



Alachua County/City of Gainesville Yard Waste Recycling Program



Today's Presentation

- Program background
- Amendment to Yard Trash Processing Agreement
- Future Activities
- Recommendation



Project Background

- 2009 BoCC Recommendation
 - Develop recommendations to scale down public yard waste collection, if this doesn't conflict with waste reduction or energy production objectives.



Project Background

- 2009 Joint City/County Bid for Curbside Collection (Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste)
 - City/County owns collected materials
 - Yard waste
 - Recyclables
 - Solid waste
- Collection Contract
 - maintains efficient route schedules
 - better control overall transportation and disposal costs
 - Vendor converts fleet to CNG



Project Background

- 2009 bid for processing wood waste
 - Two responsive bidders
 - County Line Landfill (CLL) (Watson)
 - Wood Resource Recovery (WRR)(Gaston)
 - Contracts expire 2016
- Beneficial Reuse
 - Yard Waste chipped and used for mulch, compost and biomass fuel



Project Background

- 2008 – eliminated plastic bags from curbside
 - Yard waste owned by the vendor
 - Paper or container only
 - Reduced disposal cost
 - Eliminated one truck
 - Less plastic in Landfill



Amendment to Yard Trash Processing Contract

- 2015 CLL requesting support of food waste composting project
 - Yard trash from City/County program chipped and blended with food waste to make sustainable compost product
 - Food waste from UF and grocery stores



Amendment to Yard Trash Processing Contract

- First Amendment to Agreement with CLL
 - Option to renew for an additional 7 year term
 - Secure processing and reuse of yard waste through 2023
 - Secure rate at 2009 bid price through 2023
- WRR requesting to no longer process County yard trash



Future Activities

- Evaluate potential pilot projects
 - Curbside organics collection (food waste)
 - Reduced collection schedule
 - Every other week collection
 - Subscription
 - Integrate into County Organics Recycling Program



Recommendations

- Approve the amendment to the contract with County Line Landfill (CLL) for processing of curbside yard waste.