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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Municipal Building Board Room

138 E. Main Street

Mount Horeb, WI

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a. Adopt a Municipality Reports
 - b. Consideration of July 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Presentation from Village of Oregon Trustee Lynn McDaniel on Residential Composting Program
 - b. Sustainability Plan Discussion
 - c. Continued Discussion on Green Team and Survey Results
 - d. Review of Mount Horeb Mail Column Promoting Green Team
 - e. Idling Campaign Discussion
- 4) Meeting adjournment.

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Beheler, Grabe, Saltes and Halverson. Members absent: Butosov and Gottwald. Administrator Owen was also present.
- 2) Consent Agenda

Saltes requested to remove the minutes and the McFarland Report from the consent agenda. After discussion on those items, motion by Saltes to approve the consent agenda, including adding language indicating the committee discussed a joint resolution between the Village and School Board supporting the idling campaign. Beheler provided a second for the motion. Motion carried.

 - a. Consideration of June 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Saltes noted that the committee discussed the Village and School Board consider a joint resolution supporting the idling campaign, and he felt that it was important to include it in the minutes. The consensus of the committee was to add the language.
 - b. Farmers for Solar
 - c. Adopt a municipality reports
 1. McFarland Report

Saltes noted the no-mow may summary in the McFarland report and wondered if we received any complaints regarding our program. Administrator Owen reported that he does not believe we got many, if we got any complaints at all. Saltes also asked Chair White why he felt our no-mow may was successful in his report. White said he felt that we had good participating across the Village.
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Discussion with Slipstream on Sustainability Plan

Dan Streit from Slipstream introduced himself to the committee and added that his colleague David Vigilotta could not attend tonight, but he is a Mount Horeb resident and is excited to work on the project. Streit provided a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of Slipstream, a process for preparation of the sustainability plan. Streit asked for input on committed involvement with the plan. The consensus of the committee was they would like monthly updates including a high-end summary as well as important data. The plan will also be brought back to the committee for input and feedback at important milestones in preparation. Chair White indicated he would like to see an ad-hoc committee formed to work on the plan.

b. November Sustain Dane Summit

There will be a Sustain Dane Summit again this year in November; members interested in attending should notify Administrator Owen.

c. Discussion on Green Team

White informed the committee that so far 19 surveys have been completed and of those 9 individuals indicated they were very interested in working on the Green Team. The committee discussed additional ways to share the survey, including the Chamber of Commerce and School District, to gain additional responses.

d. Discussion on Idling Reduction Campaign

White reported that the School had a team meeting on the campaign, and they had a good number of people interested. They will continue discussing implementation. Grabe reported we had missed the deadline for applying for funds for air monitoring equipment, but she would keep watching for the 2025 grant window and added that not implementing it right away wouldn't be bad to allow time to get the monitoring equipment.

e. Discussion on Zoning Ordinance Process and Progress Update

Administrator Owen reported that the Plan Commission will be reviewing the new zoning district classifications, definitions and bulk requirements at their meeting on Wednesday. Solar is included in all districts as permitted. He added that the SNR committee should be able to review pertinent sections and provide comments and recommendations soon.

f. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include: at the August meeting a presentation from a Village of Oregon Trustee and Sustainability Committee member on their composting program, continued Green Team Discussion, Idling Campaign discussion and slip stream updates. After the August presentation from Oregon, members would like to see presentations from composting vendors.

4) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Beheler to adjourn, second by Halverson. Motion carried. 8:13 p.m.



OREGON COMPOSTS!



The Village of Oregon has partnered with Green Box Composting to offer Village residents curbside composting service for a year at a reduced cost!

1. GO TO THE GREEN BOX WEBSITE

Go to <https://www.withgreenbox.com/> or use this QR Code:



2. ENTER YOUR ADDRESS

3. SIGN UP FOR CURBSIDE SERVICE AT REDUCED COST FOR A YEAR!

The first 100 Village of Oregon registrations will be at this reduced cost for one year!

\$13/month for one bucket every other week

\$23/month for two buckets every other week



Contact Green Box for questions!



