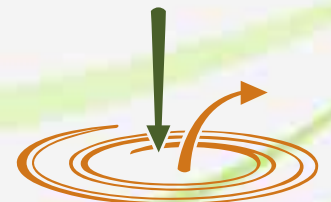


Composting in Florida: A Consultant's Perspective

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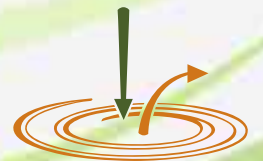
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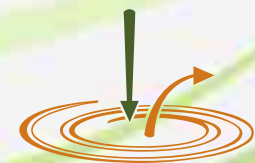
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Outline

- Where are we?
- What is needed?
- Where do we go from here?



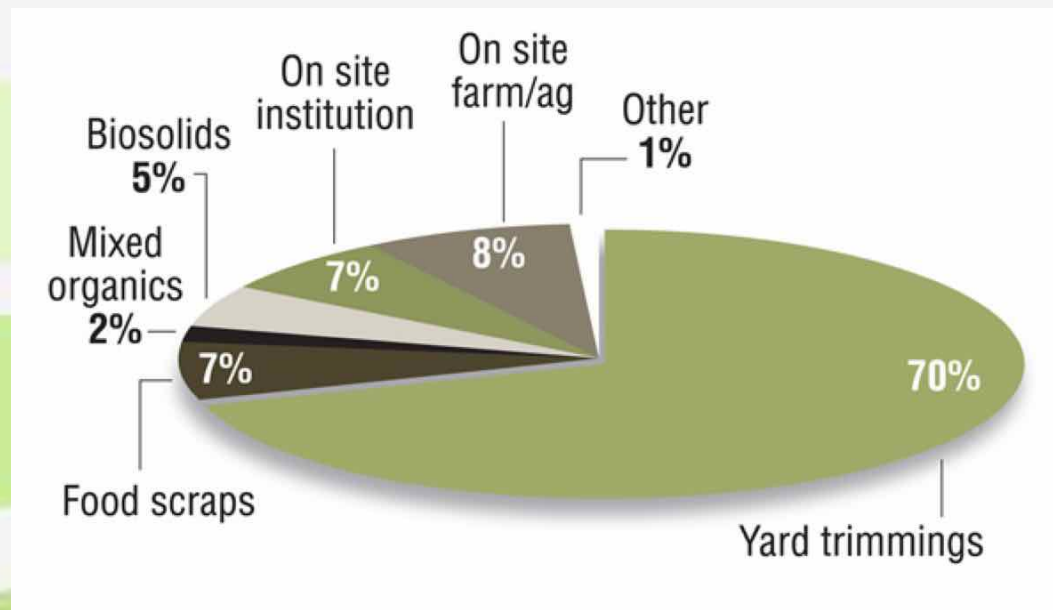
Where are we?



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Composting in the US

- Almost 5,000 organic processing facilities
- 70% yard waste facilities



Source: Biocycle 2015



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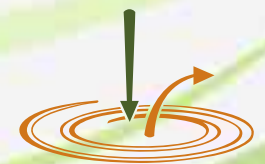
Composting in Florida

