

2030 Solid Waste Master Plan

Discussion of Goal and Capacity Data

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Status and Next Steps

- Beginning to write draft plan now
- Goal remains to have public hearing draft by fall 2019 and final plan by end of 2020
- Upcoming Meetings
 - June 13 – EBC SWMP Forum
 - June 18 – C&D Subcommittee
 - June 27 – SWAC
 - June TBD – Organics Subcommittee

Master Plan Goals - Current

- Current goals
 - 30% reduction in disposal by 2020 (at 13% through 2017)
 - 80% reduction in disposal by 2050
- More progress needed – will require new & expanded strategies
- Population increased by 5 percent from 2008 – 2017
- Per capita disposal decreased by 17 % from 2008 -2017
 - 2002 to 1,667 lbs. per capita
- In addition, GDP by state increased 16% during this same period

Master Plan Goals – Proposed for Discussion

- Potential 2050 goal
 - Should we have a 90% reduction in disposal by 2050?
 - 5.9 million ton reduction from 2008 (from 6.5 million tons)
 - 5.1 million ton reduction from 2017 (from 5.7 million tons)
- Corresponding 2030 goal – assuming straight line progress
 - 1.7 million ton (33%) reduction from 2017
 - 2.5 million ton (38%) reduction from 2008

SWMP Goal Discussion

- Review assumptions for data analysis
- One possible scenario to reduce disposal by 1.7 million tons by 2030
- In line with 90% reduction by 2050
- Analysis only includes 5.2 million tons of MSW & C&D
- Excludes about 500K tons other non-MSW
- Review and explain analysis

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WTE facilities

3.25 million
tons of solid waste
received

93%
of permitted
capacity utilized

44.0%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Waste-to-Energy

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MSW landfills

1.26 million
tons of solid waste
received

83%
of permitted
capacity utilized

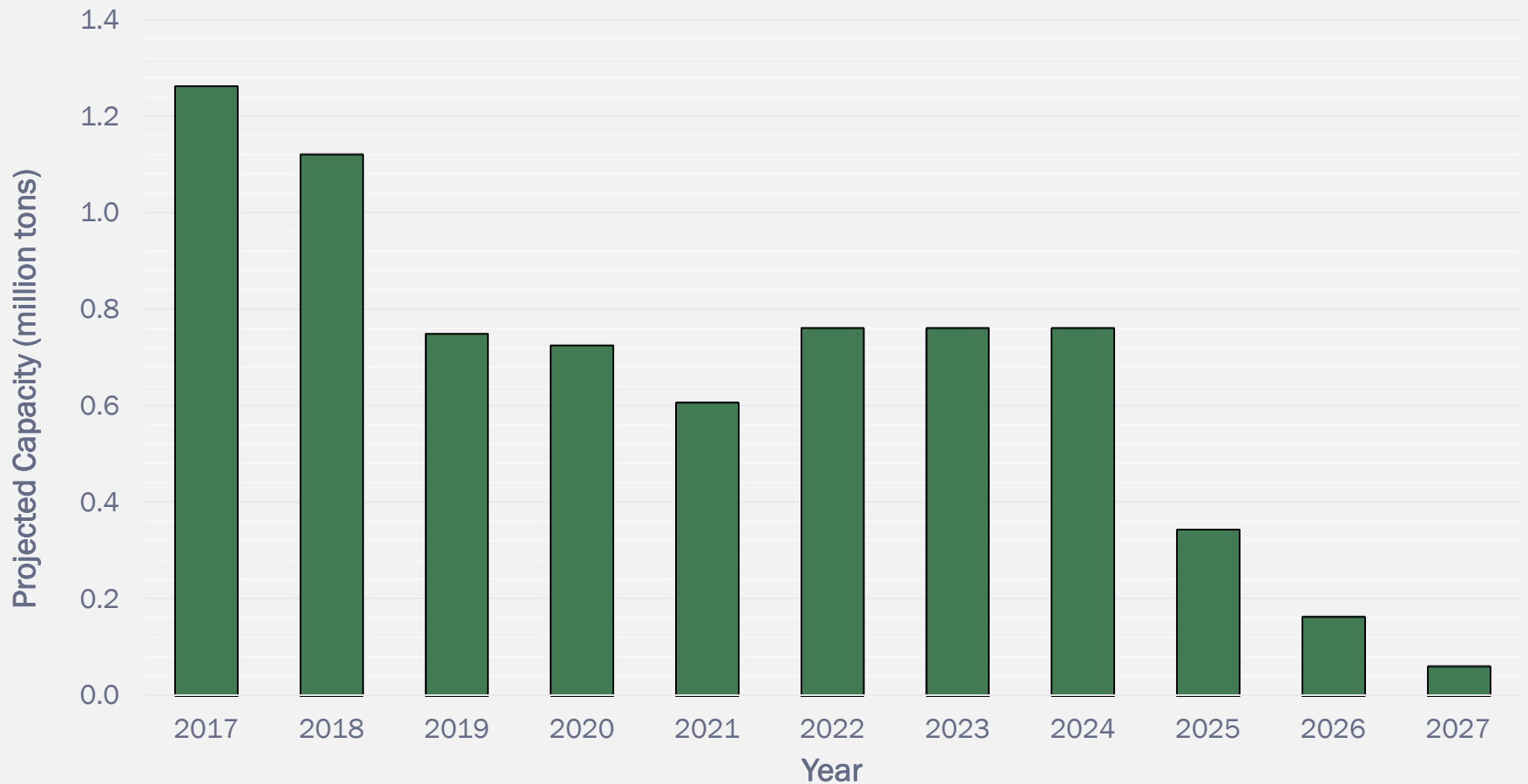
17.1%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Landfills

