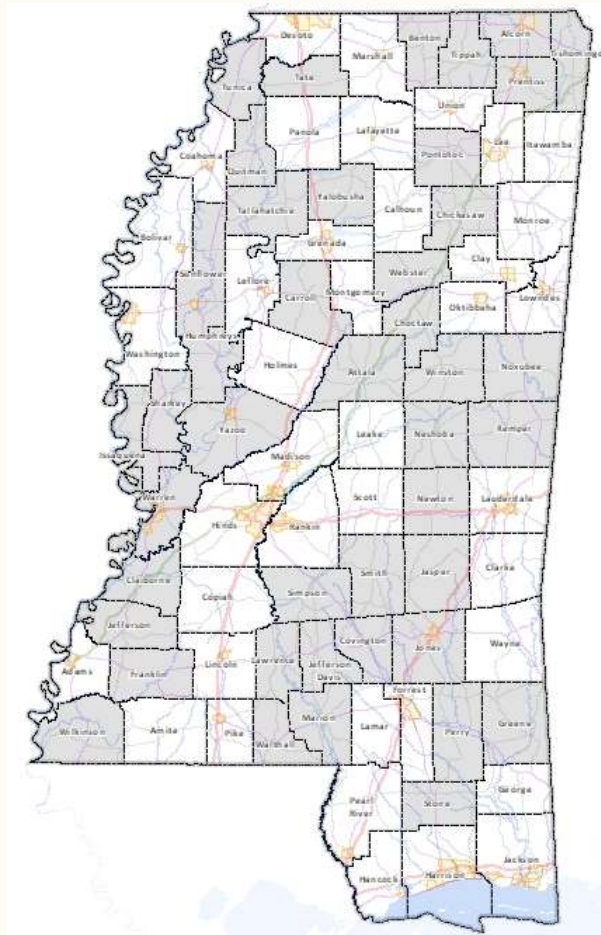


MDEQ RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

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THE STATE OF RECYCLING IN MISSISSIPPI



HOW ARE WE DOING?

- Counties with recycling programs are in white.
- 50% of residents have access to recycling services-includes curbside and/or drop-off.
- Does not include metal scrap dealers, e-waste recyclers and other outlets for special materials.
- Infrastructure is lacking.

MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST



ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES



**GRANT
FUNDING**



**OUTREACH
AND
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**DATA
COLLECTION**



**MARKET
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**NETWORKING
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GRANT FUNDING

- U.S. EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling or SWIFR Grants to state and local governments.
- MDEQ Regional Recycling Cooperative Grants
- Solid Waste Assistance Grants
- Grants from other organizations: The Recycling Partnership, Southeastern Recycling Development Council, Keep America Beautiful



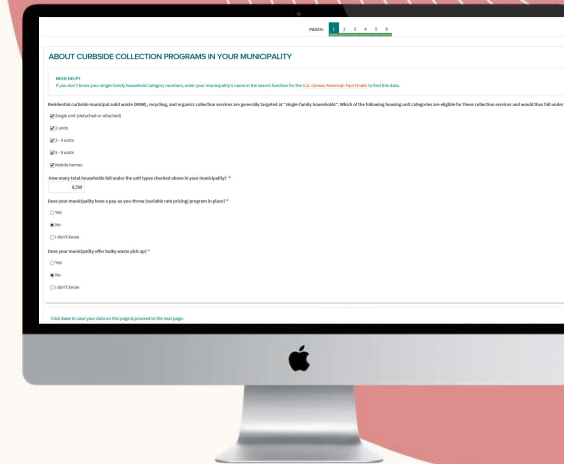
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Conferences and Public Events
- Teacher Workshops
- School Programs
- Local Government Program Guidance
- Website Resources



DATA COLLECTION

- Municipal Measurement Program
 - Emerge Knowledge, Re-Trac Software
- Voluntary Survey Given to Local Governments
- Collects Solid Waste and Recycling Data
- Helps Determine Progress toward State Waste Reduction Goal of 25% (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-31-5)
- Aids Local Governments in Tracking Program Growth and Progress, Make Changes as Needed
- Continuing to Develop Methods for Increasing Data Collection



MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- Goal to work with Mississippi Development Authority and Others to Encourage Recycling Businesses to Locate in Mississippi
- SWIFR Grant
- Increase Number of Sorting and Baling Facilities, Processors and End Users
- More Businesses in MS Mean More Recycling Programs and Vice Versa.



NETWORKING WITH LOCAL, STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ORGS

- Attend Meetings, Conferences, Webinars
- Gather Information on Latest Technologies, Strategies and Methods for Growing Recycling in Mississippi
- Stay Updated on News in the Recycling Industry
- Collaborate With Other States on How Their Programs are Going: What's Working vs. What's Not
- Pass This Information on to Our Local Governments, the Public and other Stakeholders



MORE NEWS...

- Recyclops
- City of Jackson Recycling
- New employee in the Recycling and Waste Reduction Branch

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**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

THANK YOU!

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