~260 registered
organics processing
facilities

~26 compost facilities

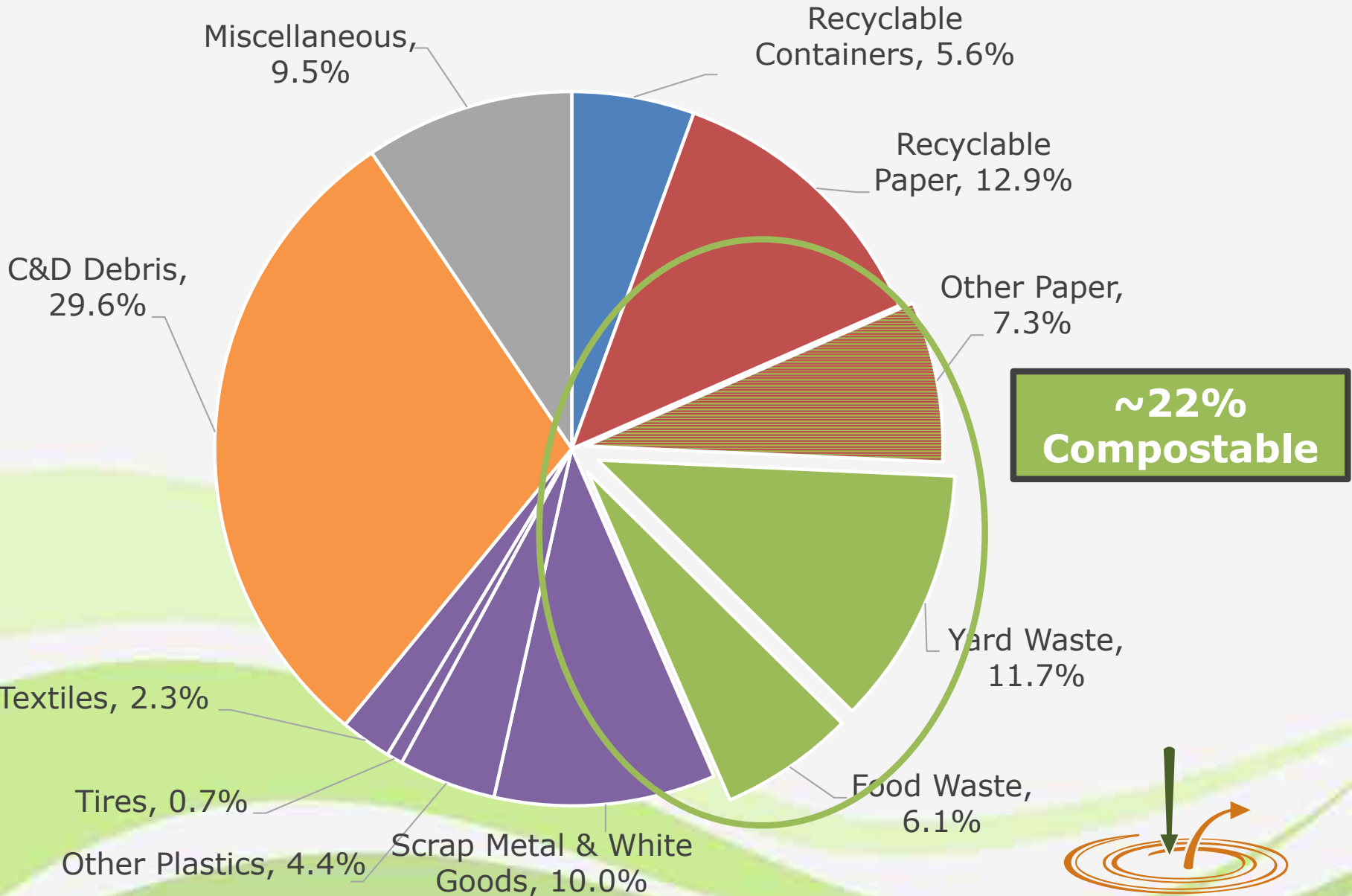


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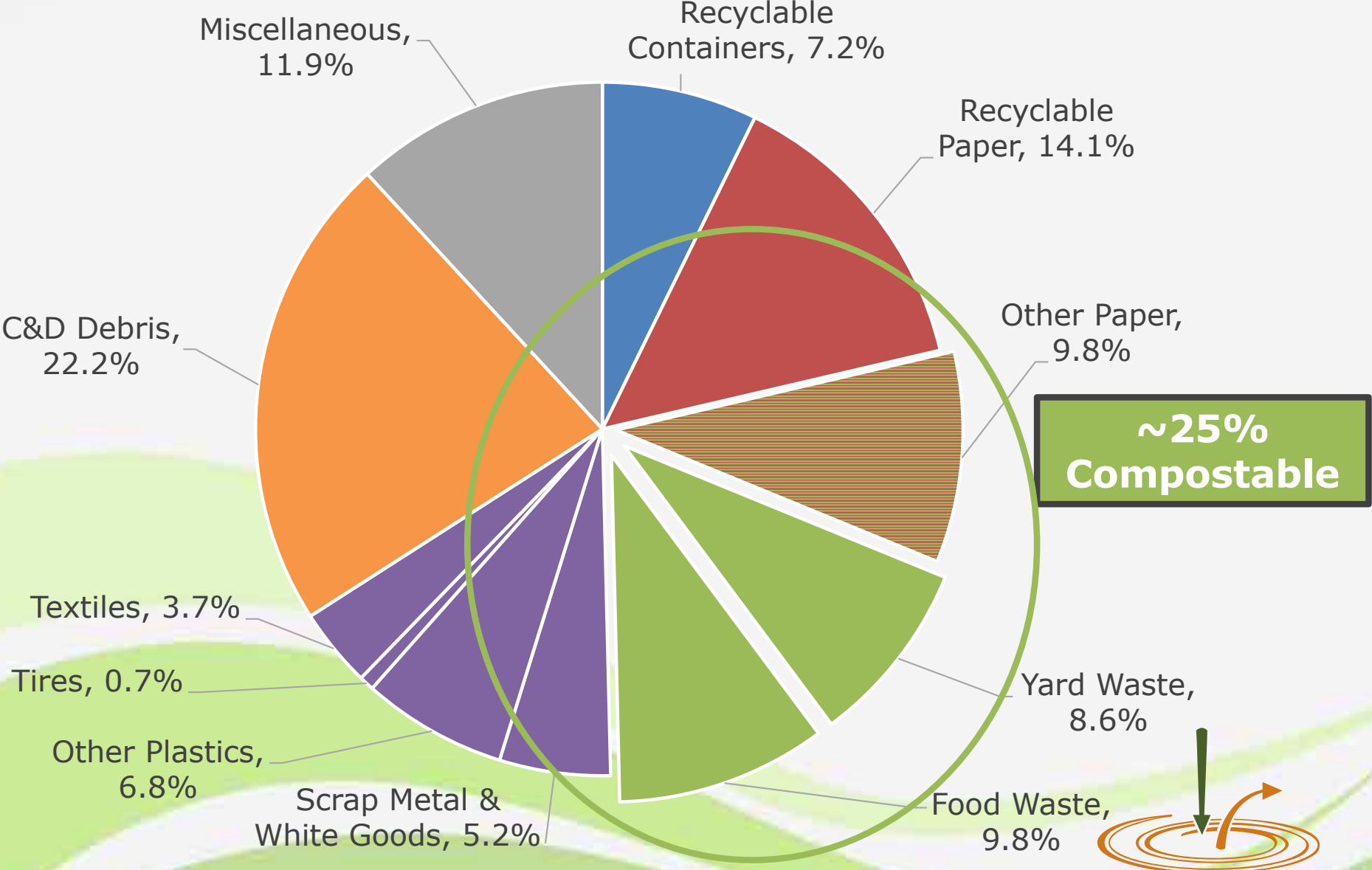
FL MSW Waste Generation



Source: DEP 2015 Data
Graph: Kessler Consulting, Inc.



FL MSW Waste Disposal



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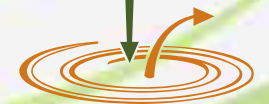
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On the path to 75%?

