

Solid Waste Advisory Committee
June 25, 2020
Combined Presentation Slides



Solid Waste Master Plan Update

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Key Issues Raised in Public Comments

- Draft 2030 Plan issued for public comment in Fall 2019
- Key issues raised
 - Urged more engagement and need for more input from Environmental Justice communities
 - Concerns with carbon emissions and climate change impacts from solid waste management
- Since then – solid waste and materials management affected by COVID 19

Reopening Comment Period

- MassDEP will reopen comment period on Draft 2030 Plan
- Will run from June 26 through September 15
- Four public hearings via Zoom
 - All held in evening from 6-8
 - July 22, August 20, September 1, September 10

Key Questions for Comments

- Specific challenges face by populations disproportionately impacted by solid waste facilities? How could SWMP address these challenges?
- How can Environmental Justice (EJ) communities be better reflected in how waste is managed in Massachusetts?
- Specific policies or programs to address SW management concerns of EJ communities?
- What actions to pursue to reduce carbon emissions from SW management to help meet Global Warming Solutions Act goals?
- What are COVID 19 impacts on SW management? Specific initiatives problematic/beneficial to adjust to COVID 19 impacts?

For more information

- Draft plan, notice, and intro presentation will be posted at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/solid-waste-master-plan#-the-draft-2030-solid-waste-master-plan->
- Notice will be translated into Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Chinese (Mandarin & Traditional) and Vietnamese
- Translation of other documents will be provided upon request

Tips for Managing Trash and Recycling as you Reopen your Business

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Tips for Managing Trash & Recycling as you Reopen your Business

- Follow all [Reopening Massachusetts business guidance requirements](#)
- Contact your waste hauler
- Re-evaluate your waste needs
- Communicate with your employees & temporary staff
- Continue recycling at your business & follow [Recycle Smart MA](#) guidance



recyclingworksma.com/tips-for-managing-trash-and-recycling-as-you-reopen-your-business/

Key Resources & Free Assistance for Businesses

- [Single Stream Recycling](#)
- [Hauler Contracting Guidance](#)
- [Food Donation Guidance](#)
- [RecyclingWorks Technical Assistance](#)

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Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Update

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2020 Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant Applications

Applicants

Municipal - 262

Regional Entities - 7

Non-profits - 3

Grant Categories, Applicants and Amounts Requested

RDP - 235 applicants \$3,348,050

Small-Scale - 86 applicants \$89,250

Mattress Recycling Incentive (MRI) - 35 applicants TBD

Pay-As-You-Throw Start-up Assistance - 6 applicants \$730,430

Education and Enforcement Coordinator - 3 applicants \$80,000

Curbside Recycling Carts - 5 applicants \$365,360

Food Waste Carts - 0 applicants \$0

Drop-Off Equipment for Target Materials - 32 applicants \$194,000

School Recycling Assistance - 3 applicants \$66,500

Waste Reduction Projects - 11 applicants \$1,085,283

***Total Requested**

(does not include MRI) \$5,958,873

What's Your New Normal? A Community Forum on Trash & Recycling

June 16, 2020



Highlights

- Communities are not experiencing issues accessing PPE.
- Fifty percent of those polled have experienced higher trash and/or recycling costs since COVID.
- Two thirds of those polled have seen a trash tonnage increase of 5% or more.



Many drop-off programs suspended or altered collection of certain materials. Some are now reopening.



Many Swap Shops have been closed and have not yet reopened.



Special events have been suspended – particularly household hazardous waste collections and paper shredding events.

Suspension & Modification of Programs

Interesting Innovations



Revising large events to focus on only one material at a time for a limited time (e.g. 4 hours on a weekday).



Adoption of new technology (e.g. online payments, online appointment scheduling) to continue their programs and promote safety.



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The webinar recording and meeting notes will soon be available online.

Email me if you would like the link.

