

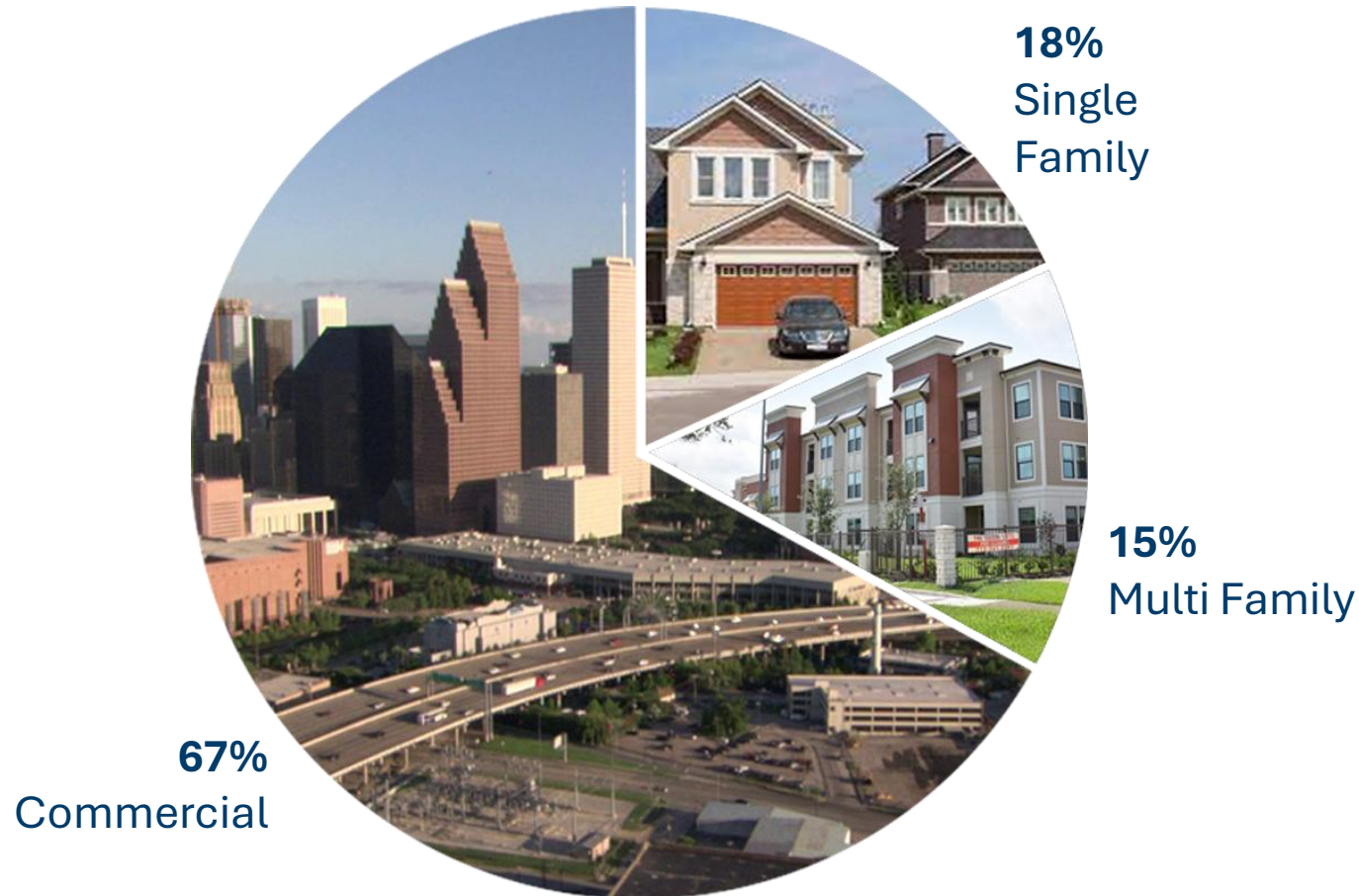


Solid Waste Management BFA Committee

Multifamily Recycling Pilot Program

March 31, 2026

SOURCE OF WASTE



- Commercial and industrial sources accounts for **67%**; multifamily is **15%**, residential is **18%**
- The Resource Recovery Implementation Committee focused on the **82% commercial, industrial and multifamily sources**
- A 10% reduction in commercial/multifamily stream is equivalent to **45% reduction by residential sector**



