

# Recycling Market Development Center Advisory Board Meeting 

 April 10, 20249am-11:30am PST

## Agenda

## 9:00 Welcome

## 9:10 Ecology and Commerce updates

9:20 Board roundtable
9:35 Gretchen Newman - EPA's WARM model

## 9:55 Bio Break

## 10:05 Reuse and Repair Presentations

- Josh Epstein - Shoreline Tool Library
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- Xenia Dolovova - Furniture Repair Bank

11:30 Wrap Up

## Participating in this meeting:

- Roles
- Host-Caleb
- Facilitator-Mya
- Note taker/chat monitor-Tina



## Rules

- Cameras On
- Board members and presenters may unmute themselves
- Questions, please raise your hand or type them in the chat box
- I will call on you or I can read your question from the chat
- Use reactions to keep it interactive


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## Center updates

## Ecology <br> Commerce

Board members



## Agency Updates

## Kara Steward



## Kirk Esmond



Warm Welcome to our new board: members!

Jocelyn
Quarrell CEO/Founder of Bold Reuse

Carly Mick - Director of Sports Product Design, University of Oregon, Portland campus

## Ecology Update

February site visits

Center workplan

Report to the Legislature

Glass Summit: May 2

Textile panel: WSRA May 15

NextCycle Washington

## RMDC Budget Status



Total Biennial Budget: \$2,304,653

## NextCycle Washington

## Distribution of Applicants

WASHINGTON


## NextCycle Washington

## Distribution of Selected Teams

## NextCycle Washington

## 21

17


## Target Material

Applicants were asked to identify which materials their project targeted to keep in circularity.

Note: Applicants chose all that apply.

## 2024 Circular Accelerator Cohort

| Team | Project |
| :--- | :--- |
| Atlan LLC | Back to Life Biochar \& Soil <br> Regeneration Services |
| Biomass Controls PBC | Post-Consumer Absorbent Hygiene <br> Product Processing |
| Biomethane LLC | The Future is Potato Powered |
| Corumat Inc | The Big Green Loop ${ }^{\circledR}$ in WA |
| Electra Network LLC | Solving Collection and Logistics for <br> Solar Panel Recycling through a <br> SaaS Digital Network and Ledger |
| Furniture Repair Bank | Empowering Communities: Scaling <br> the Furniture Repair Bank for <br> Sustainable Business Growth |
| Making a Difference | Farm to Full Bellies |
| Foundation |  |


| Team | Project |
| :--- | :--- |
| Naturallycontained | Biodegradable Soil Packaging |
| Reclaim Project <br> Recovery | Reclaiming Lives and Landfills |
| Remakery | Micro-Recycling Local Tacoma Plastics |
| Re-Use Consulting | The Reuse Innovation Center Network |
| Revino | Wine Bottle Reuse System |
| Revolve Solar | Solar Panel Reuse |
| Tribal Solid Waste | Turning Waste into Commodities; Tribal <br> Recycling Centers Pilot Program |

# Washington State Circular Economy 

## Washington State Department of Commerce

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

- COMMERCE UPDATES -

APRIL 10, 2024

Kirk Esmond | Circular Economy Development Director
Office of Economic Development \& Competitiveness | Washington State Department of Commerce

## We strengthen communities



## High-level Updates

## Circular Economy Growth

## Key initiatives and projects underway

- '24 Legislative Session - \$2.5M added funding for program expansion
- Additional Legislative "wins" -- Carbon, climate and organics recycling
- Int’I Industrial Symbiosis Alliance - Multinational collaboration
- Circular Economy, Sector Buildout - New hire update
- Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) - Sole Source contract re: NextCycle
- Plastic Bag Film Study - Report to the Legislature


## Industry Connections

## Recent and ongoing conversations

| Qualterra | Double Diamond Fruit Co. | Atlas Agro |
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| Creative Energy | Royal Family Farming | Project Hyas |
| Double Diamond Fruit Co. | Divert | Wilcox Farms |
| The Soil Center | Columbia Marketing Int'I (CMI) | Tidal Vision |
| Lamb Weston | Waste Loop | Corumat |
| Myno Carbon | Cascadia Produce | Lightning Protection Int'I, AUS |
| Evergreen Recycling | Rockwool | Royal Danish Embassy, North America |
| Center for Sustainable | Collaboration amongst programs, | KOSME, Korea |
| Infrastructure | divisions and agencies | [More] |
| WA Pulp and Paper Foundation |  |  |

