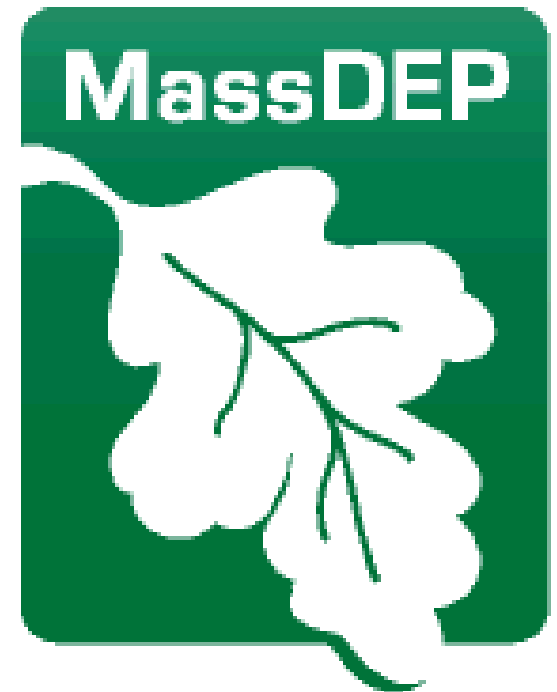



Reduce & Reuse (R&R) Working Group

- ▶ VIRTUAL MEETING – APRIL 28, 2022
- ▶ 10 AM TO 12 NOON
- ▶ THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED



Agenda

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- ↓ **10:00 am**
Welcome & Housekeeping
 - ↓ **10:10 am**
Review Final Plan
Discuss Next Steps
Progress & Updates
 - ↓ **11:00 am**
Guest Speaker:
Lauren Fernandez,
Reusable New England,
 - ↓ **11:30 am**
Next Steps for Implementation
 - ↓ **12:00 PM**
Adjourn

Reduce & Reuse Action Plan

- ▶ Find it on MassDEP's website:
- ▶ <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-reduce-reuse-action-plan-december-2021/download>
- ▶ Or: google MassDEP Reduce and Reuse Action Plan

Priority Materials



Single Use
Packaging



Building Materials



Textiles &
Clothing



Electronics



Household
Durable Goods



Furniture, Fixtures
& Equipment

Key Levers



EDUCATION/BEHAVIOR CHANGE



TOOLS, RESOURCE, & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



GRANTS/FINANCIAL INCENTIVES:



JOB TRAINING/ WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



NETWORKING



LEGISLATION



PROCUREMENT

Stakeholder Input & Final Approval

- ▶ Working Group Feedback
 - ▶ Summary of Comments and Responses
 - ▶ <https://www.mass.gov/doc/summary-of-comments-responses-reduce-reuse-action-plan/download>
- ▶ Original vs. Final Version of Plan
 - ▶ Legislation
 - ▶ Public Health Food Code

Legislation

Original Language:

- ▶ Support state-wide legislation banning single-use bags and polystyrene take-out containers.
- ▶ Support Right to Repair legislation.
- ▶ Develop rating system or scoring index for appliances on durability and repairability.
- ▶ Work with legislators to remove barriers in state public health codes and local Board of Health (BOH) codes that limit or prevent use of reusable take-out food containers at food establishments.
- ▶ Advocate for the reform of the General Mining Act of 1872.
- ▶ Incentivize purchasing of secondhand items by exempting secondhand items from sales tax (possibly starting with a “second-hand tax-free day”) and bolstering tax incentives for donating items for reuse.

Legislation

Revised Language

- ▶ Work with Municipalities and the Legislature to advance waste prevention and reuse legislation, including:
 - ▶ Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems for packaging and electronics
 - ▶ Develop an effective approach to reduce the use of single use packaging
 - ▶ Identify strategies to extend the lifespan of products
 - ▶ Identify incentives for the purchase of secondhand items
 - ▶ Provide support for local efforts to enact waste reduction and reuse ordinances and bylaws

Public Health Food Code

- ▶ Original

- ▶ Consult with MassDPH to advocate for identifying and removing barriers in state health codes that limit or prevent use of reusable containers at food establishment.

