

Solid Waste Division Project Updates

Recycling and Diversion	<p>August 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion Rate 18% • True Recycling Rate 11% <p>Annual Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion Rate 19% • True Recycling Rate 12%
Commercial recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are taking steps toward Mandatory Commercial Recycling. • We are now picking up commercial recycling 7 days a week.
Current and Future Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received 125 new City street cans. 75 are new recycle. We begin placing week of September 10th. • Tasked contractor to review all options and costs of “mining” the Stock Island Landfill. Waiting for report, basic numbers are in • Working on Marketing and Education • Went forward with Solid Waste Presentation to the City Commission in August. • Lead-By-Example planning.
Solid Waste Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report emailed to each of you. • Next steps, start implementing new steps.
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual and Semi-Annual Mailers to Commercial businesses and Commercial recycling brochure will be redesigned for October.
FDOT Grant/ KKWB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant contract for \$16,000. • Turned in first report March 31st. • Final report due September 30, 2018
Cigarette Collection and Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ballot bin containers are in. Begin installing week of September 10th. • 3 locations selected (Custom House, The Green Room, Salty Angler). 2 will be for special events and Amphitheater. • Cigarettes will be collected and recycled from containers. • October 13, cigarette butt cleanup, Higgs Beach.

Recycling Divisions Top 5 Priorities

1. Adding staff to Recycling Division. If we move forward with Mandatory Recycling and want to enforce, we will need a Code Officer who works for recycling division to implement. Goal is 2 new staff members. A Code Officer and a staff member to help with other programs, including Residential Recycling.
2. Mandatory Commercial Recycling.
3. Compost collection. We have already tasked Waste Management to give us cost for collection and hauling.
4. Waste To Energy Facility in the lower Keys.
5. Green To Go Ordinance that covers banning single use plastics, styrene, straws. A perfect ordinance would require only allowing glass bottles when there are no other options. For example, if a beer is offered in draft, can and glass, it has to be ordered in draft or can. Glass is an item that is difficult to find a buyer, very heavy to transport, heavy and takes up lots of room in garbage.
6. Find a local Re-Use for glass. Most obvious is in roads and sidewalks. Passing local ordinance requiring the highest amount approved by FDOT in all local roads might be best way to make this happen. Offer a lower cost option to collect glass separately.