Residential & Commercial
Compost Collection
Company

withgreenbox.com

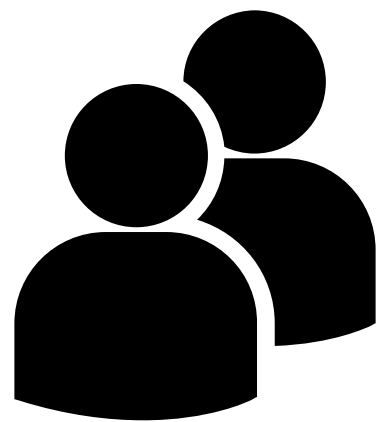


Compost

Village of Oregon

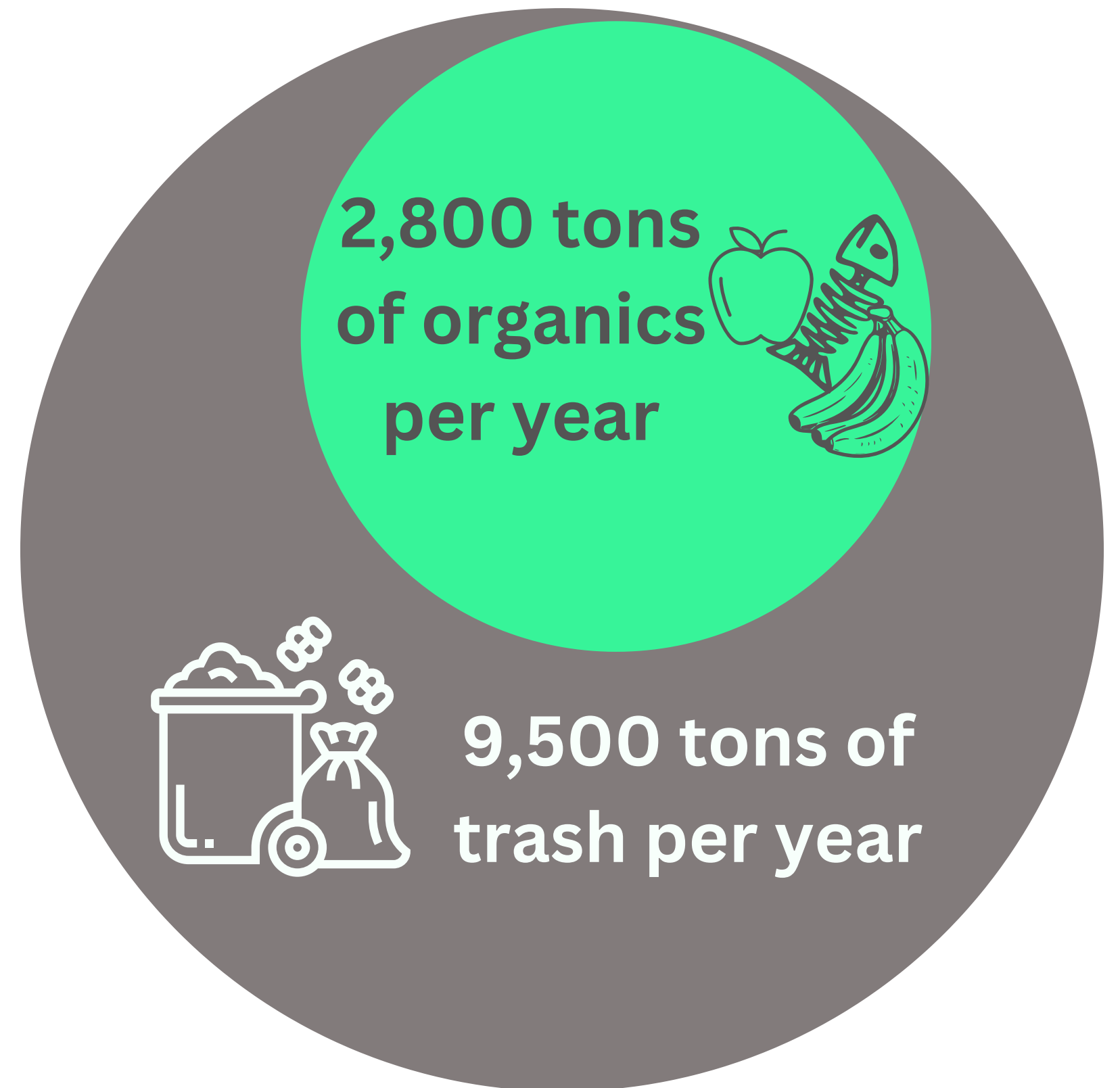
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Food Waste