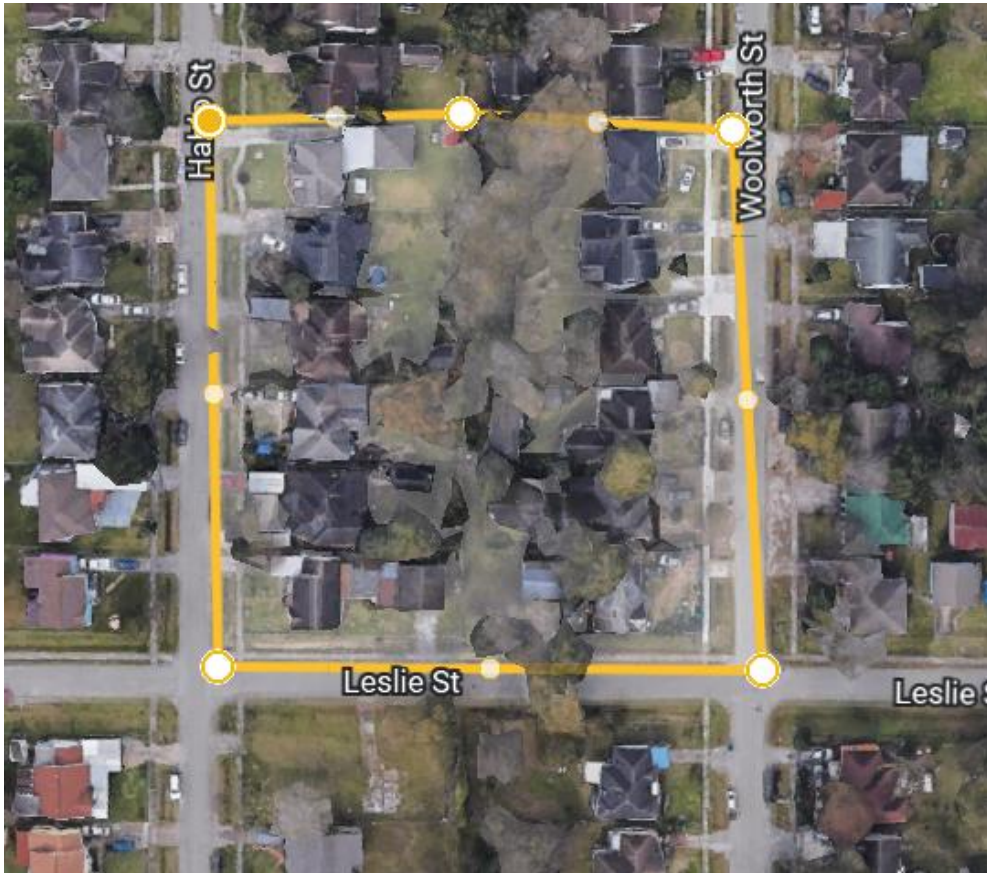
WASTE DIVERSION

- In 2025, **54,674 tons** were diverted from the landfill and brought to FCC to be recycled.
- In the next 9 years, the McCarty landfill will be at capacity. This means we will be shifting our waste to other facilities, increasing our need to divert waste from the landfill and increase recycling efforts.

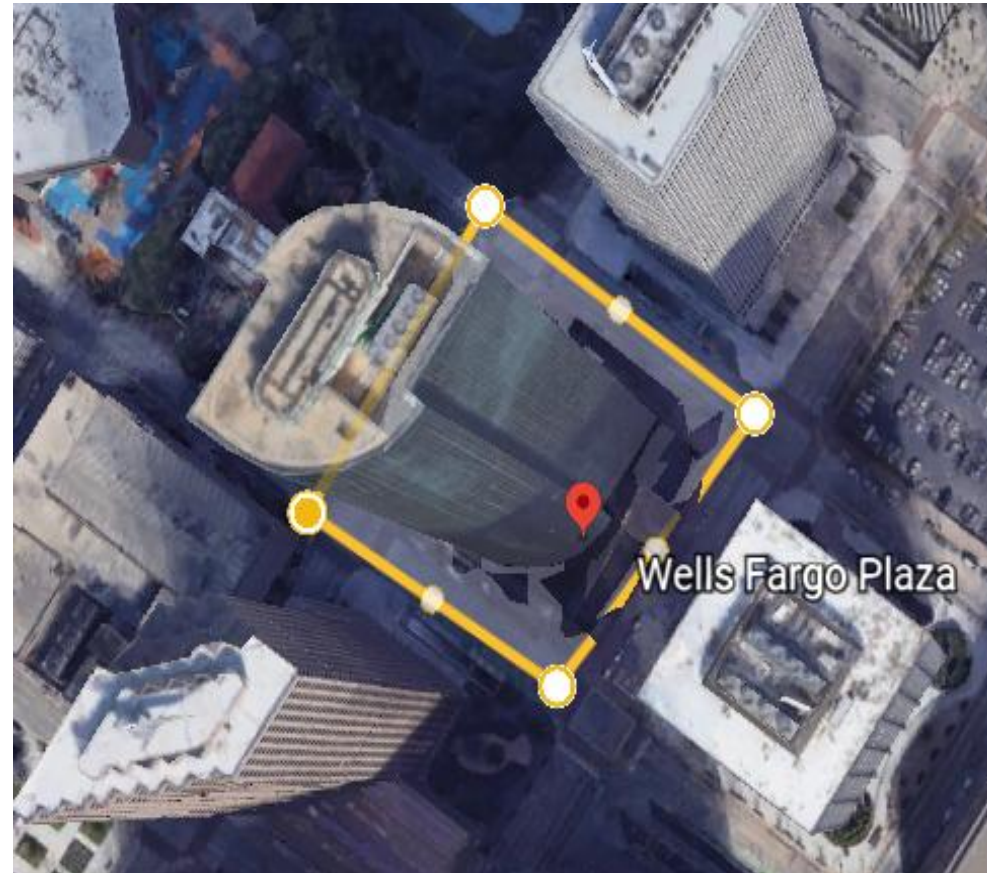
RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL

