

# Ways to Engage Under Vermont's Universal Recycling Law

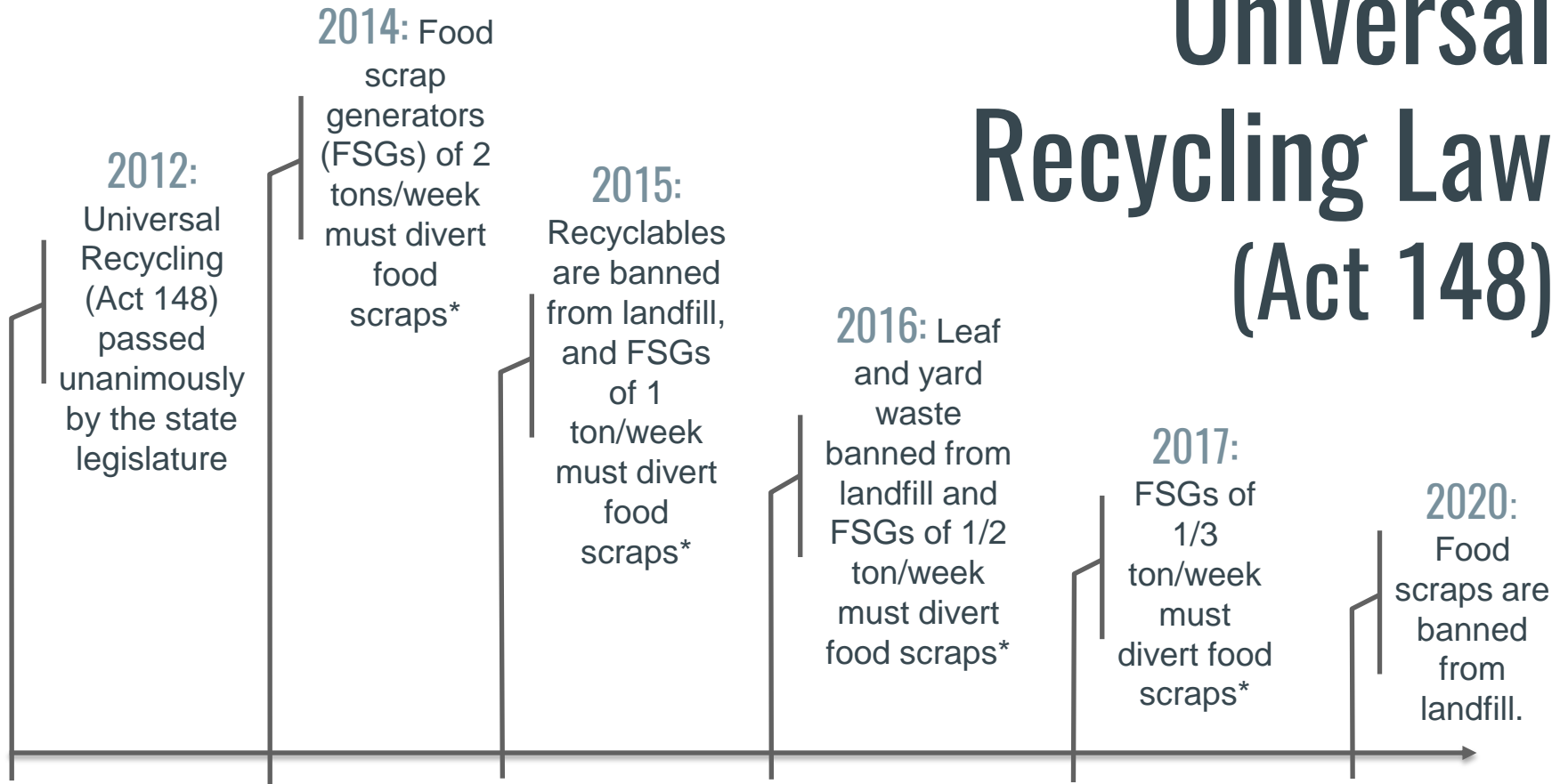
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# Universal Recycling Law (Act 148)



\*to any certified facility within 20 miles.

