



Goal 4: Maximize reuse and recycling of materials

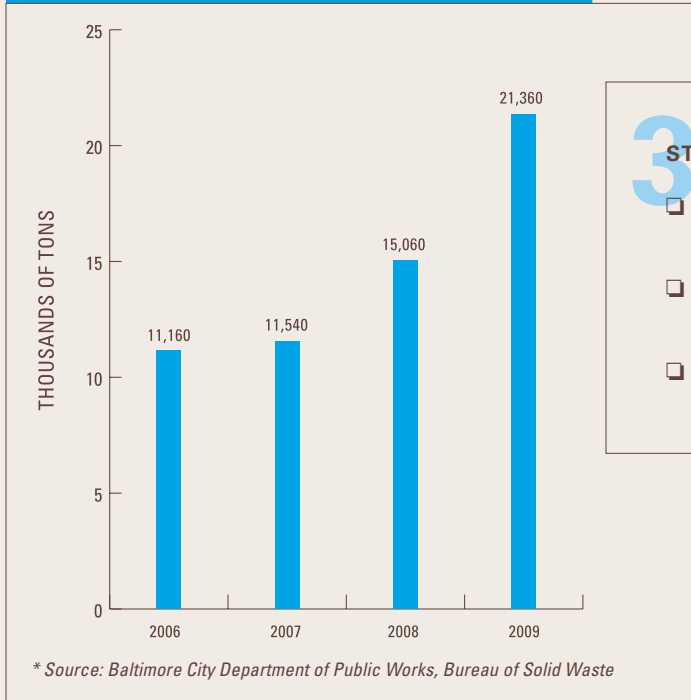
Baltimore has made great strides with its city-wide, single stream recycling program. The expansion of materials accepted into the program combined with an increase in recycling rates will reduce the amount of material entering the waste stream and generate revenue and jobs.

KEY FACTS AND RELATED EFFORTS

- * Baltimore City transitioned from two monthly recycling collections to weekly unlimited recycling collections as part of the Department of Public Works One PLUS ONE program. The program was designed to benefit the increasing number of households already recycling and encourage more residents to follow suit by providing **more frequent recycling collection**. After the transition, recycling tonnage increased by 55% from a bi-weekly average was 646 tons to 1,007 tons.
- * CleanerGreener Baltimore, in partnership with the Baltimore Community Foundation, awarded over \$17,000 to communities through **32 Recycling More grants** in 2009. The grants allowed communities to encourage their residents to recycle more through a variety of ways – block parties, workshops, youth events, and give-a-ways. A sample of the impressive results included 13 community events, 1,009 recycling bins distributed, 800 door-to-door conversations, and over 3,000 participants.
- * In 2009, the Baltimore Biodiesel Cooperative sold over 6,700 gallons of biodiesel to its members. By converting **used cooking oil into vehicle fuel**, the Coop is reusing a resource that would otherwise enter the waste stream while displacing greenhouse gas emitting fuel.
- * Baltimore’s green building regulations went into effect for all new and extensively modified buildings over 10,000 square feet on July 1, 2009. The requirements are based on the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver certification. Projects are required to **dedicate recycling areas in all buildings** and are awarded points for reusing and recycling building materials.
- * Second Chance trains workers in the environmentally-sound practice of **deconstruction**, the removal of reusable building materials from sites designated for demolition so these materials may be used again. In 2009, Second Chance grew from 46 to 65 employees deconstructing buildings in the Mid-Atlantic region and operating the 150,000 square feet of warehouses serving the sales of material for reuse.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION

TOTAL RECYCLING TONNAGE COLLECTED BY DPW



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STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Participate in the City’s weekly single stream recycling program
- Recycle electronics at drop off centers around the City
- Encourage your employer to recycle

“ Consistent with waste reductions, recycling has increased quite dramatically since the introduction of Single Stream Recycling and the One PLUS ONE program began offering curbside recycling every week.