



**HIGH COUNTRY**  
CONSERVATION CENTER

# Pay as You Throw and Universal Recycling

Blue River, 6-21-22

# Why Now?

- Projected landfill closure: 2056
- Supports climate action goals
- Zero Waste Task Force stakeholder process
- Strong Future funding



# Community Goal

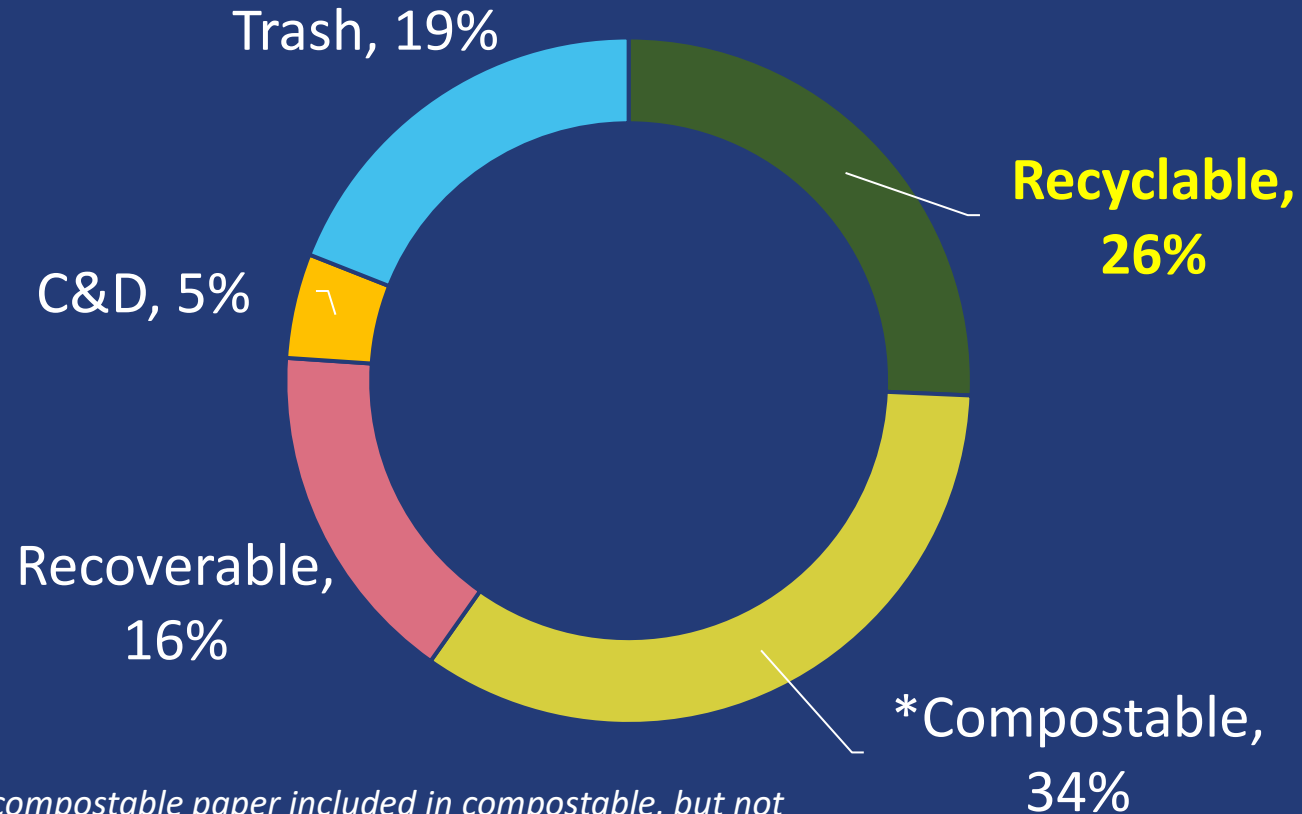
Double recycling rate to  
40% by 2035

Supported Strong Future funding:  
\$2 million annually

# Diversion Potential

## 2019 Waste Composition Study

### Municipal Solid Waste Composition



*\* Note: compostable paper included in compostable, but not composted at SCRAP facility*

# Zero Waste Task Force – Stakeholders

- Summit County Government
- Towns of Blue River, Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco and Silverthorne
- Trash/recycling collection providers
- High Country Conservation Center
- Ski resorts
- Other large and small businesses, including lodging, restaurant and property management company
- Residents

# Programs

## Individual Bin Service

*Pay as You Throw* applies to residents who have individual trash carts picked up at their curb, as well as HOAs with individual bin group accounts

## Dumpster Service

*Universal Recycling* applies to all commercial entities, as well as HOAs with residential units that share dumpsters for trash service



# Colorado PAYT Programs

Mountain Communities	Front Range Communities
Aspen* / Pitkin County*	Arvada
Carbondale	Boulder* / Boulder County
Durango	Edgewater
Frisco (in progress)	Fort Collins*
Glenwood Springs (in progress)	Golden
Grand Junction	Lafayette
New Castle	Longmont
Rifle	Louisville
Silt	Loveland
Telluride	Sheridan
Vail*	Thornton



\* PAYT & Universal Recycling  
 – The State of Recycling and Composting in Colorado 2021, CoPIRG & Eco-Cycle

# Will landfill diversion really happen?

	Early PAYT Diversion Rate	Mature PAYT Diversion Rate
Golden	~25%	36%
Carbondale	~20%	29%
Vail	9%	24%
Lafayette	~12%	34%
Fort Collins	17%	31%
Boulder	~35%	53%

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# Pay as you Throw (PAYT) Basics

- Three different trash bin size options
- Recycling included with all trash service
- One price for recycling and trash service
- Continue to use current trash service provider



# PAYT Incentivizes Recycling

Governments establish size of trash bins & minimum recycling bin size



Pricing must increase 80% between levels to incentivize recycling

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# Universal Recycling

For multi-family residents and businesses with shared dumpster enclosures

- Recycling service required will be required
- Gives recycling access to all residents



# Universal Recycling Volume Requirements

Recycling must equal 50% of trash  
dumpster capacity

## EXAMPLE

**Trash = 12 cubic yards total**

*6 cubic-yard dumpster, twice weekly service*

**Recycling = 6 cubic yards total**

- *4 cubic-yard cardboard dumpster, weekly service*
- *2 - 96 gallon toters for single-stream, twice weekly service*





# Program Rollout

- Marketing & outreach
- Resident education
- Technical assistance and onsite visits for MFUs & businesses
- HC3 & government Support

# Program Timeline

- **Late Summer 2022** – Ordinance adopted
- **Fall 2022-Spring 2023** – Marketing and outreach plan created & executed
  
- **April 1, 2023** – Ordinance Effective Date
- **Oct 1, 2023** – 90% PAYT (households)
- **June 1, 2024** – 50% URO (commercial/MFU)
- **June 1, 2025** – 100% URO (commercial/MFU)



# Questions

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