- ▶ Revised

- ▶ Initiate conversations with Mass DPH to understand food code requirements around reusable containers at food establishments



Progress on Reuse Initiatives

MassDEP Incentives for Municipal Reuse Programs in RDP



Swap Shop – open year round



Community Repair Events



Single Use Plastic – local ban on 2 items or more



Building Deconstruction Incentives – through permits or pilot



Tool Library/Library of Things



Community “Zero Waste” Drop-off Events (e-waste, bikes, textiles, books, etc)

State Food Code and Reusables Containers

Meeting with Mass Dept of Public Health (DPH)

- Federal Food Code – 2013
- Silent on reusables (except coffee cups)
- National activity – UPSTREAM, Center for Biological Diversity
- Local Boards of Health

Next steps

- Possible DEP-led stakeholder dialogue (DPH, local BOH, businesses)

New Waste Disposal Bans

- ▶ Mattresses and box springs
- ▶ Textiles (clothing, linens, footwear, etc)
- ▶ Commercial food waste – lowered to ½ ton per week.
- ▶ New bans effective November 1, 2022
- ▶ New and expanded businesses in textile and mattress management

School Waste Reduction

- ▶ New Working Group formed
- ▶ Green SWoRD (School Waste Reduction & Diversion)
 - ▶ Institutionalizing School Recycling and Waste Reduction Policies
 - ▶ Transitioning from Single-Use to Reusables
 - ▶ School Composting
- ▶ Google drive for document sharing
- ▶ To join this group, email Gail Sowerder Garron at gbernard@beverlyma.gov

MassDEP Micro-Grants

- For reduce/reuse/share/repair initiatives
- 28 awards from FY19 to FY22
- \$133,425 total (avg \$4,700 each)
- Rolling application and quarterly awards
- Priority is non-profits, small business, colleges also eligible; municipalities are lower priority

<u>Good Filling</u>	Personal care and household products in refillable bottles (Woburn)
<u>Images Cinema</u>	Water bottle filling station (Williamstown)
<u>Recirclable</u>	Reusable take-out containers at restaurant network (Arlington)
<u>Urban Missionaries</u>	The Little Store: expand furniture storage at thrift store serving displaced families in Worcester
<u>HandUp</u>	Resale of sanitized mattresses from online retail returns at New Bedford store.
Stonehill College	Choose2Reuse app tracks reusable containers at campus dining
Portico South Street	Reusable food service ware at Somerville brewery
The BYTE Shop	Electronics repair (Boston)
Untold Brewing	Piloting reusable pallet wrap; expanding can carrier take-back (Scituate)
Bushnell-Sage Library	Repair/fix-it events at public library (Sheffield)



Guest Speaker:

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Next Steps for Implementing the Plan


- ▶ Forming Sub-Working Groups
 - ▶ By priority strategies?
 - ▶ By materials streams?
- ▶ Volunteer leads
- ▶ Use Google Drive and Google Groups
- ▶ Poll
- ▶ Discussion

Short Term Priorities

- Municipal Grants and Incentives
- State Procurement Contracts for Refurbished Goods
- Food Service Reuse Systems
- Model Ordinance: Building Deconstruction
- Food Service "Opt-In" Model Ordinance (aka "Skip the Stuff")
- College/University Reusable Food Ware
- K-12 Schools Reuse Initiatives
- Grants to Build Reuse Capacity
- Networking/Info Sharing
- Increase Access to Reuse Opportunities
- Grow Repair/Share Communities
- Online Reuse Directory

Material Streams and Levers

- Household Durable Goods
- Textiles and Clothing
- Building materials (commercial and residential)
- Electronics, solar panels
- Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment (commercial/institutional)
- Single Use Packaging
- Expand capacity of reuse/repair/share programs
- Education and outreach – building a culture of R/R/S



Poll: Forming Sub Working Groups



Discussion: Working Groups

Going Forward

- ▶ Meeting schedule – quarterly?
- ▶ Meeting content
 - ▶ Guest speakers? (Poll)
 - ▶ Report-outs from Sub Working Groups
- ▶ Survey working group via Google Form to gather feedback?



