



Special Improvement District

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Downtown Property Owners and Mayor Coleman Announce Recycling Initiative

Columbus, Ohio -- If the Franklin County landfill ever fills and waste must be diverted further away, Downtown will be hard hit as the area with the highest concentration of employees (nearly 100,000) and therefore waste generation. To help prevent this situation, 35 Downtown landowners along with Mayor Coleman announced a new initiative today committed to meaningful reductions, up to 66 %, in the amount of solid waste sent to the county landfill.

"This sustainable approach expects to significantly reduce solid waste in our downtown core, which is good for not only downtown, but the whole region," said Mayor Coleman. "I'm proud we are setting an example of how major landowners can work together, not only for this larger community, but potentially the state and nation."

"Capital Crossroads is in the unique position to facilitate partnerships, and our downtown landowners, tenants, restaurants and residents asked us to help with recycling," said Cleve Ricksecker, Executive Director. "Our plan is to help these first 35 participants achieve improved contracts with their haulers, and then share the knowledge, experience and template to all of the 550 downtown landowners."

This program was made possible through a grant by the Ohio Department of Natural Resource alongside of in-kind funds and collaboration with SWACO.

The details of the program and list of initial participants are attached.

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Downtown Recycling Program Overview

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Partners:

Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District
City of Columbus
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)
GT Environmental, Contract Consultant
Eastman & Smith Ltd.

Participating Properties:

107-109 S. High St.	Columbus Athenaeum	One Columbus
The Exchange Urban Lofts (110 N. Third)	Downtown YMCA	Residence Inn
175 S. Third	Due Amici Restaurant, Ltd.	Southeast Mental Health
280 Plaza	Eclention Lofts	Surly Girl Saloon
51 North High St.	Fifth Third Center	The Continental Plaza
Sixty Spring	Huntington Bank Building	The Del Monte Building
937-951 N. High St.	Huntington Center	The Elevator Brewery & Draught Haus
Barrio Tapas & Lounge	Huntington Plaza Building	The Yukon Building
Bricker & Eckler, LLP	Hyatt on Capitol Square	Tip Top Kitchen & Cocktails
Carriage House Place	Larrimer & Larrimer, LLC	Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP
City View at 3rd	LeVeque Tower	Wall Street Nightclub
	Lofts at 106	
	Mary Catherine's Antiques	

Components:

- It gathers detailed solid waste information on 35 properties representing millions of square feet, then turns this information over to one law firm
- Allows the properties to negotiate contracts collectively with the goal of increasing services and providing affordable and cost effective recycling
- Creates more efficient collection routes that reduce emissions and costs
- Provides properties with a flexible menu of services they can choose to use whenever their current contracts expire
- Teaches many property owners how to recycle
- Recommends solutions to various problems
- Promotes “preferred haulers” who will use the best practices to the downtown community so all properties can benefit from this work