Equivalent land area comparison

2.5 acres = 16 tons/year



2.5 acres = 1,000 to 2,000 tons/year





About the Pilot

Through a grant from **The Recycling Partnership**, with funding support from the **Alliance to End Plastic Waste**, this pilot will deliver recycling service to **3,000 units** across **12 properties**. The effort is supported by **Council Member Kamin**, whose leadership has helped ensure the resources needed to advance multifamily recycling and the City's Climate Action Plan goals.

Pilot Program Benefits

Free Recycling Service for One Year

- Provided through a grant from *The Recycling Partnership*.
- **No Contract Required:** Service is fully managed by the City, simple and hassle free.
- **Exclusive Pilot Program:** Help shape future recycling policies for multifamily properties in Houston.
- **Direct Benefits for Your Residents:** In-unit recycling bins and door-to-door education included.
- **Valet Service Option Available:** Two properties currently enjoying this service with set out rates above 20%.
- **Dedicated City Support:** Operations staff actively monitor fullness and contamination weekly for smooth service.



Engagement

In collaboration with **Council Member Kamin's** office, targeted outreach has been conducted to engage multifamily property owners across Houston.

Engagement Types

- In-person and virtual meetings with Houston Housing Authority and Houston Apartment Association
- Houston Apartment Association members - Informational webinars with Houston Apartment Association
- Property site visits throughout Houston



PILOT GOALS



OPERATIONS

Increase recycling access and education to **3,000 MF units** over **1 year**

- Distribute in-unit recycling bins



EDUCATION

Education will include:

- An education kit delivered to each door at launch:
 - FAQ
 - Info cards/magnet
- Door hangers
- Social media
- Oops tags



MEASURABLE CHANGE

Pre and post program measurement

- Contamination rates
- Participation (set out) rates
- Tonnage measures

ENROLLED PROPERTIES

Property Name	Property Address	Unit Count	Designation
Bellerive Apartments	7225 Bellerive Houston Tx 77036	210	Valet
Independence Heights	302 Crosstimbers Houston, Tx 77022	154	On-site
Kelly Village	3118 Green St. Houston, Tx 77020	270	On-site
Lincoln Park	790 W. Little York Houston, Tx 77091	250	On-site
Oxford	605 Berry Road Houston Tx 77022	250	Valet
75 Lyerly	75 Lyerly Street Houston, Tx 77022	200	On-site
Total		1,334	

Participation and Progress

Early results demonstrate strong operational performance and resident participation

Proven Success So Far: 6 early adopter properties (**1,334 units**) already participating with zero service delays, minimal contamination, and no illegal dumping.

- ✓ Service began October 1
- ✓ No missed collections
- ✓ No instances of illegal dumping
- ✓ Valet properties achieving set out rates above **20%**
- ✓ Medium to low contamination rates
- ✓ Weekly visual inspections to track contamination and fullness
- ✓ **9080** pounds diverted so far
- ✓ Recycling educational sessions for monthly resident meetings



Independence Heights



Lincoln City

What's next?

Building on early success, the program will move into its next phase of expansion:

- Enrolling Camden property in **April 2026**
- The goal is to enroll approximately **1,200** additional residents
- Program Point of Contact – Meagan Riche, Recycling Program Manager meagan.riche@houstontx.gov





Thanks!