

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On the 8th day of March, 2018, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Third Floor, Conference Room 306 at Amarillo City Hall, 509 S.E. 7th Ave., with the following members present:

| MEMBERS | PRESENT | NO. MEETINGS HELD | NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Charlie Graham | N | 13 | 6 |
| Tom Johnson | Y | 13 | 12 |
| Mindy Odom | Y | 13 | 10 |
| Cole Camp | Y | 13 | 13 |
| John Kiehl | N | 13 | 10 |
| Howard Smith | N | 2 | 2 |
| EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF | | | |
| David Lehfeldt | N | 13 | 11 |

The following guests were also present:

Courtney White - Assistant City Attorney
Stacy Krizan – Admin. Assistant Solid Waste
John Fiel – Assistant Solid Waste Superintendent
Douglas Clark-Amarillo Globe News

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

2. Consider and Approve Minutes of Regular Meetings Held on December 7, 2017 and February 1, 2018.

Motion to approve the December minutes as written was made by Tom Johnson, seconded by Charlie Graham, motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

The February minutes were incorrect and will be approved next month.

3. Presentation from and Discussion with Recycle Amarillo to Identify Other Community Recycling Initiatives and to Coordinate Efforts.

Jennifer with Recycle Amarillo was not able to join the meeting; Mr. Camp spoke with her and determined she is unable to meet on Thursdays. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

4. Discuss Website Revisions.

This item will be added to next month's agenda.

5. Receive Updates from Staff Regarding the Following:

A. Tire Program

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Mr. Fiel also reported that the Solid Waste Department's tire shredder is not working and that a new tire shredder will cost around \$180,000. As of right now there are not any companies accepting tires. The one company who was has been placed on a hold. Members are asking for recommendations from David regarding what he will need for the budget so this can be recommended to Council.

B. Composting

Mr. Fiel reported that the Landfill is now accepting dead animals. Solid Waste has also spoken with Affiliated Foods regarding adding old goods to the compost site. Solid Waste has spoken with restaurants and ethanol plants regarding the use of compost grain as well. Solid Waste is looking to sell compost to gardeners, will enter into a non-compete with local businesses, and will look to use compost at the landfill and also in City parks.

C. Brush Sites

Mr. Fiel reported that the brush sites are almost completely cleaned up.

6. Presentation and Approval of Status Report to City Council.

Mr. Camp presented the Task Force's status report to Council on February 13th.

7. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

8. Set Agenda for Next Meeting.

The following items were suggested for discussion at the next meeting of the Task Force:

- Consider February minutes
- Staff update on website maintenance training
- Consider website content and plan for keeping website content updated
- Presentation from and discussion with Recycle Amarillo to identify other community recycling initiatives and to coordinate efforts
- Legal staff update regarding Task Force's authority over water conservation
- City Council update regarding Council environmental priorities
- Consider long term recycling plan
- REPORTS FROM STAFF:
 - a. Budget requirements and process
 - b. Composting

9. Announcement – Next Meeting Date.

The Task Force will next meet on April 12, 2018 at 6pm in Room 306, City Hall.