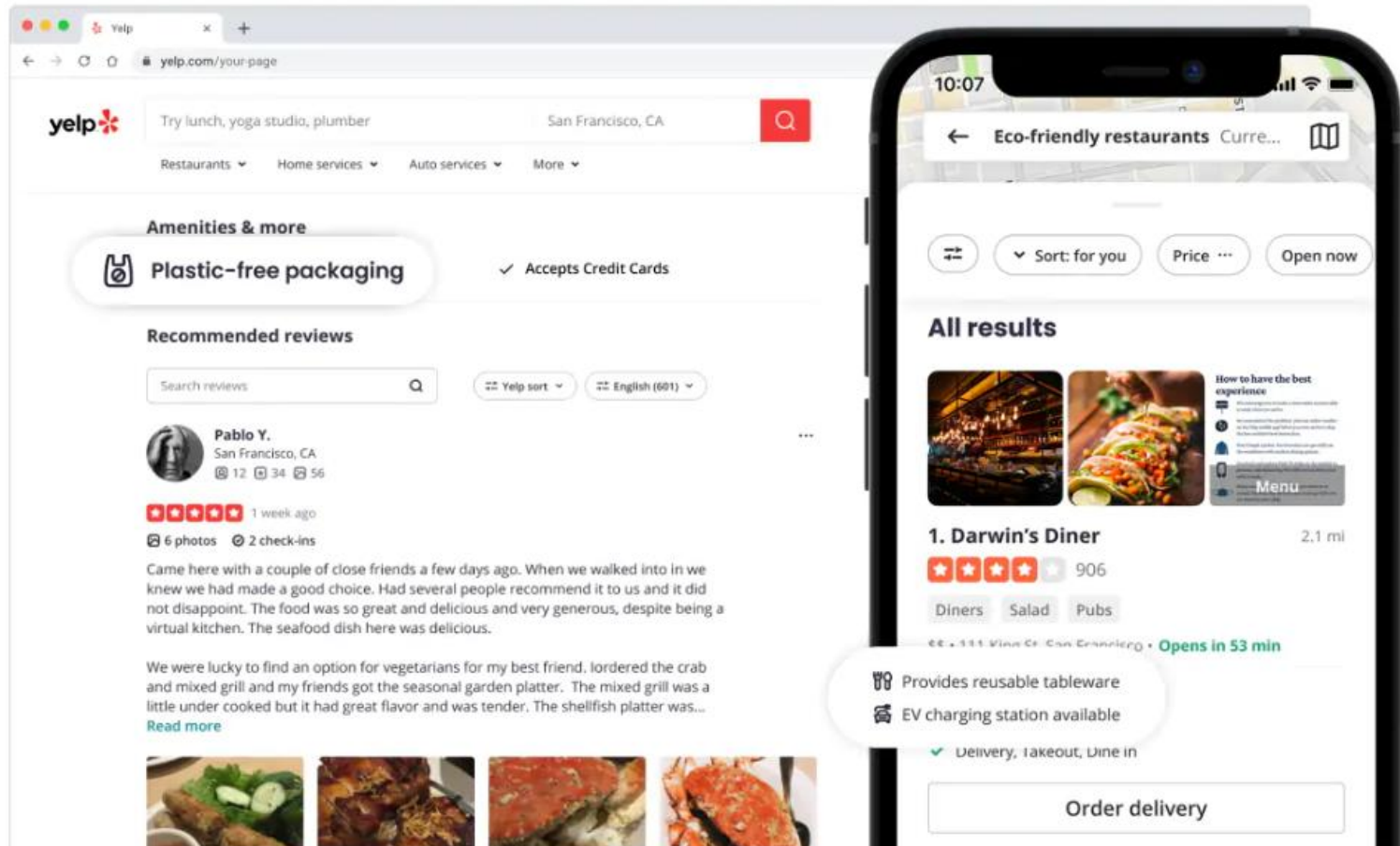
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Hadley Barndollar Hadley Barndollar, USA TODAY NETWORK

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New YELP eco-friendly attributes



New eco-friendly attributes will be highlighted on Yelp search results and business pages Yelp

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Perpetual is hosting a panel discussion at [Circular City Week](#) on Thursday, May 5th at 12:00 pm ET.

A nascent space only a decade ago, the emergence of reusable service systems such as those for foodware and packaging has been growing exponentially over the last several years, but reuse has yet to achieve scale. This panel will explore the current state of reuse and what is needed for the reuse ecosystem to go from enthusiastic pilots to full-scale integrated reuse systems. Join us for a discussion of the current state of reuse, critical needs for reuse to scale including access and equity, new initiatives filling the gaps, and a forecast on the future of reuse.

Speakers:

Christian Kaufholz, Head of Affiliate Programs, Global Plastic Action Partnership, World Economic Forum

Amy Larkin, Founder/Director, PR3

Ellie Moss, Executive Director, Perpetual

Matt Prindiville, Chief Solutioneer & CEO, Upstream

Moderated by: Dr. Dagny Tucker, Director of System Design, Perpetual

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