Population:
11,407

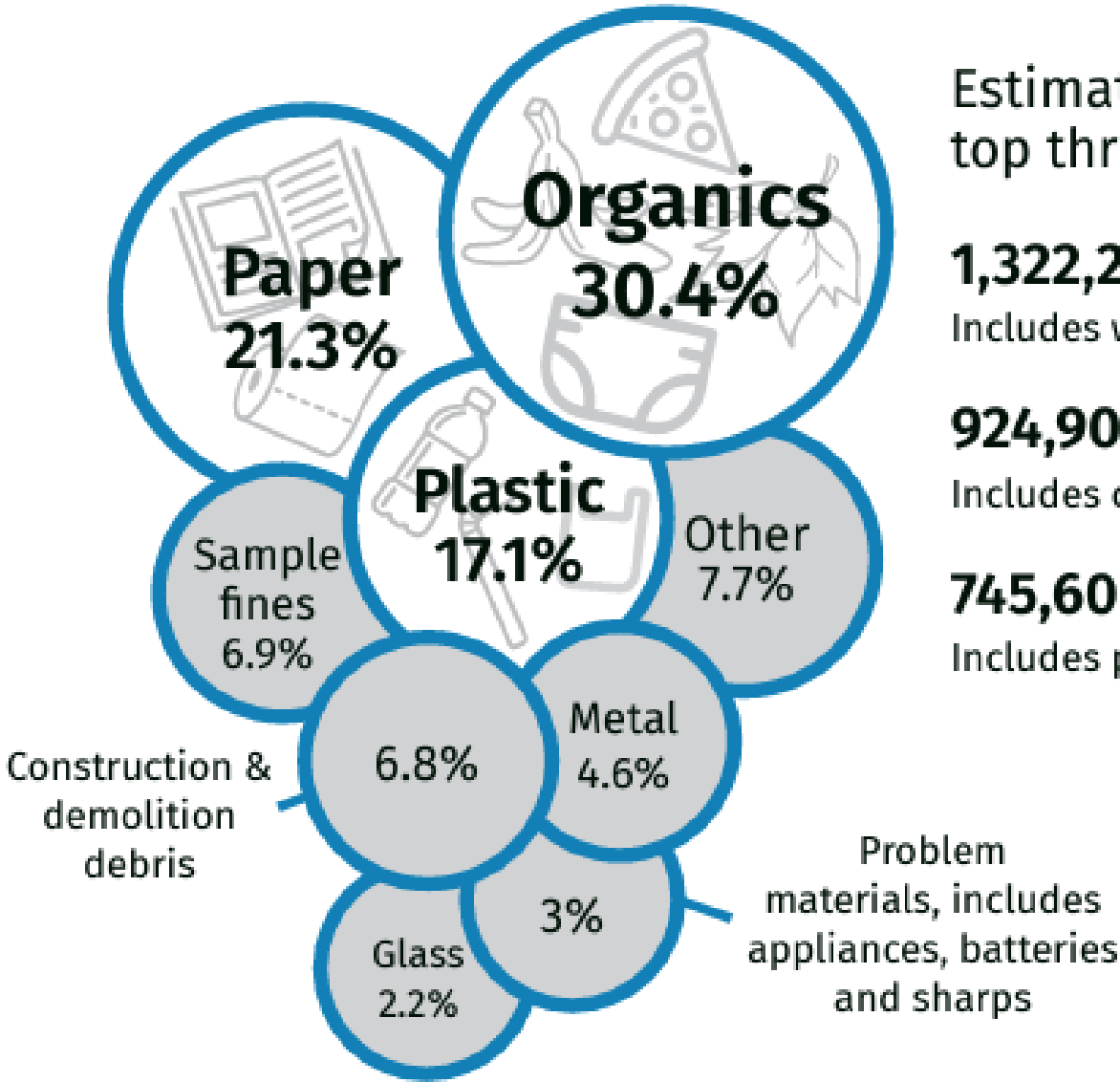
*per WDNR, WI residents generate 4.7 lbs of trash/day, 30.4% of which is organics that could be composted



