

Charleston County Environmental Management





Facility Information

- Equipment capable of processing 25 tons per hour
 - Former MRF processed 4-6 tons per hour
- Utilizes artificial intelligence and optical sorters
- Capacity has been designed to meet future regional recycling needs
- 82,000 square foot facility (65,000 sf warehouse / 17,000 sf office building)



New Collection Program

Elements of a Successful Collections Program

- Curbside and drop site service
- Education and Outreach
- Private vs. Municipal Operation
- Funding



Curbside and drop site service



Education and Outreach



Cart tagging

- Joint efforts between Collections and Programs
- Staff places notification when cart is in violation

Process

• Three notices followed cart removal

Public Education

- Website, social media and marketing materials
- Community groups and HOAs



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Recycle Right – Keep it Simple





Know Your "Nos" Plastic bags and film – Priority issue

Styrofoam

Shredded paper

Food waste

Electronics

Textiles

Construction debris

Rope-like items

Medical waste





Why is contamination a concern?

Private vs. Municipal Operation



Pros	Cons
Equipment and maintenance	Contract costs – fuel and CPI adjustments
Sale of recyclables	Customer Service – HOT issues
Staffing	Database





Questions?