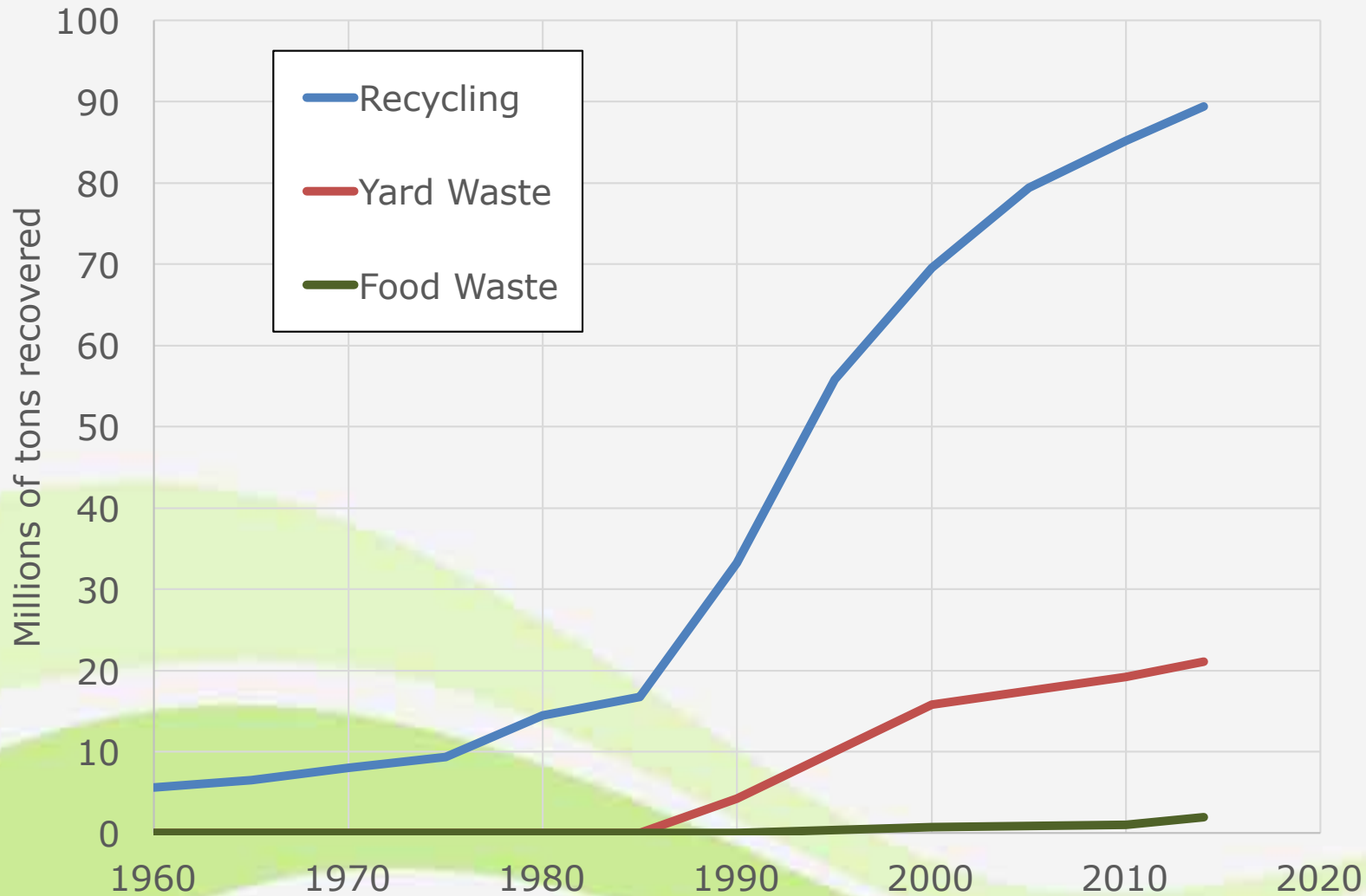
2015 data

- 54% overall recycling rate
- 42% traditional recycling rate
 - Yard waste accounts for a third
 - Food waste ~1%
- Doubling organics recycling will add 7% to our rate.

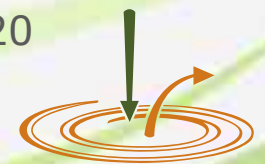
Florida 75% Recycling Goal



Recovery of Recyclables & Organics



Source: EPA MSW in the U.S., 2013
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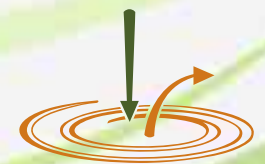
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Food Waste is a Priority

- First US food waste reduction goal set by EPA and USDA in 2015
- 50% reduction by 2030

