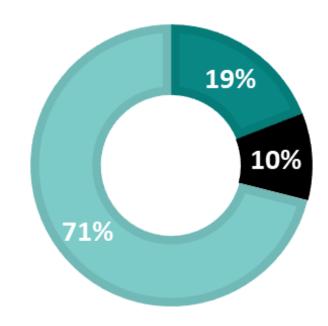
## How to Achieve 90% Waste Diversion

#### **COUNTY**



- Currently diverted
- To remain as waste
- Diversion opportunities:
  - Track all applicable materials
  - Operational changes
  - Behavioral changes
  - Tech advances

#### **FCPS**





# **Strategies**

| Theme #1: Culture:<br>Education and Outreach |  | Theme 2:<br>Program Establishment |  | Theme 3: Facility Upgrades |  | Theme 4: Policy<br>Implementation/<br>Board Directives |   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.1  | Designate Zero Waste Champions                                     | 2.1                               | Establish Zero Waste Team  | 3.1                        | Design and Retrofit for Zero Waste                     | 4.1  | Establish a Zero Waste Policy   |
| 1.2  | Develop Strategies to Recognize,<br>Motivate, and Compensate Staff | 2.2                               | Expand Sustainable<br>Purchasing Program   | 3.2                        | Standardize and Increase Waste Receptacles and Signage |  | ,   |
| 1.3  | Develop Educational Resources,<br>Signage and Training             | 2.3                               | Establish Commitments by all County Departments and Schools to Participate in Zero Waste Efforts  Establish Programmatic Reporting of Activities by County Departments and Schools | 3.3                        | Implement Reusable Food                                | 4.2  | Establish Funding and Allocate<br>Resources Appropriate to Meet<br>Zero Waste Goals |
| 1.4  | Facilitate Action through Campaigns,<br>Toolkits and Guides        |                                   |  | 3.4                        | Service Ware  Install Additional Air Hand Dryers       | 43   | Establish Board Directive/Policy<br>for Organics or a Food Disposal Ban             |
| 1.5  | Maximize Opportunities for<br>Student Engagement                   | 2.4                               |  | 3.5                        | Install Additional Bottle Filling Stations             |  |   |
|  |  | 2.5                               | Measure Success: Waste Audits,<br>Reporting, Facility Assessments  |                            |  | 4.4  | Establish Board Directive/Policy<br>to Ban Single-use Plastics                      |
|  |  | 2.6                               | Establish or Expand Alternate<br>Recycling, Reuse, and Recovery<br>Program Partnerships  |                            |  | 4.5  | Support Legislative Actions at the State and Federal Levels                         |
|  |  | 2.7                               | Launch a Reusable Packaging Program  |                            |  | 4.6  | Use Events as a Catalyst to Minimize  |
|  |  | 2.8                               | Establish or Expand Edible Food<br>Rescue and Donation Program   |                            |  |  | or Eliminate Waste  |



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## **How We Will Achieve Zero Waste**

- Levels of Involvement
- Required Resources
- Ensuring and Measuring Progress
- Next Steps





# Next Steps: FY 2022

- Board Approval of Zero Waste Plan
- Establish Implementation Structure
- Implement Some Short-Term Strategies



# **Questions?**

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