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R&R Workgroup Update

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Single Use Packaging

Building Materials

Textiles & Clothing

Electronics

Household Durable Goods

Organics/Food

Furniture

Revised Workgroup Schedule

- **Kickoff Meeting** - [March 2020](#)
- **Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA** - [April 2020](#); [May 2020](#)
- **Reuse Roundtable: *The Future & Safety of Reuse in MA*** - [May 2020](#)
- **Household Durable Goods** - [May 2020](#); June 2020
- (Repair Panel Discussion)*
- **Single Use Packaging & Food Service Products**
- **Used/Surplus Furniture** (Commercial/Institutional)
- **Electronics**
- **Textiles & Clothing**
- **Building Materials**
- **Transportation & Distribution Packaging**

*proposed additional workgroup topic

Recap: Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA

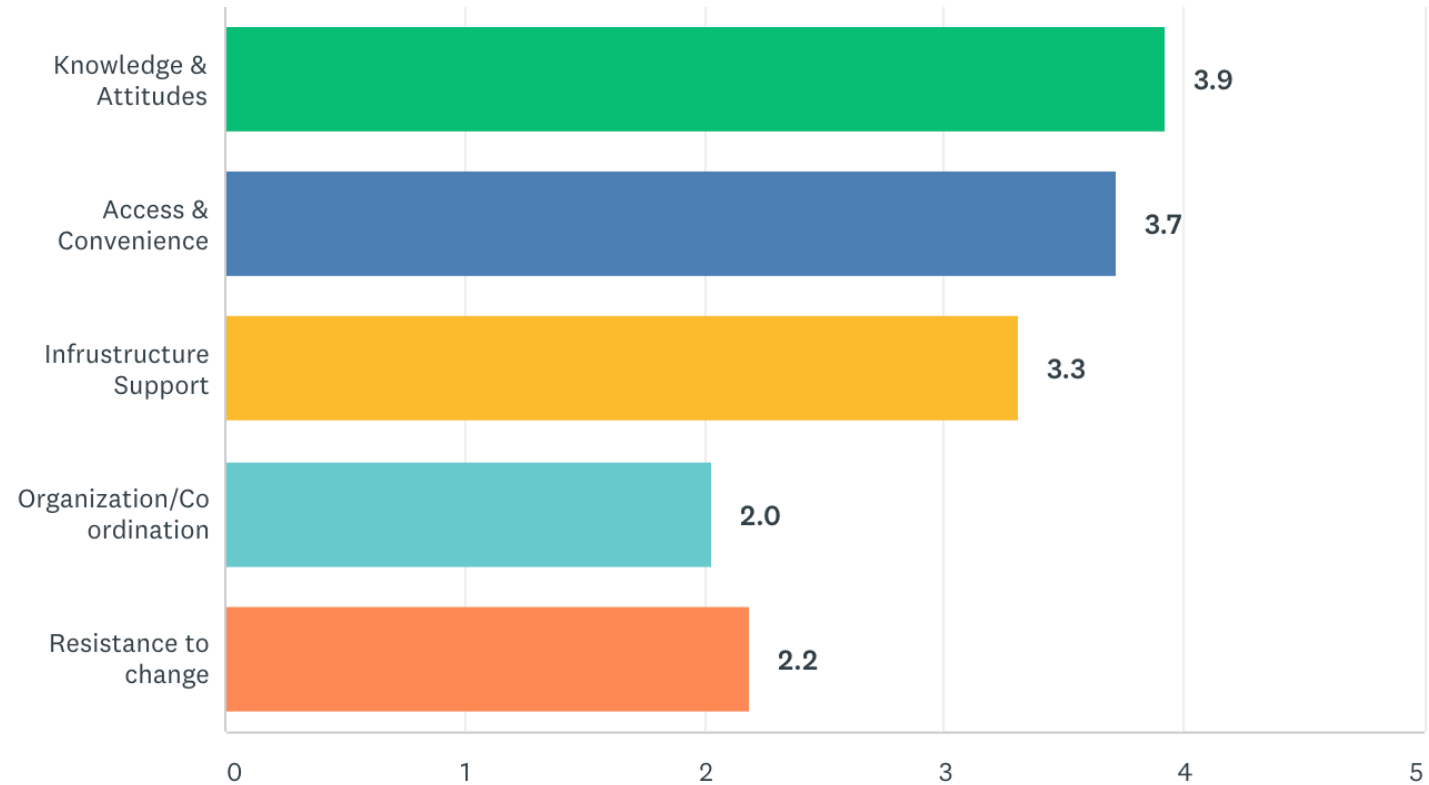
The following barriers and potential strategies were identified by R&R stakeholders in prior workgroup meetings. We surveyed participants to find out what the [MassDEP Reduce & Reuse workgroup](#) should prioritize as part of our strategic planning process,. These strategies and feedback on priorities will be taken into consideration when developing the MassDEP R&R Action Plan