What was discovered

Analysis of the 2020-2021 data shows us that Wisconsinites are dedicated to waste reduction, but there is more we can do

Statewide waste categories



Estimated 2020 tonnage of top three categories

1,322,200 tons of organics
Includes wasted food, food scraps and yard waste

924,900 tons of paper
Includes cardboard, compostable paper and office paper

745,600 tons of plastic
Includes plastic bottles, plastic wrap and other flexible films

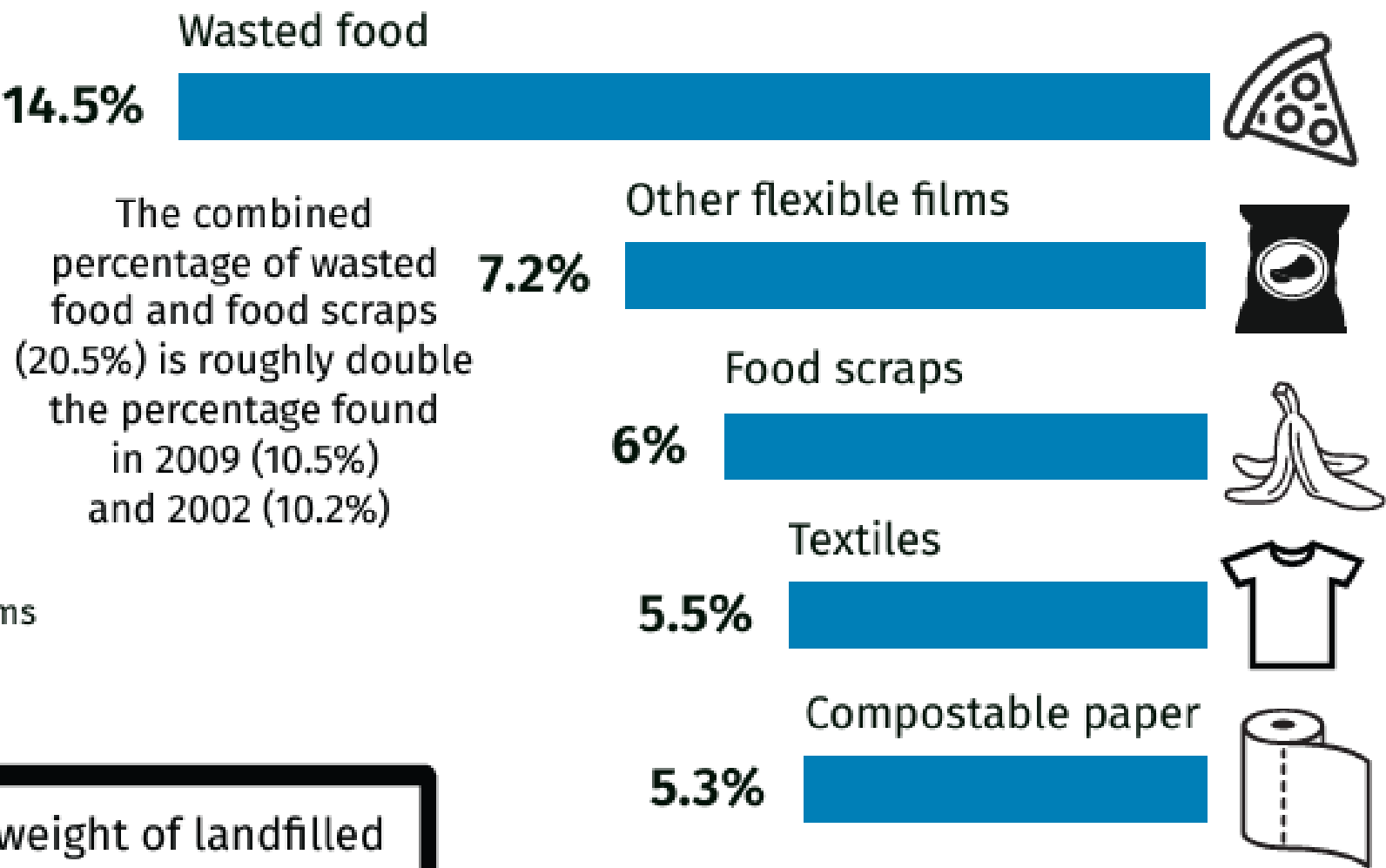
The amount of landfilled roofing shingles in the C&D waste stream has decreased significantly from **29.5% in 2009** to **10% in 2020**, likely due to the increased use of reclaimed shingles in asphalt roads