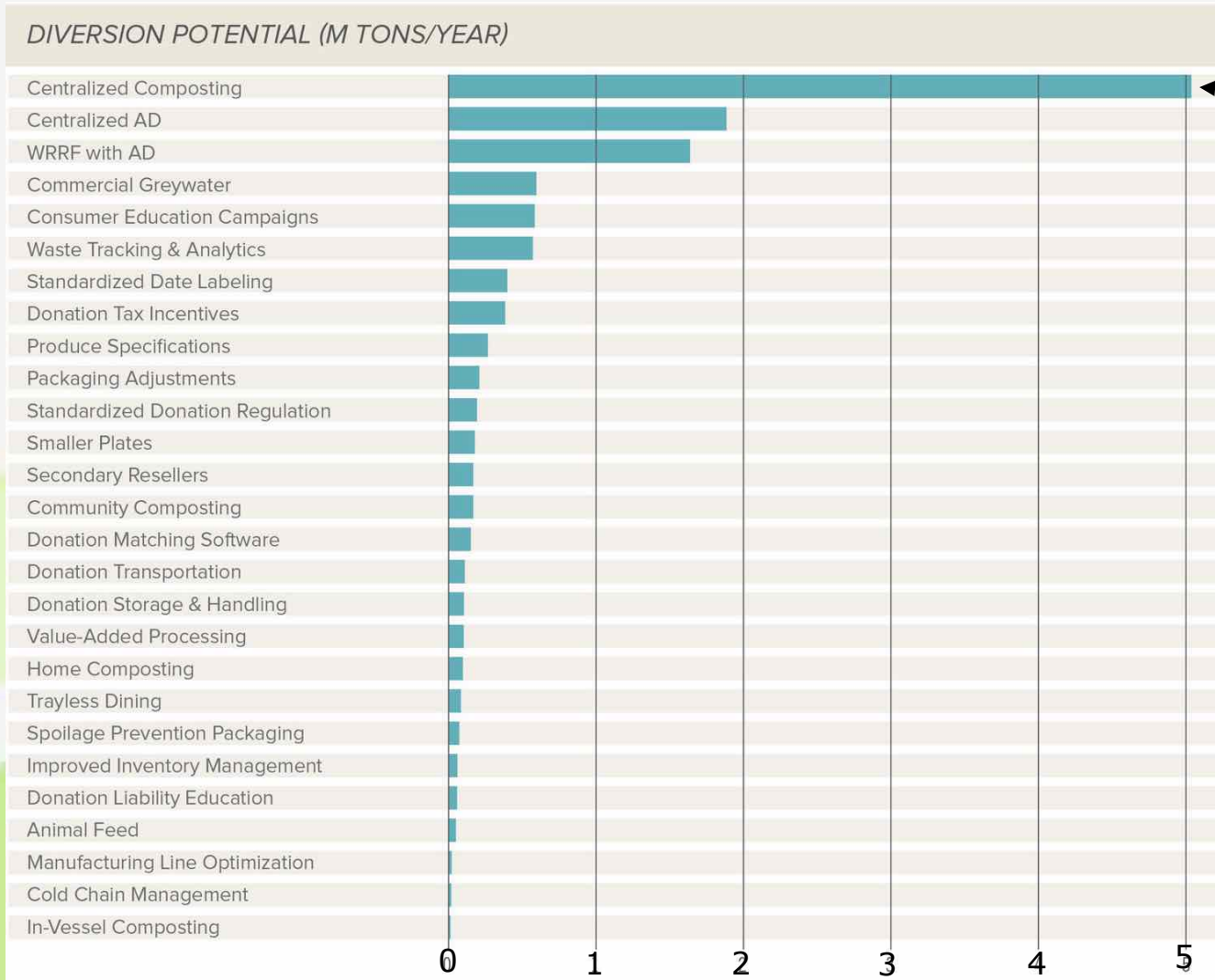


Source: EPA, 2016



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Compost has Enormous Diversion Potential



Centralized Composting

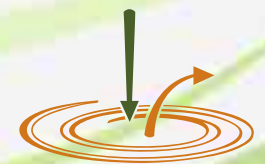
Source: ReFed, 2016

Millions of tons/yr



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What is needed?