The following reflects the survey completed by 48 stakeholders in May-June 2020

To see all barriers and strategies identified throughout the process to date, see the archive of past meetings at: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/reduce-reuse-rr-working-group-archive>

Which of these barriers should we prioritize addressing?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 3



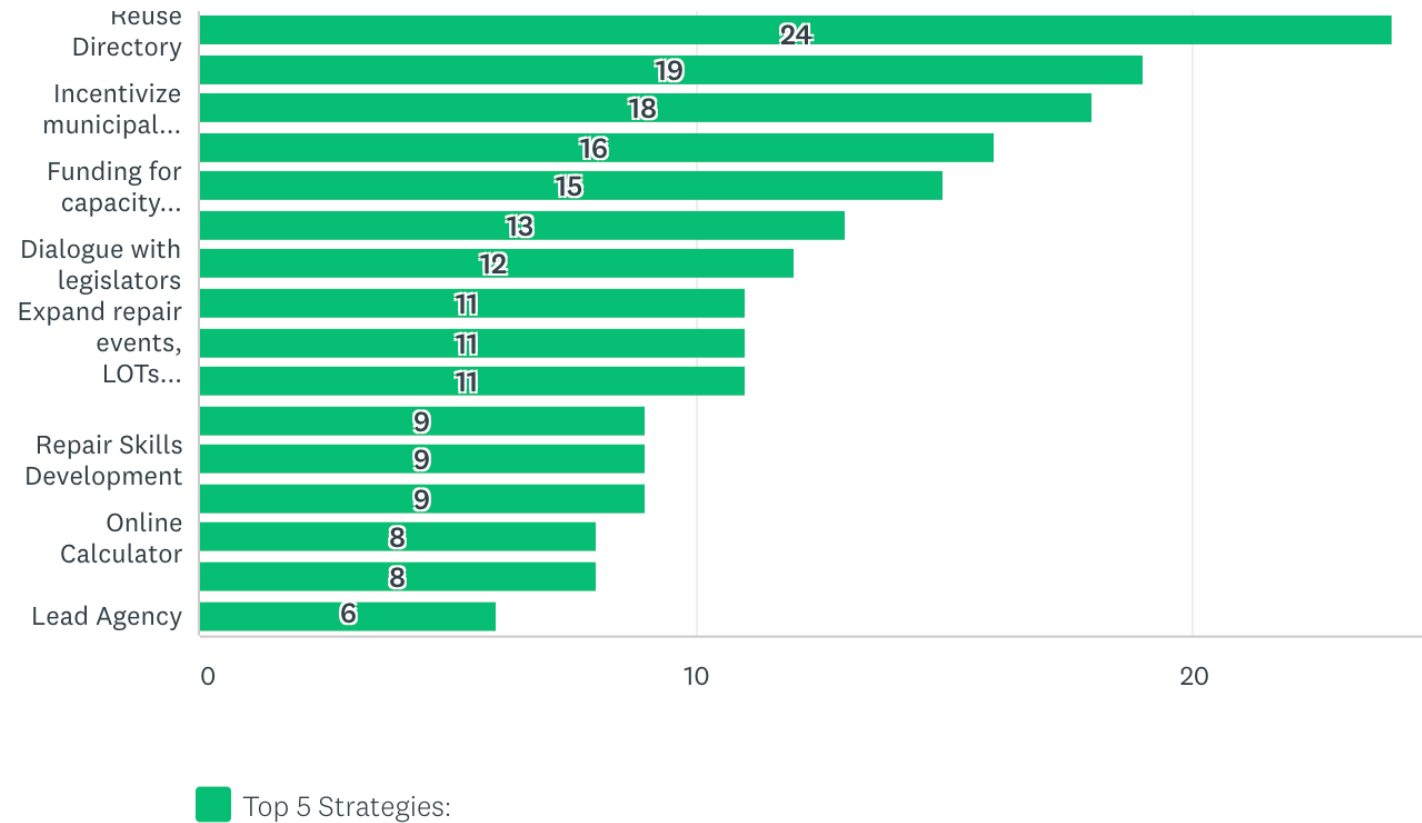
Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA

