



Travis County Zero Waste Inter-local Update

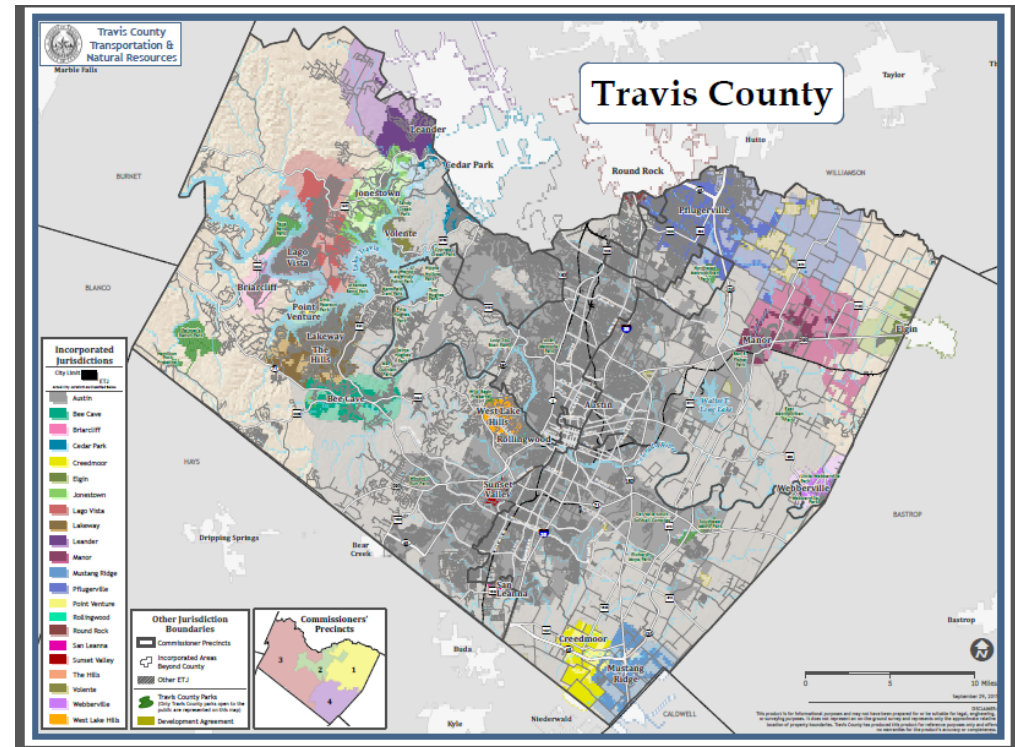
Travis County Environmental Quality

Overview

- About Travis County
- Zero Waste Interlocal Agreement
- Program Purpose
- Diversion and Engagement Activities
- Plans in Progress
- Looking Forward

Travis County

- Incorporated cities
 - 870,060 population
 - 22 villages and cities
 - 374.59 square miles
- Unincorporated Rural Areas
 - 192,940 population
 - 650.26 square miles



