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# Zero Waste Strategy

A Community Partnership

The Cool People

## **Today's Presentation**

What is Zero Waste

Why Zero Waste for our Communities

Who is in the Zero Waste Partnership

**How Do We Get There** 

**Discussion** 

#### **What is Zero Waste**













## Why be a Zero Waste Community?



## Who is in the Partnership?

## **Everyone**

- Citizens
- Governments
- Businesses
- Not For Profits
- Community Groups

#### Remember the hierarchy....

- REDUCE
- REUSE
- RECYCLE
- **RESTART**
- Reset, Renew, Repair, Revitalize, Replenish, Recover.....

We need a plan

Strategic Plan for Zero Waste

We need experts to help

- University of Florida College of Engineering
- Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Kessler Consulting
- City and County Staff
- Community Leaders, Stakeholders

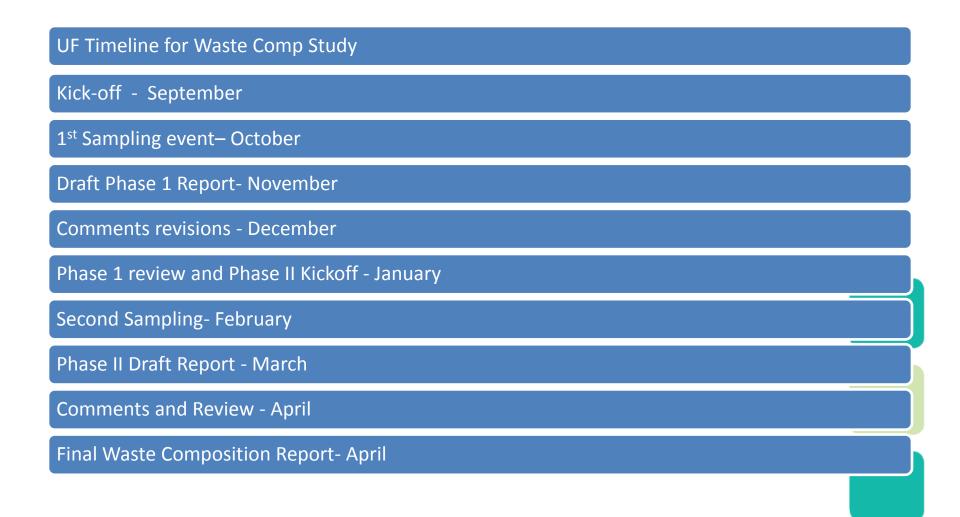
University of Florida -Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences

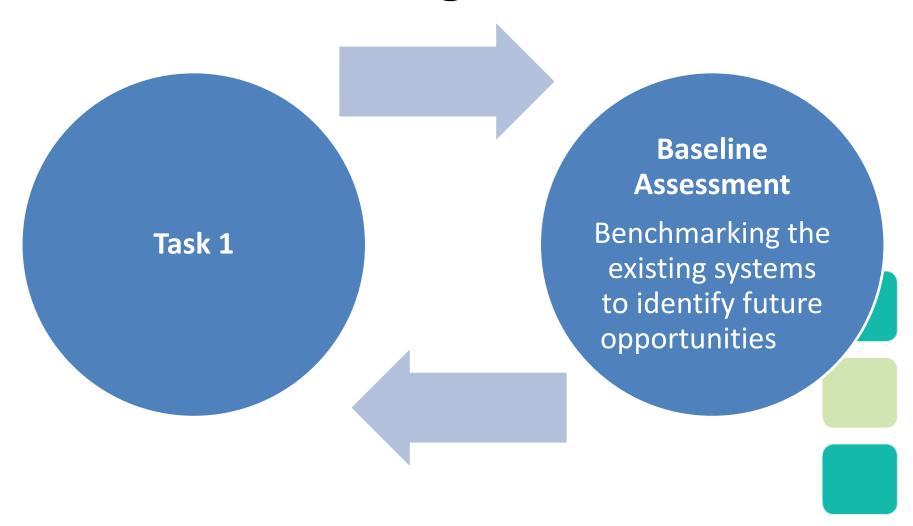
Waste Composition Study

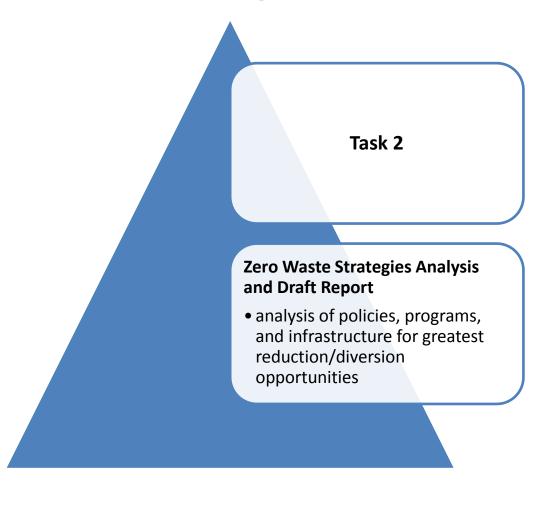
Characterize the waste
Estimate the percentages
Assess our programs
Evaluate
Compare results