11. Adjourn

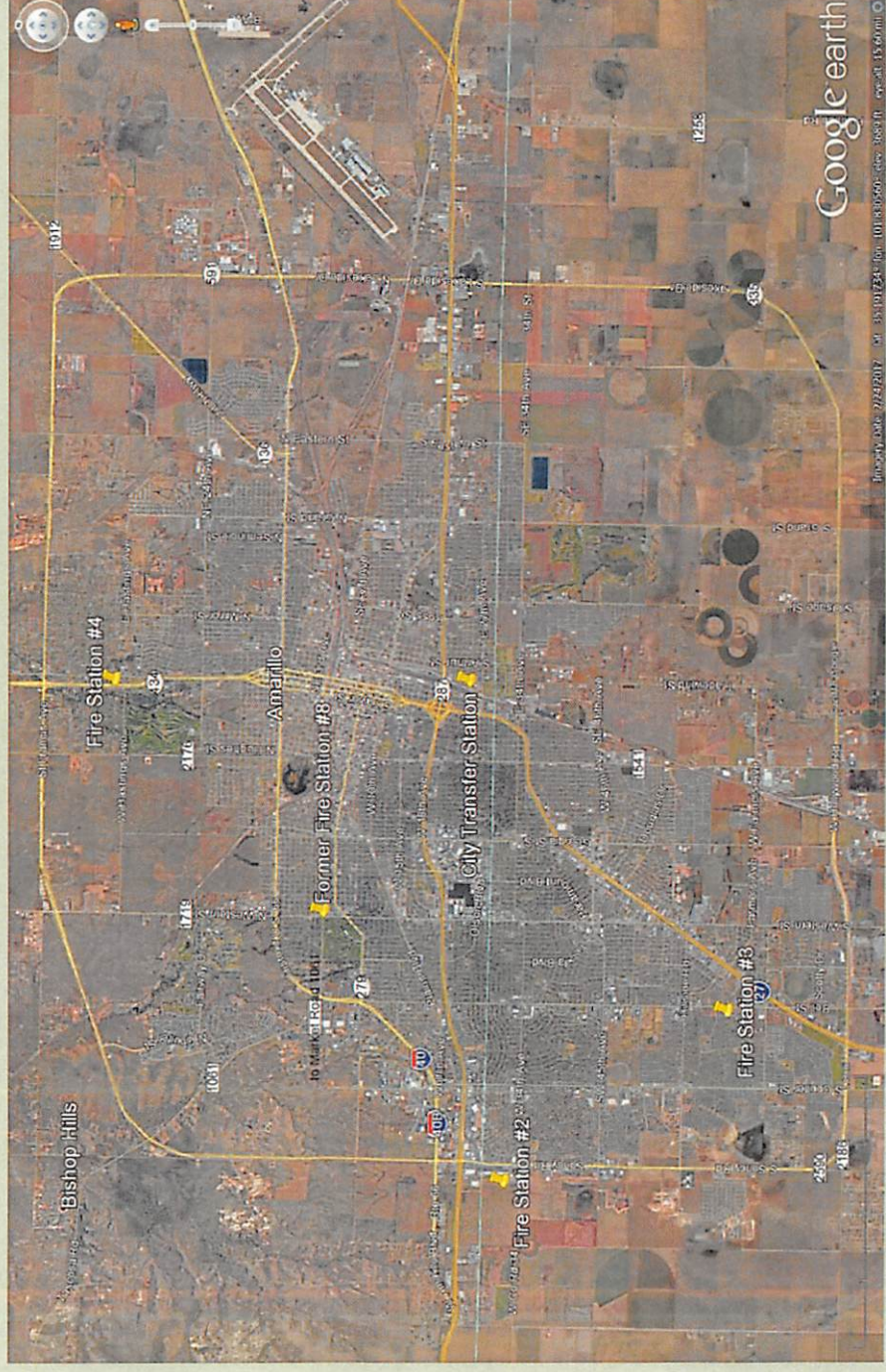
With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Environmental Task Force Recommendation