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Balance the Cost and Availability of Services

COLLECTION

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PROCESSING

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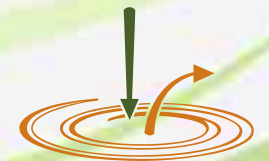
MARKETS

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Sustainable Solid Waste System

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Collection Infrastructure



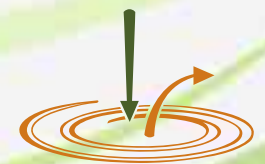
Photo Courtesy: Andy Brooks, Bootstrap Compost



Photo Credit: Bob Hollis



Commercial organics being collected in Berkeley, CA, Photo: Matt Cotton IWMC



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Processing Infrastructure

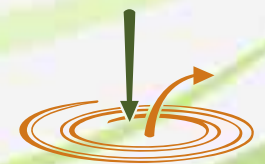
- Lack of processing
- Who goes first?
- Haulers can be processors



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Marketing Programs

Market	Effort to Develop
Landscape	Low-Moderate
Topsoil Blending	Low-Moderate
DOT	Moderate
Nursery	High
Golf Course	High
Environmental	High
Agriculture	High
Retail (bagged)	High



US Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance

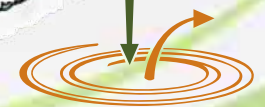
- Ensures compost testing meets certified standards
- Marketing opportunity for composter
- 13 participants in Florida



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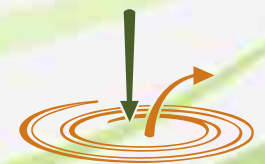


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Where do we go from here?



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Commercial/Institutional Programs

- Start with big generators:
 - Grocery stores
 - Schools
 - Prisons
- More bang for your buck

Commercial Waste Composition



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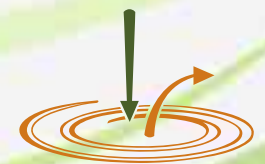


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Commercial Collection Snapshot



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Residential Programs

- 30-40% of single family waste is compostable
- 198 communities in US have curbside food waste collection (Biocycle, 2015)
- None in Florida



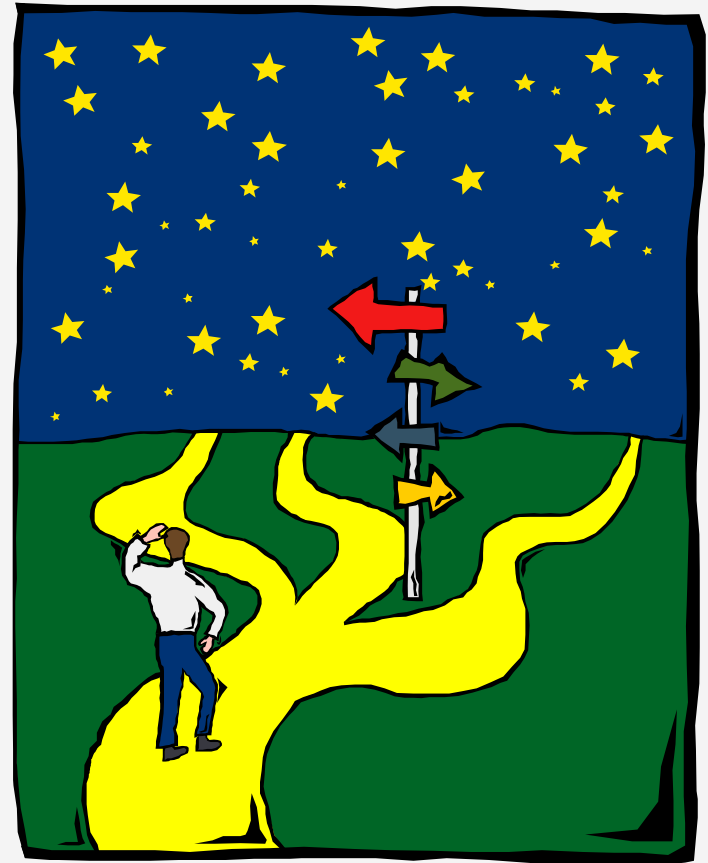
Source: City of San Francisco



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Florida's Next Steps

- Champions – local & state
- Food waste recovery: the next frontier
- Develop collection and processing infrastructure
- Food waste recovery mandates/disposal bans
- Opportunities abound in Florida!



Thank You!

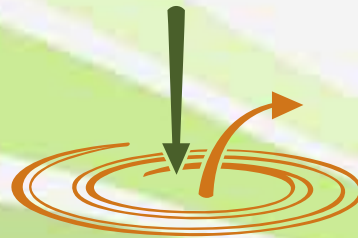
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