## Conferences and Events

Helping to drive waste reduction and recycling innovation

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Recent (Q1, 2024):
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ADO Best Practices - Olympia
RMDC Facility Tours - Seattle
WA Economic Development Assoc. (WEDA) - Olympia
WSU Anaerobic Digesters Workshop - Sunnyside
Green Infrastructure Summit - Bothell
Tasmanian Trade Mission (Delegation) - Seattle

Upcoming (Q2, 2024):
Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAMPS) - Yakima
Flywheel Investment Conference - Wenatchee
NextCycle Accelerator Academy - Lacey
RMDC Glass Summit - virtual
Nordic Innovation Summit - Ballard
Circularity 24 - Chicago
Bioeconomy Trade and Study Mission - Finland


## Thank you.

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## Board roundtable:

- Have you been to a fix it fair or heard about one in your area?
- Have you refurbished furniture?
- Have you upcycled or mended textiles for reuse?



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## 2 <br> Presentation on EPA's WARM Model

Gretchen Newman
Department of Ecology

## EPA WARM v15.1

Waste Reduction Model (WARM) provides comparisons of waste materials managed in baseline and alternative materials management scenarios.

For these practices:

- Source reduction
- Recycling
- Composting
- Anaerobic digestion
- Combustion
- Landfilling


## EPA WARM v15.1

WARM calculates impacts and "savings" for:

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (MTCO2E)
- Energy savings (million BTUs)
- Economic impacts (labor hours, wages [\$], and taxes [\$])
- "Savings" or avoided emissions come largely from avoided production emissions or using a recycled material as feedstock in manufacturing.
- Avoided emissions may also come from avoided landfill gas emissions in the case of recovered organics.

| Corrugat ed Container s | Magazine s | Newspap er | Office <br> Paper | Phonebo oks | Textbook <br> s | Mixed <br> Paper (general) | Mixed paper (primarily residenti al) | Mixed <br> Paper (primary from offices) | Food Waste |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food Waste | Food Waste (nonmeat) | Food Waste (meat only) | Beef | Poultry | Grains | Breads | Fruits \& Vegetabl es | Dairy Products | Yard <br> Trimming <br> s |
| Grass | Leaves | Branches | HDPE | LDPE | PET | LLDPE | PP | PS | PVC |
| Mixed Plastics | PLA | Desktop CPUs | Portable Electroni c Devices | Flat- <br> Panel Displays | CRT <br> Displays | Electroni <br> C <br> Periphera Is | Hard- <br> Copy <br> Devices | Mixed <br> Electroni cs | Aluminu m Cans |
| Aluminu m Ingot | Steel <br> Cans | Cooper Wire | Mixed <br> Metals | Glass | Asphalt Concrete | Asphalt Shingles | Carpet | Clay <br> Brick | Concrete |
| Dimensio nal Lumber | Drywall | Fiberglas s Insulatio n | Fly Ash | Mediumdensity Fiberboar d | Vinyl <br> Flooring | Wood flooring | Tires | Mixed <br> Recyclabl es | Mixed <br> Organics |
| Mixed MSW |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 |


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## Waste Management Scenarios

- Ecology uses Waste Characterization Study data with disposal reports for 15 materials.
- We visualized impacts using WARM for:
- Disposed (baseline) impacts
- If $10 \%$ of baseline were instead recycled
- If $30 \%$ of baseline were instead recycled

$\left.$| GHG Emissions from Landfilling Select Materials in Washington |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Rank | Material | Tons Landfilled (2021) |  | | GHG emissions from |
| :---: |
| Landfilling (MTCO2E) | \right\rvert\, | 138,906 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | Corrugated Containers | 310,995 |

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Select Materials Disposed and lifecycle GHG emissions (2021)

$(400,000)$





Change in GHG emissions by Recycling 10\% of disposed amounts of select materials (2021)


