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Solid Waste
Innovation and
Investment
Program

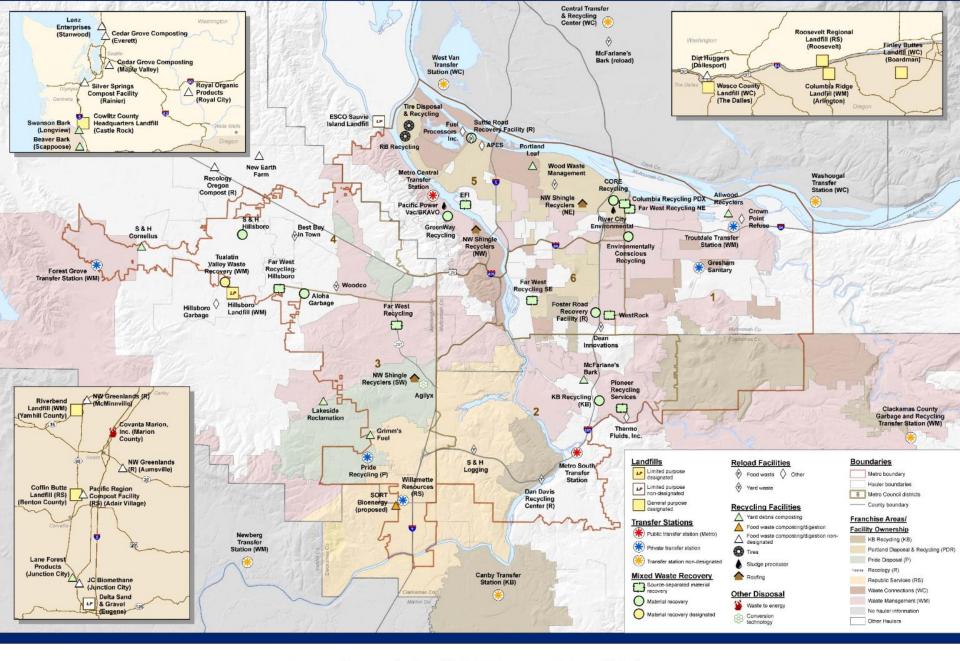
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Public benefits

- Protect the public's health
- Protect the environment
- Get good value for the public's money
- Keep our commitment to the highest and best use of resources
- Be adaptable and responsive in managing materials
- Ensure services are available to all types of customers





Regional Solid Waste Facilities

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Challenges and opportunities

- Limited markets for certain recyclables
- Urban wood markets limited
- Lack of experienced truck drivers
- Disruptions from facility closures, foreign markets
- New technologies need support



Equity commitment

- Create economic opportunities
- Provide programs and services equitably
- Minimize negative impacts
- Generate community benefits



Strategic plan to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion

Regional Waste Plan discussions

Preparing the garbage and recycling system for 2030

Discussions about ways to improve system, provide opportunities



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- Purpose is to invest public resources in the solid waste sector that benefits the region
- Program budget is proposed by COO and approved by Council
- Program guidelines reviewed by Council
- Periodic reporting to Council



Concept

- Initial three-year grant program
- For-profit businesses and non-profit organizations eligible
- System improvement and DEI criteria focus
- Up to \$3 million per year, funded from solid waste reserves
- Two types of grants:
 - \$10K to \$50K for operations, equipment, personnel
 - \$50K to \$500K for larger capital investment

Proposed selection process

- Metro staff screens applications
- Selection committee to review, evaluate, and select proposals
- Final Metro approval of the committee's selections



Next steps

- Refine the selection criteria and application process
- Program guidelines for Council review
- Budget amendment
- Solicitation of grants may begin in late Spring 2018

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