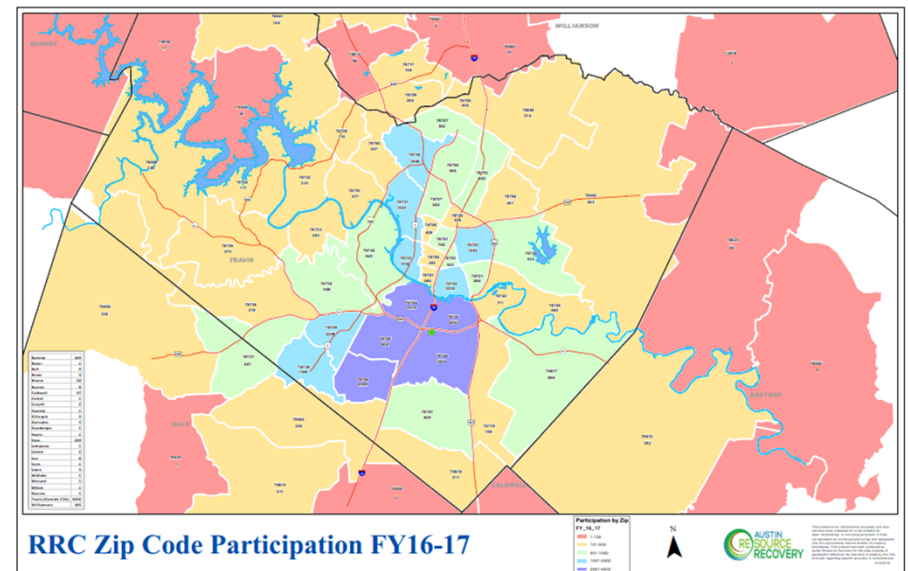
County Authority

- Counties in Texas do *not* have zoning power
- Counties in Texas have limited regulatory (ordinance) authority.
- Counties have limited rule ability solid waste

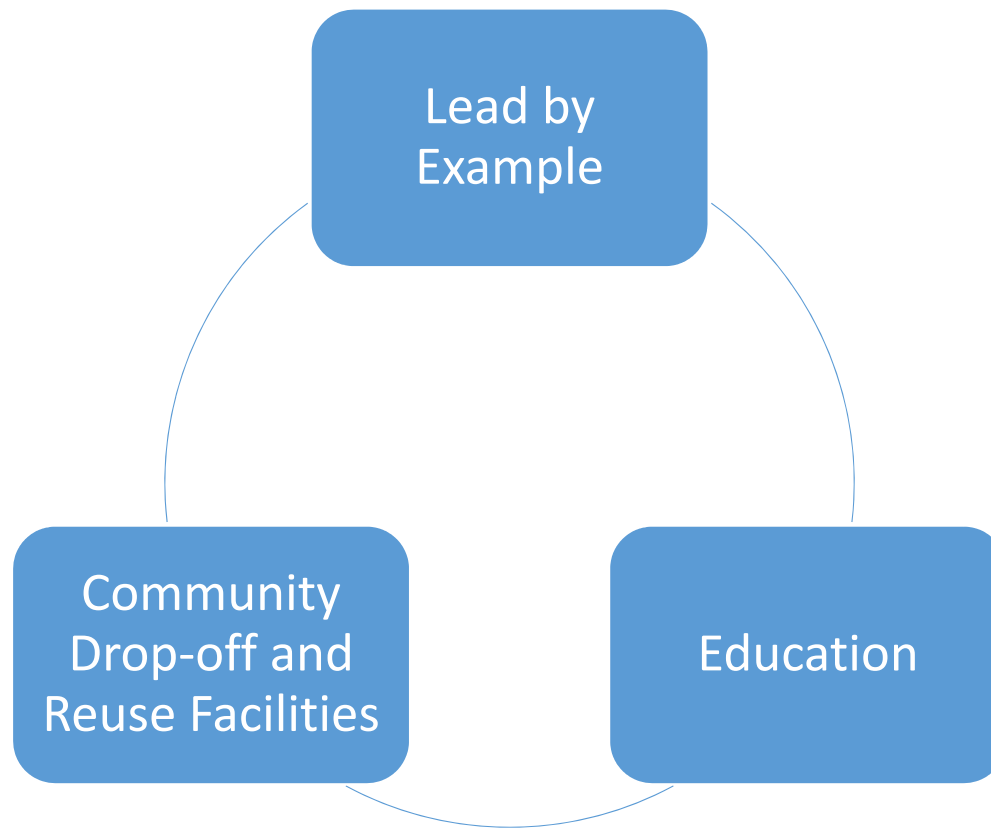


Interlocal Agreements

- Household Hazardous Waste Interlocal: adopted in 1997
 - Travis County Households served in FY2018 3,824
 - Best Management Practices for the Storm Water Permitting
- ZeroWaste Interlocal: adopted in 2013



Zero Waste Interlocal



Policies

- Texas Health and Safety Code (Section 361.425)
- Waste Management Policy
- Recycling Participation Order
- Green Building Resolution
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy



Program Purpose

Instill accountability within the culture of Travis County to reduce our impact on the environment.