Massachusetts Projected Landfill Capacity

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Note: The Town of Bourne Landfill is projected to be capable of an increase in MSW capacity after its ash disposal contract with Covanta SEMASS expires in Dec. 2021.

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large or C&D
transfer & handling
facilities

3.46 million
tons of solid waste
received

58%
of permitted
capacity utilized

999,000
tons of solid waste
exported out-of-state

13.5%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts

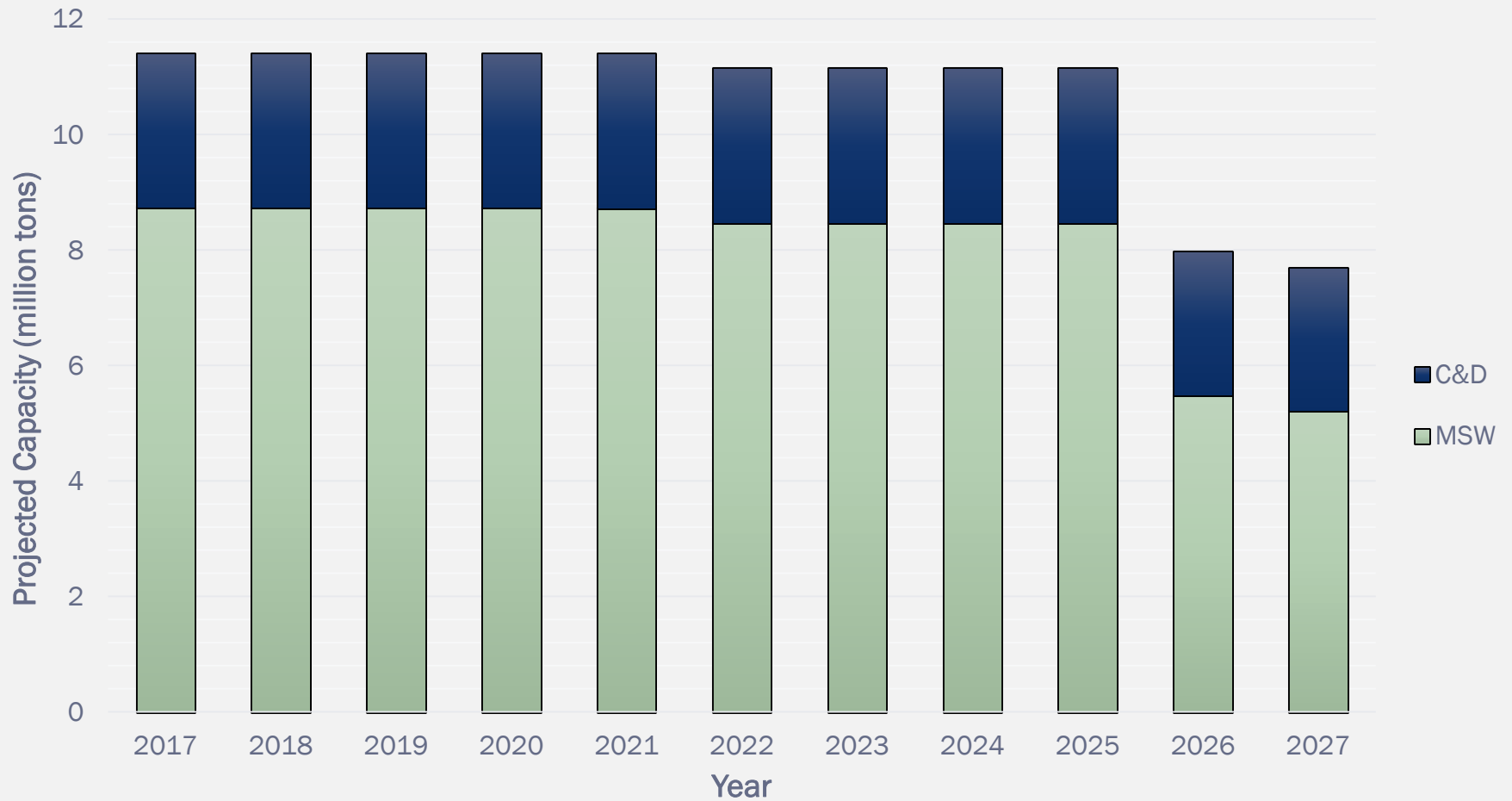


Transfer & Handling

Landfill Capacity Projections

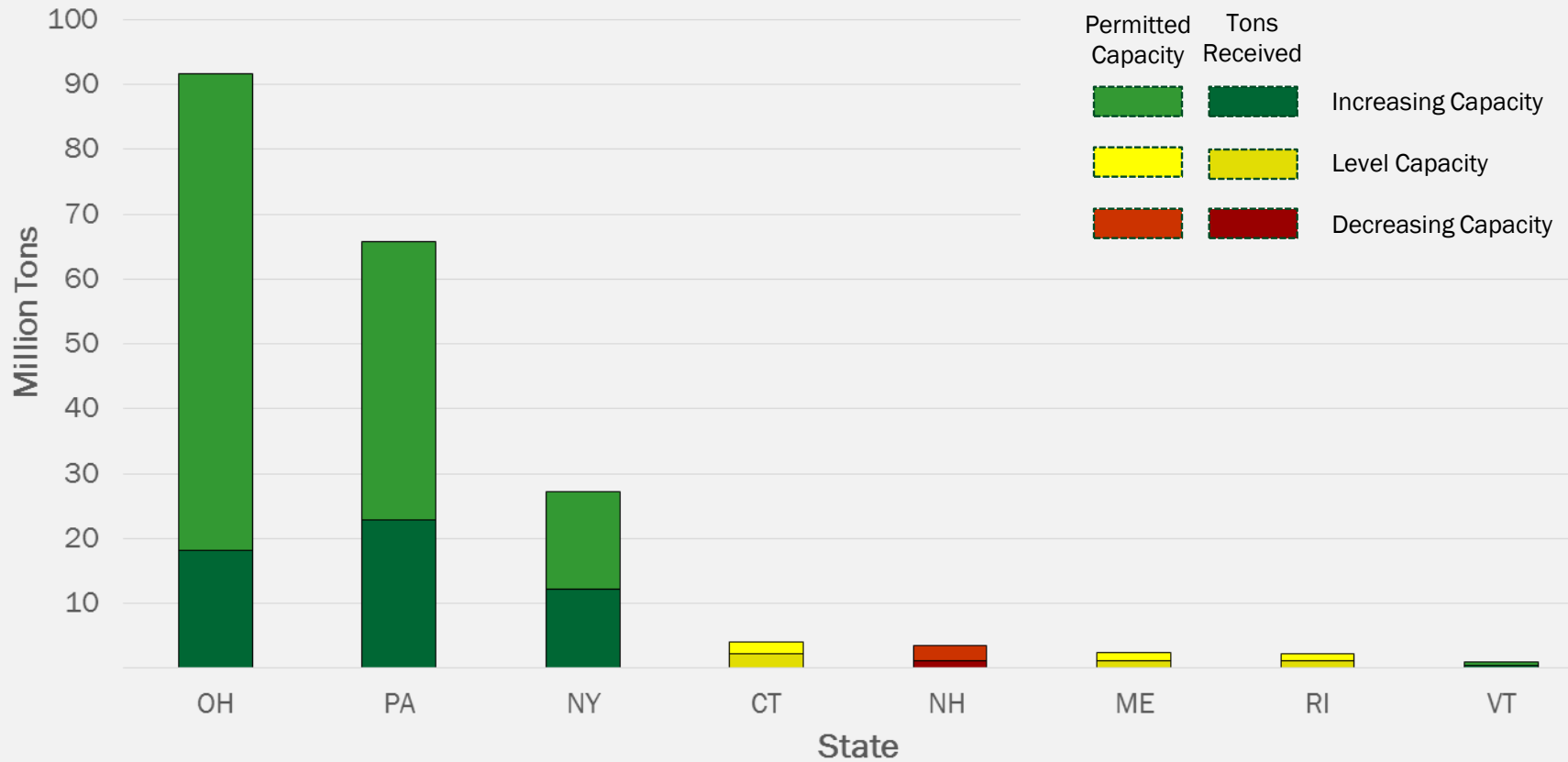
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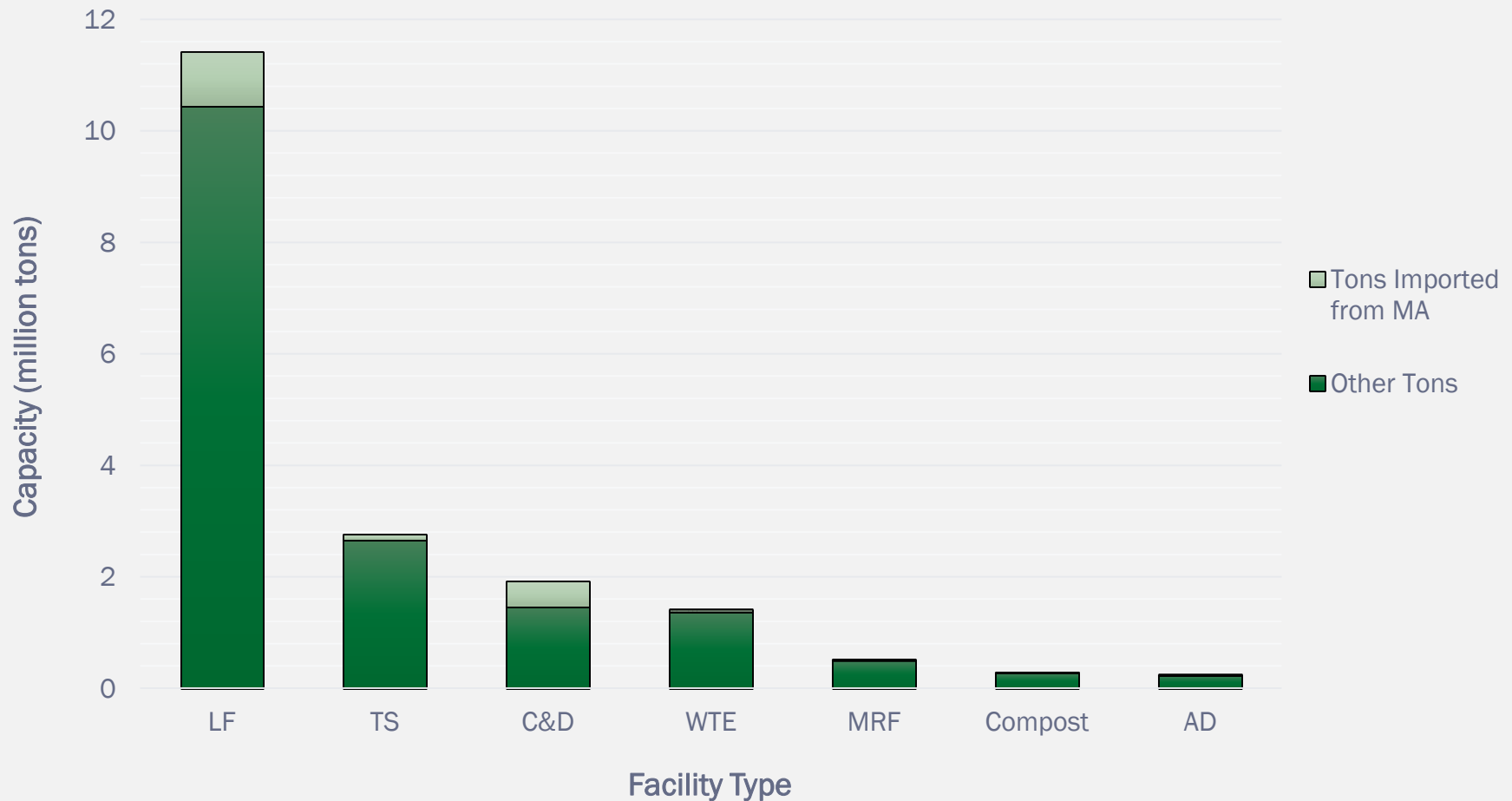
Out-of-State Disposal Trends