Change in GHG emissions by Recycling 30\% of disposed amounts of



Change in Tax Revenue by Recycling 10\% of select materials disposed
7,000,000
(2021)


| GHG Emissions from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials in Washington |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Material | Total GHG (MTCO2E) from baseline landfilled (2021) | New GHG (MTCO2E) after recycling 10\% of disposed materials | New GHG (MTCO2E) after recycling 30\% of disposed materials | Change from 30\% recycling (MTCO2E) |
| 1 | Corrugated (OCC) | 138,906 | 27,506 | -195,288 | -334,194 |
| 2 | Mixed Paper | 74,981 | -20,917 | -212,715 | -287,696 |
| 3 | Wood Waste | -356,774 | -415,450 | -532,802 | -176,027 |
| 4 | Other Metals | 4,540 | -36,983 | -120,031 | -124,571 |
| 5 | Aluminum Cans | 665 | -29,349 | -89,373 | -90,038 |
| 6 | Other Plastics | 6,247 | -22,923 | -81,266 | -87,513 |
| 7 | Carpet | 1,479 | -16,059 | -51,136 | -52,615 |
| 8 | Steel Cans | 519 | -4,231 | -13,733 | -14,253 |
| 9 | PET | 808 | -3,406 | -11,836 | -12,644 |
| 10 | Mixed Electronics | 925 | -2,755 | -10,114 | -11,039 |
| 11 | Glass | 2,023 | -937 | -6,857 | -8,880 |
| 12 | Tires | 527 | -505 | -2,567 | -3,094 |
| 13 | HDPE | 218 | -620 | -2,296 | -2,514 |
| 14 | Asphalt Concrete | 1,521 | 761 | -758 | -2,279 |
| 15 | Drywall | -11,289 | -9,678 | -6,455 | 4,834 |
|  | Total | -134,703 | -535,546 | -1,337,226 | -1,202,524 |

Analysis by Ecology/SWM, using EPA WARM version v15.1, 2020-2021 WA Waste Characterization Study, and 2021 disposal reports.

## Recycling 30\% more could save 1.2 million MTCO2E of GHGs.

| Employment (Labor Hours) from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials in Washington |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Material | Total Labor Hours from baseline (landfilled) | New Labor Hours after recycling $10 \%$ of disposed materials | New Labor Hours after recycling 30\% of disposed materials | Change from 30\% recycling (MTCO2E) |
| 1 | Other Plastics | 423,418 | 2,262,377 | 5,940,368 | 5,516,950 |
| 2 | Aluminum Cans | 45,040 | 583,185 | 1,659,429 | 1,614,389 |
| 3 | Mixed Electronics | 62,707 | 400,293 | 1,075,421 | 1,012,714 |
| 4 | PET | 54,793 | 298,892 | 787,145 | 732,352 |
| 5 | Other Metals | 307,741 | 504,741 | 898,742 | 591,002 |
| 6 | Glass | 137,124 | 321,417 | 689,981 | 552,857 |
| 7 | Corrugated (OCC) | 426,934 | 607,413 | 968,364 | 541,430 |
| 8 | Carpet | 100,242 | 259,718 | 578,669 | 478,427 |
| 9 | Mixed Paper | 342,280 | 486,971 | 776,354 | 434,074 |
| 10 | HDPE | 14,775 | 80,586 | 212,254 | 197,479 |
| 11 | Tires | 35,702 | 83,419 | 178,833 | 143,131 |
| 12 | Steel Cans | 35,210 | 57,429 | 101,868 | 66,658 |
| 13 | Wood Waste | 486,702 | 492,602 | 504,401 | 17,698 |
| 14 | Drywall | 253,886 | 256,963 | 263,118 | 9,232 |
| 15 | Asphalt Concrete | 103,070 | 104,319 | 106,818 | 3,748 |
|  | Total | 2,829,622 | 6,800,323 | 14,741,764 | 11,912,142 |

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## Recycling 30\% more could increase Labor Hours by 12 million.