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Survey Results: Barriers to Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA

What do you see as the top 5 strategies we should prioritize in order to p...

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA

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Survey Results: Top Strategies for Creating a Culture of Reuse in MA



Carlos Zabala
**Morgan Memorial
Goodwill**



Richard Purnell
**New Life Furniture
Bank**



Christine Quinn
**Cancer Connection
Thrift Shop**



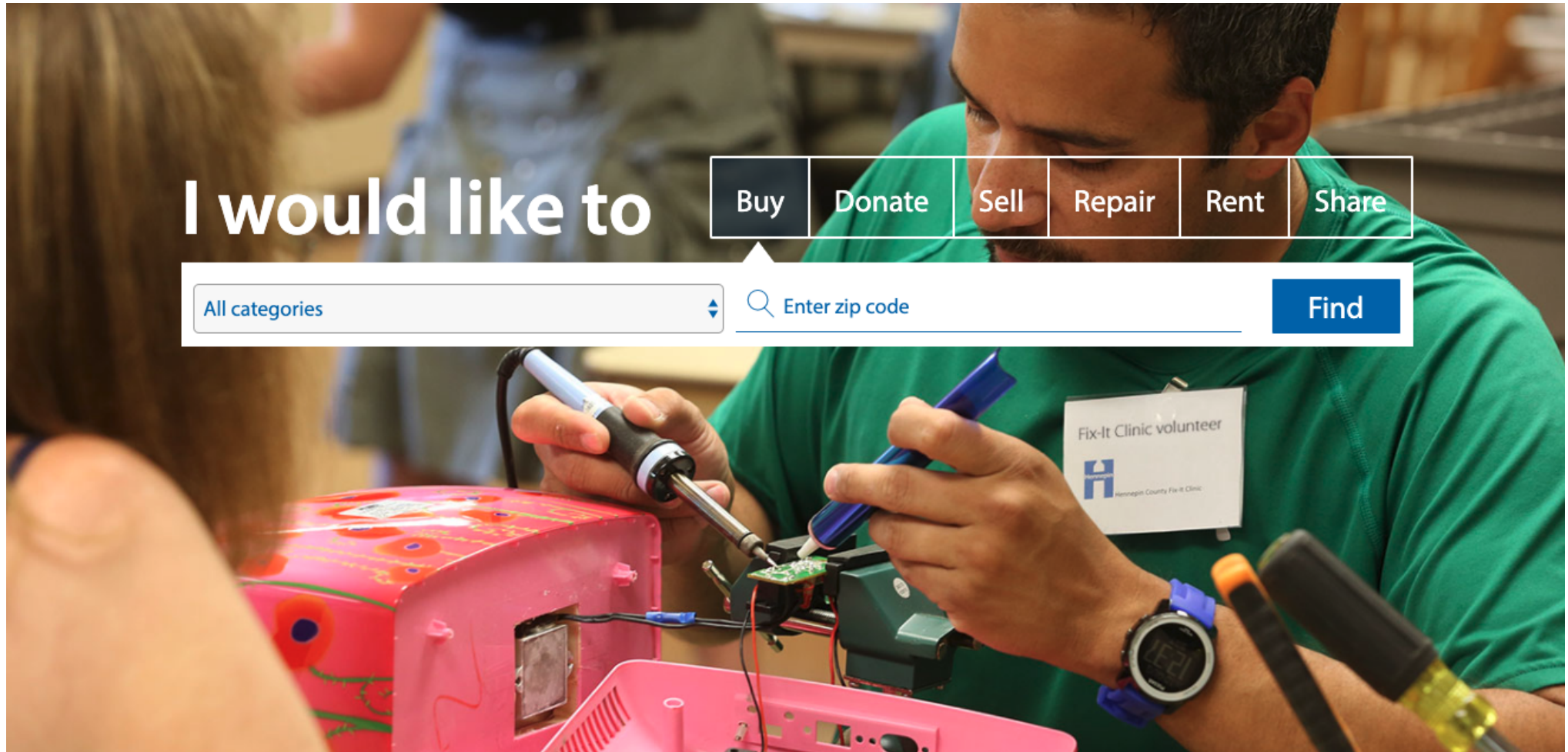
Katrina Martin
Professional Organizer



Kevin Maguire
**Habitat for Humanity
ReStore**



Sharon Martens
Household Goods



[Choose to Reuse: Hennepin County, Minnesota](#)

We need YOUR help: Crowdsourcing the MA Reuse Directory

Tell us about the reuse/repair/share retailers in your city, town or neighborhood: <https://airtable.com/shritqRieYZl54YQ5>

MA Reuse Directory