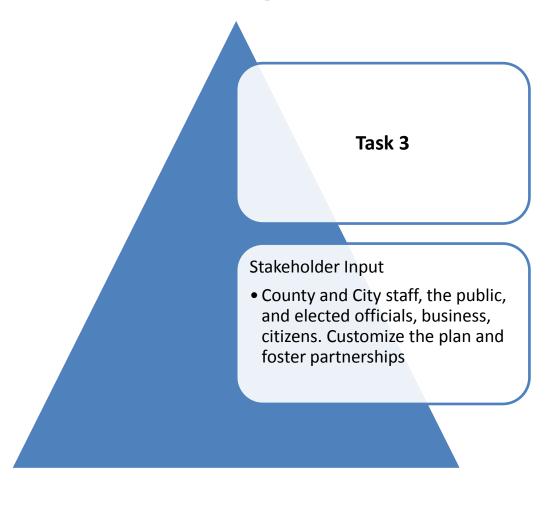
#### Methodology

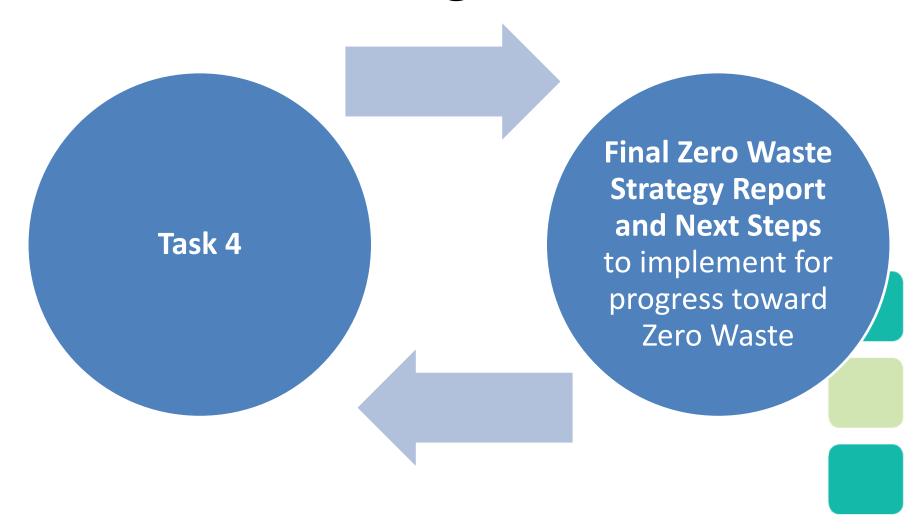
- •Two sampling events
- Seven students and a faculty member
- County/City staff
- •Material categories based 2009 study
- •Sampling and sorting protocol
- •Safety plan
- •Final report











Kessler Consulting Timeline for Plan Creation

Kick-off - August

Stakeholder meetings - August - October

Information request; data review - September - October

Technical memorandum - October- November

List of Zero Waste policy, program, and infrastructure strategies and review - November

Planning-level analysis of the selected strategies - November-January

Preliminary draft Zero Waste Plan – January

Review and discuss preliminary plan - February

Revised draft Zero Waste Plan – February

Presentation at joint County/City Commission meeting - March

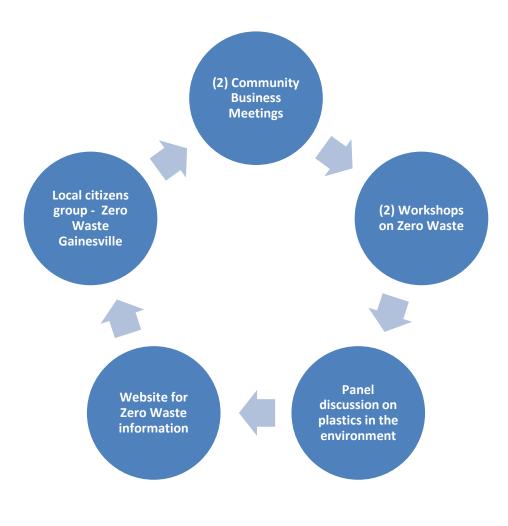
Final Zero Waste Plan - April

## Things we can do now

Lead the Way!

- Policies for local government operations
  - -Procurement policies green it!
  - Restrict use of products County/City operations
  - Public facilities opportunities
  - -Update ordinances

### Things we've done so far.....



# **County/City Next Steps**

- Approve the contract with Kessler Consulting
  - -Total Cost \$124,520
- Approve the Contract with University of Florida
  - -Total Cost \$51,756
- Costs shared
- Approve the Inter Local Agreement for Zero Waste Partnership

### Its up to us.....



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