Improperly disposed of sharps, such as needles and lancets were found in **one of every five (20.9%)** samples



Top five waste components statewide



The combined percentage of wasted food and food scraps (20.5%) is roughly double the percentage found in 2009 (10.5%) and 2002 (10.2%)

The weight of landfilled TVs and monitors decreased by **85%** when compared to the 2009 study results

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law, which establishes a statewide recycling program and bans certain electronics from landfill disposal, went into effect in 2010

Combined, residential and commercial sectors threw away an estimated **490,300 tons** of recyclables in 2020, valued at **\$76 million**





COMPOST: Impacts More Than You Think

Composting is the aerobic decomposition of organic materials by microorganisms. It transforms raw materials—such as leaves, grass clippings, garden trimmings, food scraps, animal manure, and agricultural residues—into compost, a valuable earthy-smelling soil conditioner, teeming with life.

One Person's Trash is...

...another's black gold.

Green Box Compost

Our Goal

Guide and assist you through steps from first pilot project to full scale municipal composting

Why Compost?

- replace part of trash hauling with organics hauling (30%)
- attract residents with sustainable practices
- Access to useful resource that is otherwise wasted

Curbside Collection



Curbside Collection

Program Possibilities

- **Subsidized individual programs**
 - Stipend for 100 members for 50% off
 - Est. \$12,000/yr
- **100 resident pilot program**
 - Est \$24,000/yr
 - for swap program
- **Universal Residential Collection**
 - Need more data from city
 - not suggested to start here
- **Free Actions:**
 - Link to us on public works page
 - Shout us out on social media
 - promote/work with us at events
 - talks at library
 - City buildings/employees composting

The Future

- Long term goal of diverting all compostable waste from landfill
- This can be composted close to Oregon, compounding environmental impact and savings by shorter hauling trips
- can keep this resource within the greater community, and even offer it as a revenue source
- Any large scale program will be the culmination of a many step process
- Wherever we start now, it will pay dividends down the line as it grows
- We are planting a seed today!



Organics Collection and Composting Subsidy Agreement

This is an agreement between Green Box LLC ("Green Box") and the Village of Oregon.

Green Box, LLC, DBA Green Box Compost 325 Linnerud Dr, Sun Prairie, WI 53590	Village of Oregon 101 Alpine Parkway Oregon, WI 53575
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1. Purpose: The Village of Oregon desires to subsidize residents' purchase of Organics Collection and Composting ("OC&C") services from Green Box subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

2. Agreement Dates: This agreement shall cover a period of one year, from _____("Start Date") to _____("Termination Date").

3. Subsidy Form: The subsidy will take the following form:

- (a) To each Village of Oregon resident ("Resident") enrolled in an OC&C program with Green Box, Green Box shall provide a \$3 discount per month. This will be a flat discount per month, and will not vary based on whether a Resident enrolls in a single-bucket, double-bucket, or some other OC&C program.
- (b) For each Resident enrolled in an OC&C program with Green Box, the Village of Oregon shall pay Green Box \$10 per Resident-Month, as that term is defined in Section 5, subject to Sections 5 and 7. This will be a flat subsidy per month, and will not vary based on whether a Resident enrolls in a single-bucket, double-

bucket, or some other OC&C program.

- (c) Each enrolled Resident shall remain responsible for the balance of the OC&C program cost owed to Green Box, on the schedule the Resident has established with Green Box for payment. Except for the subsidy described in Section 3(b), the Village of Oregon is not required to pay for any portion of a Resident's cost to participate in any OC&C program.

4. Initial Payment from Village of Oregon: Within 30 days of the Start Date, the Village of Oregon shall make an initial payment of \$1000.00 to Green Box. Green Box shall credit this amount against any subsequent invoices as set forth in Section 5. If any portion of such initial payment has not been credited against any invoice as of the Termination Date, Green Box shall refund such amount to the Village of Oregon within 30 days of such date.