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Out-of-State Capacity by Facility Type

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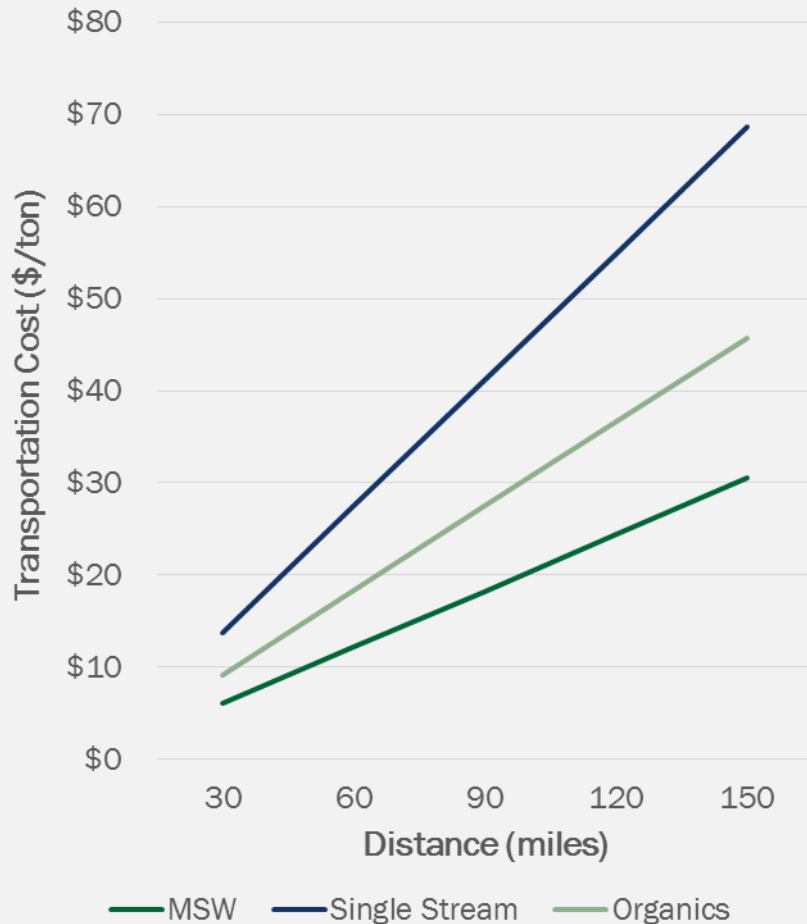


Note: Includes facilities within 30 miles from MA border or WTE/LF facilities accepting ≥ 5000 tons of MA waste

