## Alabama Recycles Panel: Successes & Challenges Across the State



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# Current Facilities & Programs



MSW and C/D Landfills



Waste-to-Energy Facility



Residential Curbside Recycling Program



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility



Very Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator Program



Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals Recovery Program



White Goods/Scrap Metal Recycling Program



Clean Concrete Crushing Program



Clean Green Waste Grinding Program







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#### Previous Program (1990-2019)

- o 16-gallon open bins
- Weekly collection
- Service area limited to single-family homes in City of Huntsville, City of Madison and densely populated areas in Madison County
- 42,000 customers (July 2019)

#### RANA Program (2019 to date)

- 95-gallon rolling carts
- Monthly opt-in collection
- Service area is all single-family homes in all of Madison County and City of Huntsville (800 mi<sup>2</sup>)
- Currently over 88,000 customers (70% participation rate) with approximately 12,000 customers having a 2<sup>nd</sup> cart.
- ADEM Alabama Recycling Fund Grants has funded \$1.2M to assist with initial cart purchases.









Since 2019, RANA has collected approximately 42,000 tons of recyclable material which equates to right at <u>8,500 TPY</u>.

## **Current Challenges**

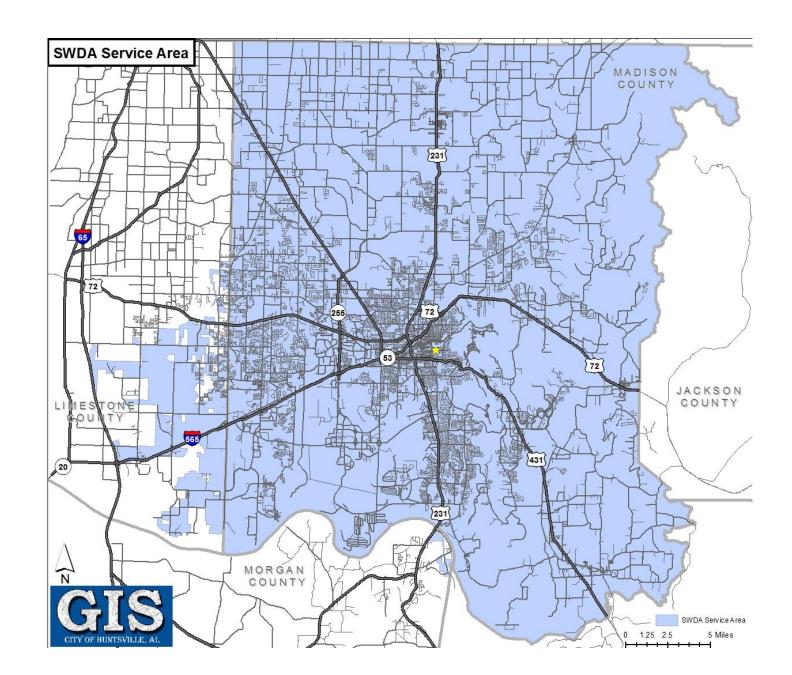
- -No local MRF so collected material is shipped to Chattanooga for processing.
- -2023 Waste Characterization Study shows a 12% contamination rate.





#### **Future Goals:**

- Local MRF
- Improve routes that are no longer balanced & optimized due to uneven growth
- Add drop-off sites for multi-family & commercial customers
- Increase volunteer participation





#### Previous Program (1992-2019)

- First Saturday drop-off program at the landfill
- Limited to residents in City of Huntsville, City of Madison and Madison County
- o 366 total customers (1992)
- Upwards of 700 customers a month (2019)

#### Current Program (2019 to date)

- New 30,000 ft² facility opened in March of 2019
- Operating hours are Monday-Friday from 7-5.
- Limited to residents in City of Huntsville, City of Madison and Madison County
- Currently, averaging approximately 60 customers/day (1,800/mo)







# **HHW Current Programs**



Used Oils & Transmission Fluids



**Lithium Batteries** 



**Vehicle Batteries** 



**Mercury Light Bulbs** 



Oil-Based and Latex Paints



**Electronics-TVs** 



**Electronics-Computers** 



Chemicals-Acids & Bases



**Drum Storage** 



## **Average Monthly HHW Collection**

Electronics 25 tons

Pesticides 3 tons

Batteries 8 tons

Flammable Liquids 5 tons

Corrosive Bases 1500 lbs.

Corrosive Acids 700 lbs.

Used oils 3000 gal.

Paint Recycled 300 gal.











Thank you and if you have further questions or would like to tour our facilities, please contact me.

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