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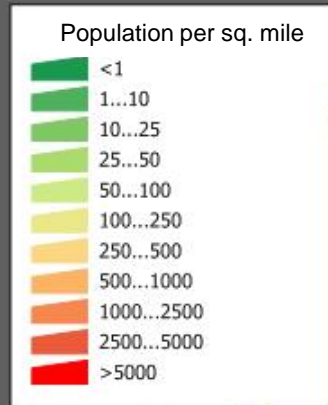
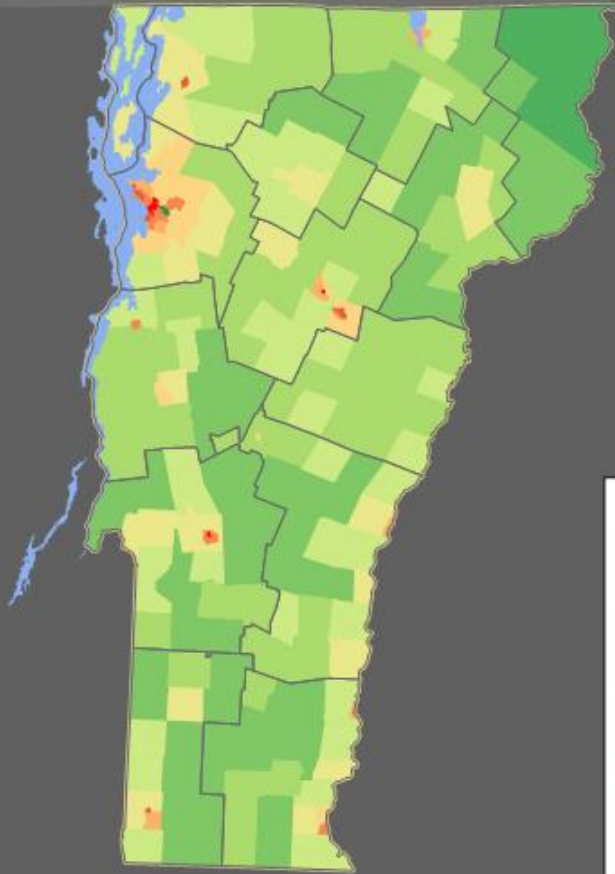
ACT 148



- Pay-As-You-Throw Pricing (*monetary incentive*)
- Parallel Collection (*convenience*)
- Statewide colors and logos for each material (*consistency*)
- Phased-in approach to allow for development of infrastructure.

How did this  
happen?!

(I've asked myself the same question)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
Census 2010 Summary File 1  
population by census tract

# Rural

## Opportunity:

- Compost on property.

## Limitations:


- Parallel Collection
- Bears and other wildlife.






# ACSWMD Outreach Efforts

- Education and community engagement.
- Write grants and provide resources.
- Engage with other Act 148 implementers and stakeholders.




**“I doughnut like landfills!”**

When food scraps wind up in landfills they decompose anaerobically which releases methane gas into the air, and contributes to climate change. Doughnut we all deserve better?



Did you know you can bring your household food scraps to the District Transfer Station for no charge? We also sell compost bins. Check out our website to learn more.



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**Compost, it's kind of a big dill.**



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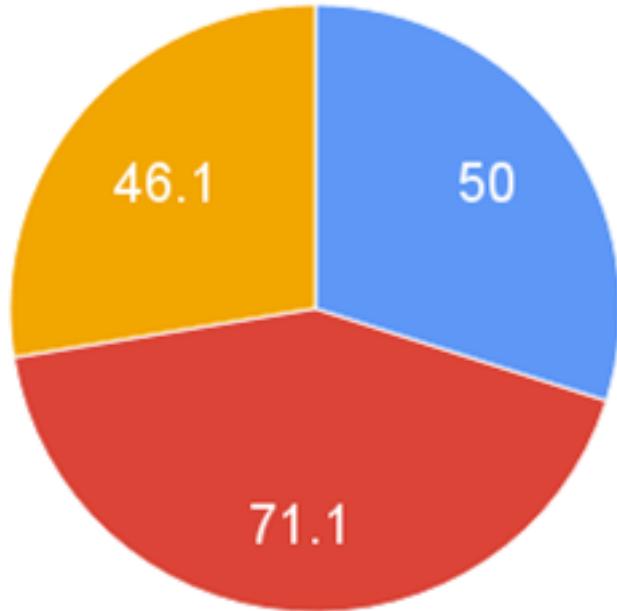
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# ACSWMD Outcomes (in 2016-2017)

- 14 of our 16 Drop-Offs now accept food scraps, as well as the District Transfer Station.
- Reached hundreds of residents through workshops and about 100 businesses through direct outreach.
- Diverting tonnage from the landfill.



# Estimated Food Scrap Generation in Addison County (tons/week)



- Industrial
- Residential
- Commercial

(2013 Highfields Study)

Estimated  
167 tons/week  
(8,700 tons/year).

- 10 Industrial entities
- 65 Commercial entities
- 66% of residents already divert.
- ~6,000 tons!!!

# Suggestions for future legislation

- Research population density to take into account the environmental/economic impacts of parallel collection.
- Choose clear and friendly indicators for phasing in food scrap generators.
- Include a funding source for policy implementation.

**40% increase at Vermont Food Bank**

**Sharing Table Document for schools from Dept. of Ed. and Dept.  
of Health**

**Documents drafted/amended on feeding food scraps to chickens  
and swine by Dept. of Ag. and DEC**

**Multi-stakeholder networks have formed for brainstorming**



# Thank you!

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