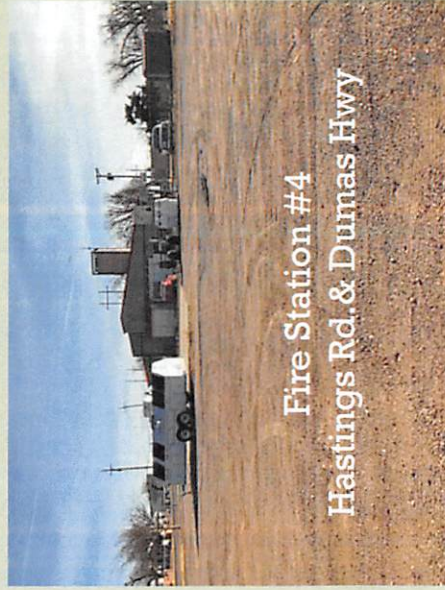
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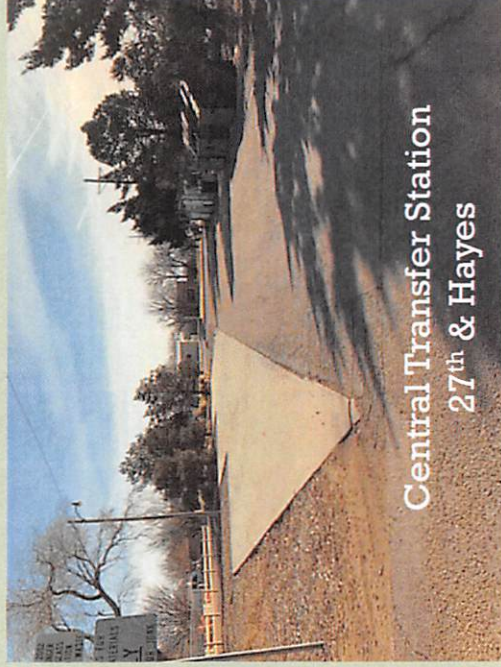
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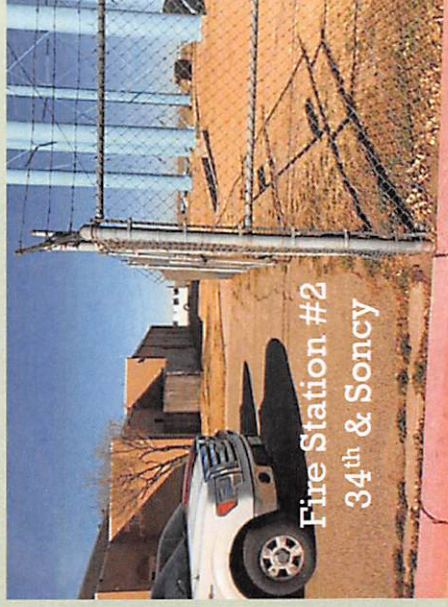
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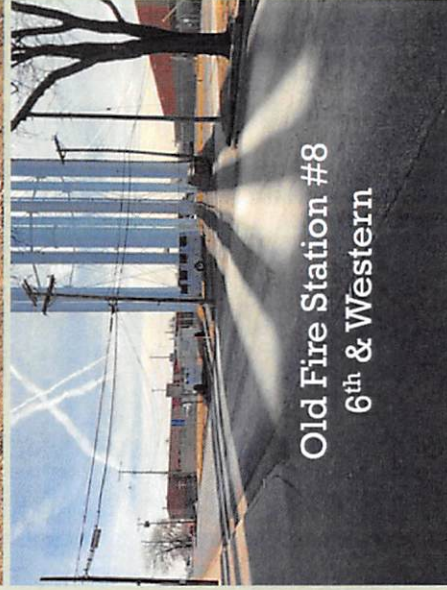
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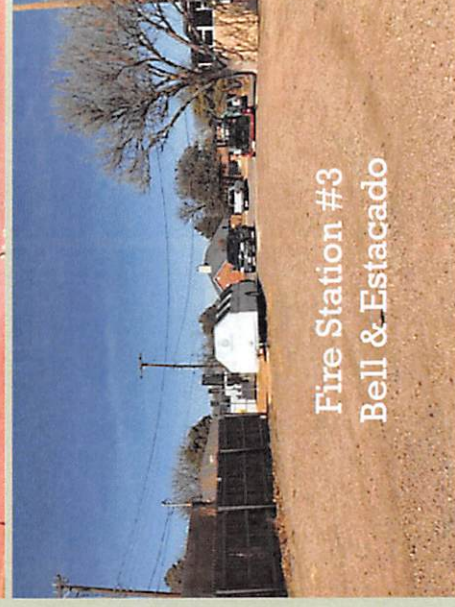
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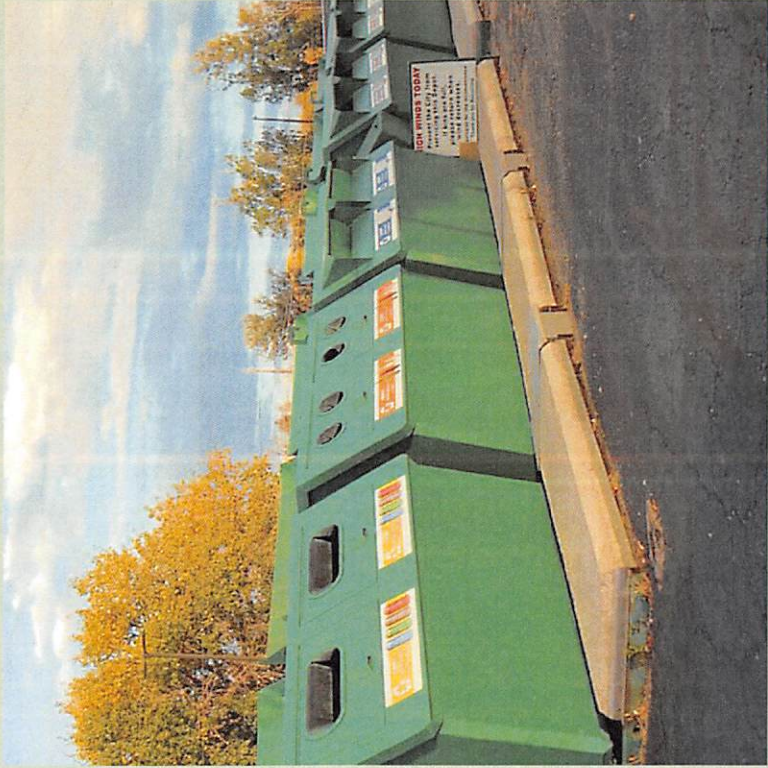