| Taxes (\$) from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials in Washington |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Material | Total Taxes (\$) from baseline (landfilled) |  | New Taxes (\$) after recycling 10\% of disposed materials |  | New Taxes (\$) after recycling 30\% of disposed materials |  | Change from 30\% recycling (MTCO2E) |
| 1 | Other Plastics | \$ | 5,280,393 | \$ | 11,896,534 | \$ | 25,129,086 | 19,848,693 |
| 2 | Mixed Electronics | \$ | 782,007 | \$ | 4,109,644 | \$ | 10,764,480 | 9,982,473 |
| 3 | Aluminum Cans | \$ | 561,692 | \$ | 3,451,705 | \$ | 9,231,494 | 8,669,803 |
| 4 | Corrugated (OCC) | \$ | 5,324,234 | \$ | 6,795,697 | \$ | 9,738,551 | 4,414,317 |
| 5 | Mixed Paper | \$ | 4,268,530 | \$ | 5,448,207 | \$ | 7,807,563 | 3,539,033 |
| 6 | Other Metals | \$ | 3,837,790 | \$ | 4,785,264 | \$ | 6,680,212 | 2,842,422 |
| 7 | PET | \$ | 683,311 | \$ | 1,611,358 | \$ | 3,467,662 | 2,784,351 |
| 8 | Glass | \$ | 1,710,048 | \$ | 2,259,899 | \$ | 3,359,534 | 1,649,485 |
| 9 | Carpet | \$ | 1,250,102 | \$ | 1,650,339 | \$ | 2,450,812 | 1,200,710 |
| 10 | HDPE | \$ | 184,255 | \$ | 434,462 | \$ | 935,055 | 750,800 |
| 11 | Tires | \$ | 445,231 | \$ | 553,301 | \$ | 769,396 | 324,165 |
| 12 | Steel Cans | \$ | 439,095 | \$ | 543,704 | \$ | 543,704 | 104,610 |
| 13 | Asphalt Concrete | \$ | 1,285,370 | \$ | 1,210,379 | \$ | 1,060,398 | -224,972 |
| 14 | Drywall | \$ | 3,166,171 | \$ | 2,981,452 | \$ | 2,612,012 | -554,159 |
| 15 | Wood Waste | \$ | 6,069,599 | \$ | 5,715,491 | \$ | 5,007,268 | -1,062,331 |
|  | Total | \$ | 35,287,828 | \$ | 53,447,437 | \$ | 89,557,228 | 54,269,399 |

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## Recycling 30\% more could increase Tax Revenue by $\$ 54$ million.

GHG Emissions from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials

$\square$ Total GHG (MTCO2E) from baseline landfilled (2021)

- New GHG (MTCO2E) after recycling 10\% of disposed materials
- New GHG (MTCO2E) after recycling 30\% of disposed materials

Employment (Labor Hours) from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials


## Tax Revenue (\$) from Landfilling versus Recycling Select Materials



## Papers \& Plastics - GHG

Emissions, 30\% scenario


## Papers \& Plastics - Labor

Hours, 30\% scenario


- Labor Hours from baseline (landfilled)
$\square$ New Labor Hours after recycling 30\% more


## Let's take a 10-minute break



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## Presentation Reuse \& Repair

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## $+\infty$ <br> Presentation Reuse \& Repair

Josh Epstein
Shoreline Tool Library


# Josh Epstein 

## Tool Libraries: A Circular Economy

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There is no such thing as "away". When we throw anything away, it must go somewhere.


## Linear VS Circular Economy

LINEAR ECONOMY


CIRCULAR ECONOMY


## History

- 2009: Sustainable NE Seattle (nonprofit)
- 2013: NE Seattle Tool Library
- The $\$ 50,000$ Cleanscapes Program - 2018: New location!
- 2023: Seattle REconomy
- 2024:Shoreline Tool Library
- Grants from DOE and KC



## Information

## NE Seattle Tool Library

- 10228 Fischer Pl NE
- Tuesday \& Thursday 5-8pm; Saturday 9am-12pm; Sunday 25 pm
- nestl@seattlereconomy.org

Shoreline ToolLibrary

- 16610 Aurora Ave N
- Monday, Wednesday, \& Friday 58pm;Saturday 9am-12pm
- shorelinetl@seattlereconomy.or g



## What We Offer

- Over 10,000 Tools
- Classes
- Workshop Space
- ReUsed Building Materials
- Games \& Toys
- Seed Library
- Bike Shop \& Bike Repairs
- Project Advice \& Tool Demos



## Why: Save money, space, and the environment

- Reduce your consumption
- Build a community
- Start up a newhobby
- Undertake a fun DIY project
- Complete something for school
- ..and much more!



## Becoming a Member

All tools are free with a membership fee
In-kind donation in the form of volunteer hours (one 3-hour shift/month)or tool donations.

All donations are optional and we will not denyapplications because of a lack of funds. We do not require proof of income.

Tools can be borrowed for 1 week at a time for up to one month. Late fees are $\$ 0.10$ per day.