To add a retailer to the MA Reuse Directory, please fill out the following:

Organization Name

Address

Phone

Services:

- ☐ Customers can buy
- ☐ Customers can sell
- ☐ Customers can donate
- ☐ Customers can repair
- ☐ Customers can rent
- ☐ Customers can share

Accepted Items:

Which items are accepted for donation or repair?

*Continuing the
conversation*

Creating a
Culture of
Reuse in MA

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

6 - 8 PM, EST

Register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/649782092992960012>

Report from C&D Subcommittee Meeting

Mike Elliott

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MassDEP C&D Subcommittee

AGENDA covered at June 18, 2020 meeting

- Welcome/Safety/Introductions
- C&D Recycling Industry and Markets in a COVID-19 World
- C&D Minimum Performance Standard Implementation
- Announcements/Updates

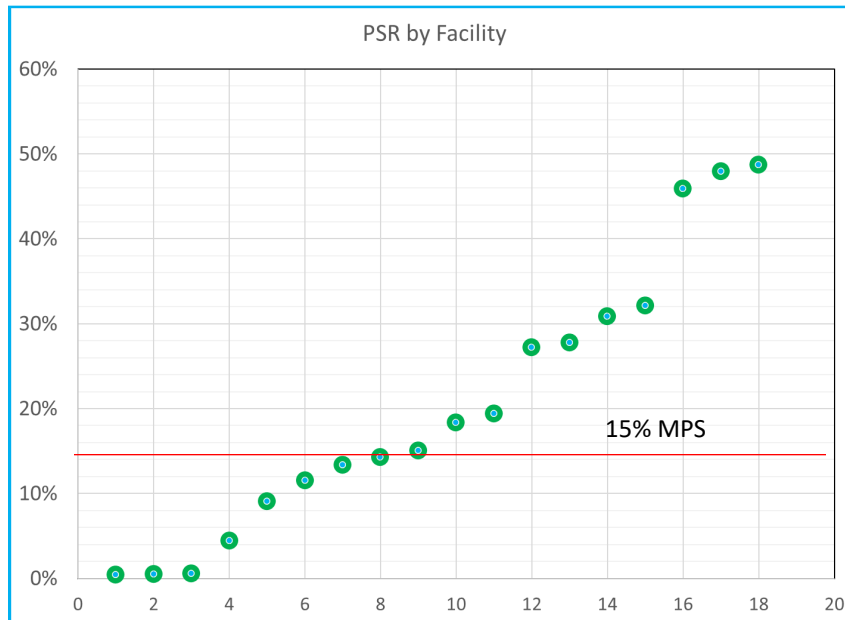
C&D Recycling Industry and Markets in a COVID-19 World