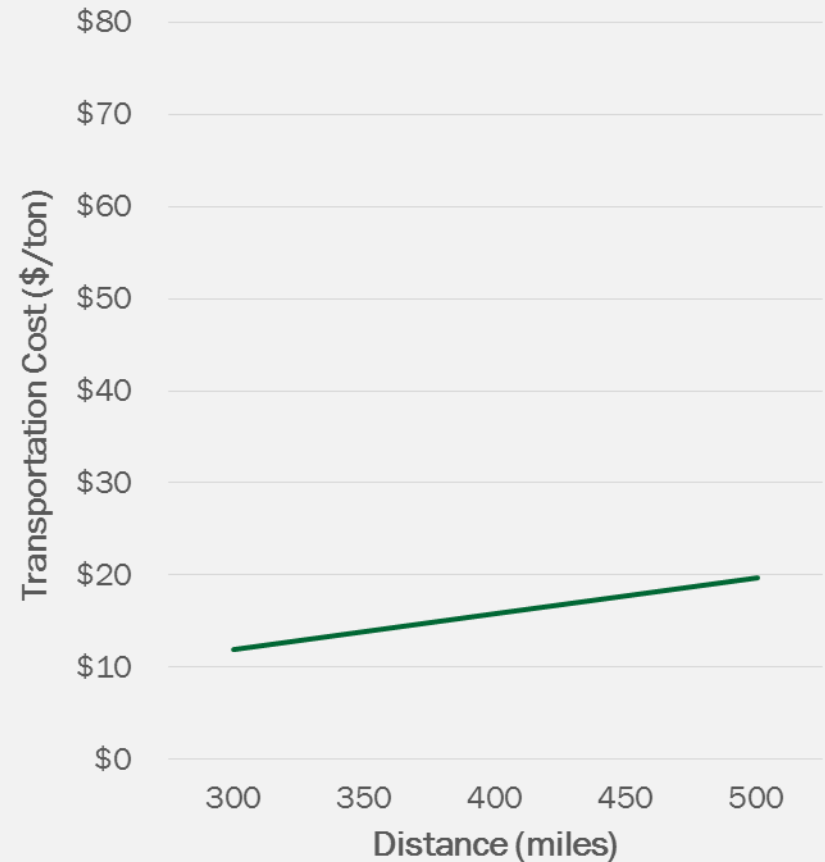
Waste Transportation Costs

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Truck Transportation Cost by Distance



Rail Transportation Cost by Distance



Operational Issues

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- Minimal resiliency in current waste management infrastructure
- Longer facility wait times – increased operational difficulties and costs
- Any restrictions present serious problems in moving waste
 - Facility down time – scheduled or unscheduled
 - Weather difficulties
 - High volume periods

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MRFs

690,000
tons of material
received

90%
of estimated
capacity utilized

629,000
tons of material
recycled

8.5%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



MRFs

17
C&D processing
facilities

1.34 million
tons of material
received

50%
of permitted
capacity utilized

251,000
tons of solid waste
recycled

8.9%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



C&D Processing

Recycling Business Grants



Material	Number of Grants	Grant Award Amounts	Tons Per Year
Mattresses	2	\$302,000.00	815.38
Plastics	4	\$345,000.00	3,809.00
Glass	2	\$400,000.00	20,490.00
Comingled recyclables	2	\$600,000.00	30,200.00
C&D Wood	7	\$850,000.00	47,350.00
Food Material	6	\$996,000.00	94,000.00
Totals	23	\$3,493,000.00	196,664.38

197
compost facilities

400,000
tons of material
received

88%
of estimated
capacity utilized

5.4%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Compost

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anaerobic digestion
facilities

111,000
tons of material
received

36%
of permitted
capacity utilized
(new capacity
coming online)

353,000
tons of additional
capacity available in
near future

1.5%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Anaerobic Digestion

7
animal feed
facilities

13,000
tons of material
received

9%
of permitted
capacity utilized

0.2%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Animal Feed

220
reuse operations

43,000
tons of material
received

13 out of 25
surveyed
respondents expect
to increase in scale

0.6%
of the total solid
waste managed in
Massachusetts



Material Reuse Organizations

Conclusions

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- **Disposal is increasingly reliant on export markets**
 - Massachusetts Landfills and WTEs are operating at capacity, with closures forthcoming
 - Massachusetts transfer stations have excess capacity
 - Significant disposal capacity exists in western export markets (NY, PA, OH)
- **C&D processing can absorb another 1.3 millions tons**
 - C&D processing to recover recyclables projected by DEP to increase
 - But high residue rates mean most of this will still require disposal
- **There is meaningful capacity for source separated recoverable materials**
 - Organics to AD, compost facilities and food rescue
- **Reuse sector has minimal impact by tonnage**
 - Although maximizes recovered material value

Projections

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- Exported disposal tonnage will continue to increase
- Source separation will be necessary to capitalize on Massachusetts solid waste capacity
- The above bullets point to higher costs for materials management in Massachusetts

Next Steps

- Comments or questions
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