The suggested membership fees are:
Yearly

- General Public: \$60
- Dual Membership : \$80
- Student/Senior: $\$ 40$
- Dual Student/Senior: \$60
- Community Supporter: \$120

Monthly: \$20
Life time: $\$ 750$

## Looking to the Future...

- Growing existing tool libraries
- Adding more tool libraries
- National Tool Library Alliance
- ReUse Commons and Circular Business Campus


Reuse, Repair $\not \subset$ Share Landscape Today
$\Delta 15,197$ licenced reuse businesses including 2,724 repair, 2,239 rental, and 1,649 second hand shops in WA
$\diamond$ An array of individual organizations, companies, government agencies, and programs working towards similar but distinct goals
$\diamond$ Support from government agencies


Second Use
 exists but is sporadic

## The Need

## SGALE THE REUSE, REPAIR, SHARE MOVEMENT

## The Reuse Commons Vision

A large physical space shared by a vast array of businesses and programs in the reuse, repair,

This one-stop-shop for getting and getting rid of stuff sustainably would be a model for cities around the region, country and world.
Equitable access is at the heart of the Reuse Commons: serving and providing economic opportunities for frontline communities.
and circular economy ecosystem.


## What can you find at the Reuse Commons?

|  | Tool Library/Library of Things | Circular Economy Exhibition |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B | Fix-it Clinics and Mending <br> Circles | Furniture Repair Bank | Material Reuse Store |

## Get Involved

- Funding
- Connections
- Space
- Volunteer
- Become a member
- Donate tools and/or materials
- Check out our website
- Spread the word!
- Tell your colleagues and friends
- Socialmedia



## Thank You!

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Josh@seattlereconomy.org


Scan for seattlereconomy.org

# $\dot{\#}$ <br> <br> Presentation <br> <br> Presentation Reuse \& Repair 

 Reuse \& Repair}

Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman Refugee Artisan Initiative


Wonder Women:

## Turning Trash into Treasures

## 60\%

Unemployment rate for refugee women*
*Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security



# 85\% 

Textiles end up in the landfill*
*Earth.org


## REFUGEE ARTISAN INITIATIVE

 since 2017

## Circular Equitable Economy





## Becoming Nest Seal









## How to Engage with RAl?

## Purchaseour sustainableitems

## Tumyourwaste into treasures

## Fundourinnovations

## Stay Connected



## © Refugeesarts.org (f) @refugeesarts (O) @refugeesarts © @Artisasnrefugee in Refugee Artisan

Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman Founder \& Executive Director

Xenia Dolovova
Furniture Repair Bank



April 10, 2024
https://www.repairbank.org


## The Issues



## Sustainability

Nine millions tons of furniture are landfilled annually in the United
States alone according to
EPA estimates


Community
Repair skills are disappearing and less frequently passed down through the generations in our increasingly disposable economy


Equity
Refugees and low-income people emerging from homelessness need support in starting their lives over

## Our Activities and Process



## Furniture Collection

We collect worn and damaged furniture and focus on basic items that cannot be donated to other organizations.


Repair \& Redesign
We revive discarded items by repairing, refurbishing, and redesigning them to like-new condition while teaching and building restoration skills.


## Equitable Access

We support refugee families, individuals emerging from homeless situations, women fleeing domestic violence, and others in need of timely help.


## Furniture Collection

We collect from public*, junk haulers, through organized collection events.

Our volunteers also practice curb side collection.
1.To control the inflow, we are using a vetting process: a request form and approval.
2.Items are dropped off or collected for a donation or for free.
*Donors are our most loyal audience.

## Repair \& Redesign

We are building a community of mighty, courageous, and empathic individuals.

- Teaching the skills and empower individuals.
- Running team building experiences.
- Developing a Master Restorer (train the trainer) volunteer program.
- Rolling out paid classes.
- Implementing workforce development component.
- Supporting repair micro businesses and furniture flippers with technical support.



## Circular Furniture Industry Support

Promoting furniture reuse by individuals and businesses. Empowering the circular economy to keep furniture in circulation longer in WA State.


Furniture flippers and solo-preneurs


Furniture industry small businesses

## Workforce Development

Piloting workforce development component.

Training workforce in furniture restoration skills to be employed at FRB, small restoration businesses across WA, or start their own microbusiness.


## Equitable access

We work with resettlement agencies, shelters, integration networks, and other orgs that help families and individuals build new lives.

We support refugee families, individuals getting out of homelessness, women fleeing domestic violence, and other people in need of timely and free help.


## Our monthly impact



## Current needs



Transportation


## Reach out



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## Wrap up

## Next meeting:

- Wednesday, July 10th, 2024
- Zoom: 9am to 11am (Pacific)
- Tour: to be determined

Tasks from today:

- Notes and slides from today will be posted to the EZ page next week.



[^0]:    Sources: EPA WARM model version v15.1, 2020-2021 Washington Waste Charaterization Study, 2021 disposal reports.