- Regional C&D activity impacted
 - Lowest point in April (20%-50% of norm)
 - Started to recover in May
 - Approaching pre-Pandemic levels in June
- Waste Bans remained in effect throughout
 - C&D handling facilities designated essential service
 - Maintained operations modified for safety (2 exceptions in metro-Boston area)
 - No disruptions experienced moving materials to end-markets
- Under 4-phase Reopening Plan
 - All C&D handling facilities continue operations in strict compliance with mandatory COVID-19 safety protocols

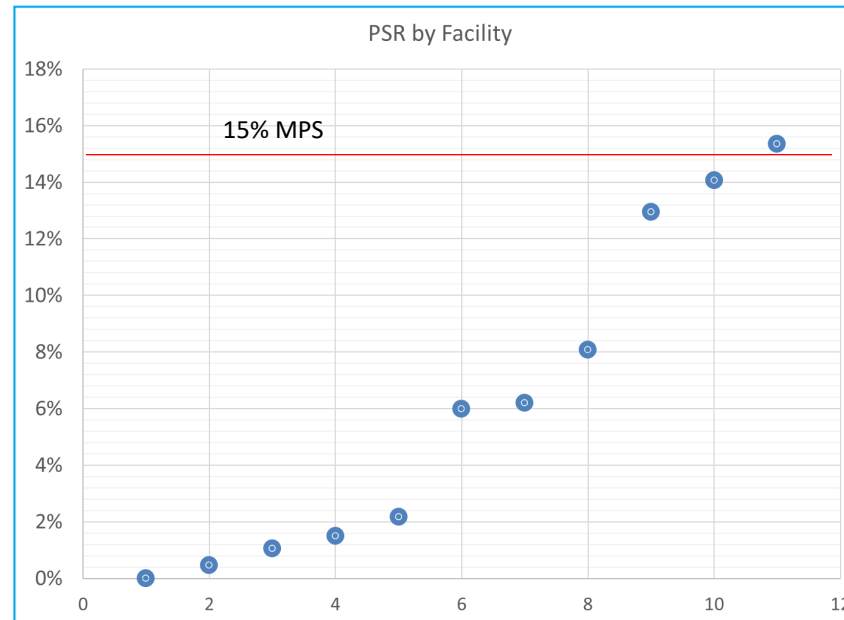
CY2019 MPS Status

Criterion #1: Process Separation Rate (PSR)

18 C&D Processors



11 Lg. C&D Transfer Stations



Request for Information (RFI) Letters

- Site audits to verify data have always been part of MPS implementation plan
- Collect relevant information more efficiently
 - Reduce time onsite consistent with COVID-19 safety protocols
- Collect monthly operational data for first 6 months of 2020
 - Better understand impact of COVID-19
 - Factor into compliance evaluations in 2021
- Include questions about CY2019 Annual Report Data
- Send out RFI letters before end of June

RecyclingWorks Resources for Construction & Demolition Materials

- [Find A Recycler Tool](#)
- [C&D Best Management Practices](#)
- [C&D Webinar Recording](#) (5/21/20)
- [Technical Assistance](#)

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