5. Subsidy Payment Structure

- (a) Enrolled Residents will be billed by Green Box each month on the day of the month they had initially signed up for an OC&C program from Green Box.¹
- (b) One month after the Start Date, and each month thereafter (each month, a "Billing Period"), Green Box shall calculate the number of enrolled Residents billed by Green Box over the course of such Billing Period ("Resident-Months").
- (c) Within five days of every third Billing Period, Green Box shall provide a quarterly invoice to the Village of Oregon for an amount equal to \$10

¹ In all cases, if there is no corresponding day of the month (e.g., an initial bill was sent on January 31, and it is now February), the first of the next calendar month shall be used instead. This will be purely for bookkeeping purposes; a March bill will still come on March 31.

multiplied by the number of Resident-Months accrued over the prior three Billing Periods, less any credit applied against such amount from the initial payment set forth in Section 4. Green Box shall not bill the Village of Oregon for any Resident-Month attributable to more than the first 100 Residents who enroll in an OC&C program with Green Box

6. Subsidy Payment Timing: Subject to Section 7, the Village of Oregon shall pay Green Box the amount due in each quarterly invoice detailed in Section 5 within thirty days of the issuance of such invoice (NET30).

7. Subsidy Payment Limits

(a) The Village of Oregon is not required to pay Green Box more than \$12,000.00, cumulatively, over the four invoices to be issued over the course of this agreement, including the initial payment set forth in Section 4.

(b) The Village of Oregon's obligation to pay Green Box is limited to the Resident-Months attributable to the first 100 Residents who enroll in an OC&C program with Green Box.

8. Conferral If Either Limit Approached: In the event that either limit detailed in Section 7 is approached, Green Box and the Village of Oregon shall meet and confer to discuss the possible modification of this agreement. This section shall not be construed to create any duty to bargain, nor any obligation to amend this agreement for either party.

9. Eligibility Based on Address Service Area

(a) Green Box uses the publicly available Google Maps address lookup API during its signup process to suggest addresses in a known database from the freehand

text entry of a user. Green Box then compares the database address chosen by a user against a predefined service area, to determine if a given address is eligible for a Green Box OC&C program.

(b) In cooperation with the Village of Oregon, Green Box shall create a service area contiguous with the corporate boundaries of the Village of Oregon (the “Service Area”). This will involve Green Box’s reasonable best efforts, and no one shall have any cause of action for any errors in this effort.

(c) Any user who sets as a pickup point an address within the Service Area will be treated as a Resident for the purposes of this agreement, and thereby eligible for the subsidy and to be included in the count of Resident-Months as set forth in Section 5. Green Box is not required to perform any additional verification of a person’s eligibility.

10. Eligibility Not Based on Start Timing: This agreement shall cover any Resident enrolled in an OC&C program with Green Box, regardless of whether that Resident had been enrolled in a program before the Start Date.

11. Limited Agreement: Nothing in this agreement shall be taken to otherwise modify the relationship between Green Box and its customers. If a limit detailed in Section 6 is reached, nothing in this agreement should be taken to limit the ability of a Resident to enroll in a Green Box OC&C program at normal cost.

12. Data and Communications: Green Box shall make a good faith effort to keep the Village of Oregon informed of the number of currently enrolled Residents on an ongoing basis. At the request of the Village of Oregon, Green Box shall share any data collected by Green Box related to this agreement (namely, addresses and email addresses of enrolled Residents) with the Village of Oregon to the extent permitted by applicable law.
13. Promotions: The parties may use anonymized details from the implementation of this agreement in promotional materials, in a manner similar to “X many people have enrolled in organics collection and composting in public-private partnership between Green Box Composting and the Village of Oregon.”
14. Miscellaneous Provisions:
- (a) This agreement may not be modified except by the mutual consent of both parties.
 - (b) This writing incorporates the whole of the agreement between the parties.
 - (c) Wisconsin law shall govern this agreement.
 - (d) In the event that any of the provisions of this agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, all other provisions will nevertheless continue to be valid and enforceable.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Green Box: _____

Village of Oregon: _____



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
August 27, 2024	
AGENDA ITEM # 3.b	
Sustainability Plan Discussion	
BACKGROUND	
RECOMMENDATION	
ATTACHMENTS	
None	

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RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None



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