- Decrease waste generation
- Divert waste from landfill
- Explore revenue generating opportunities

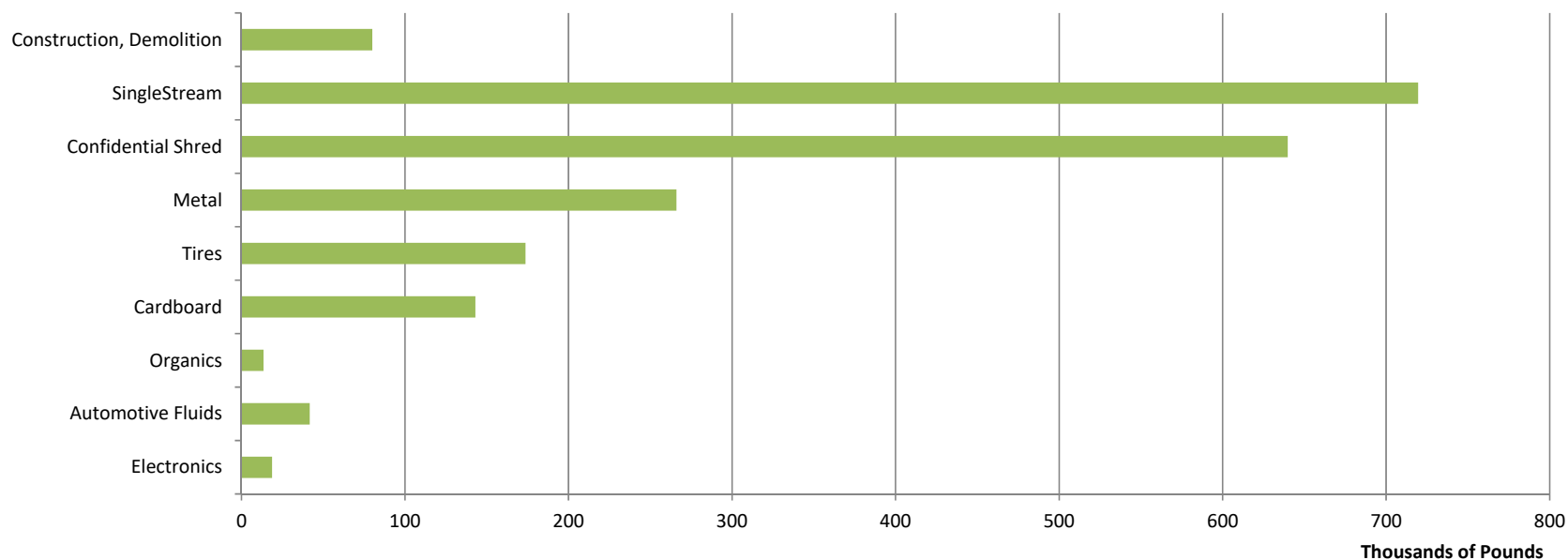


Diversion Activities

- Office Reuse Project
- Water Bottle Refill Stations
- Participation in the ReVerse Pitch
- Recycling Coordinator



WEIGHT OF RECYCLED MATERIALS BY COMMODITY (thousands of lbs.)



Employee Engagement

- Green Team
- Toner Ambassadors
- Healthy People Healthy Planet
- Recycling Training and Outreach



Public Engagement

- Pharmaceutical Take-back
- Reuse Recycle Drop-off Center Participation
- T-shirts for Hunger
- Lunch and Learn Seminars
- Three-rings for Learning
- Lake Travis Cleanup



Plans in Progress

- Sustainable Jail Plan
- Parks Recycling and Waste Management Plan
- Texas State Study
- Austin Community Climate Plan Update
- GHG Inventory and Climate Action Plan



Looking Forward

- Update ILA in 2020
- Stronger partnership to achieve goals
- Engage with other incorporated cities to increase zero waste



Questions

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