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6th & Western



Fire Station #3
Bell & Estacado

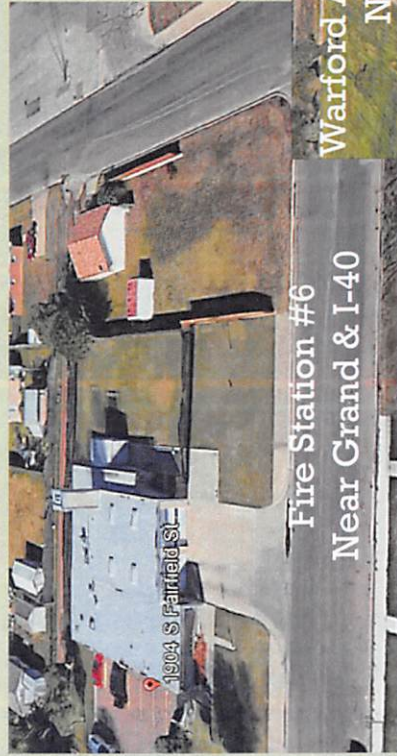
Container Updates



Future of Recycling



Possible Additional Locations



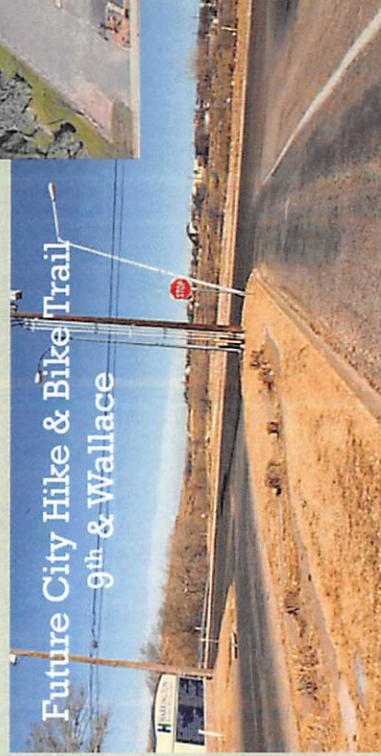
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Near Grand & I-40



Fire Station #7
Amarillo Blvd. & Grand



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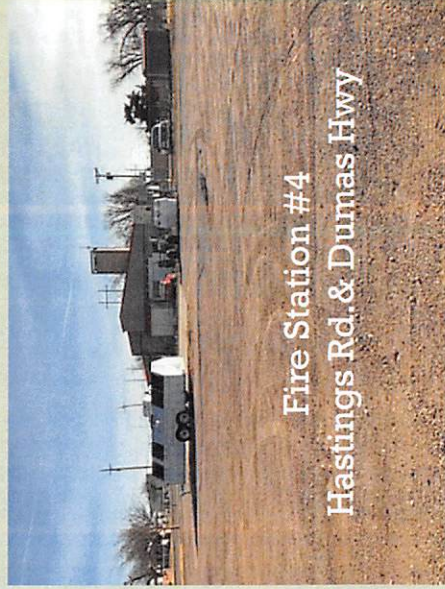


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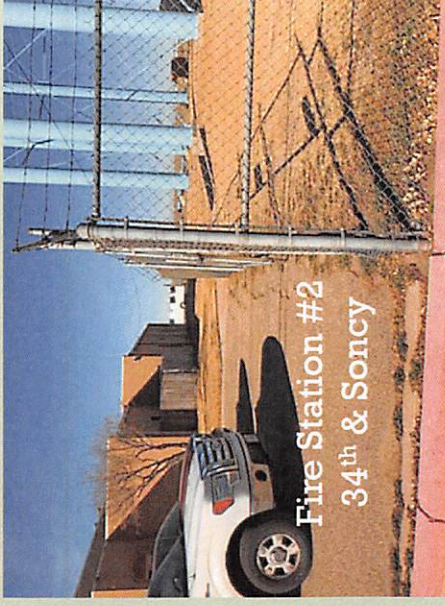
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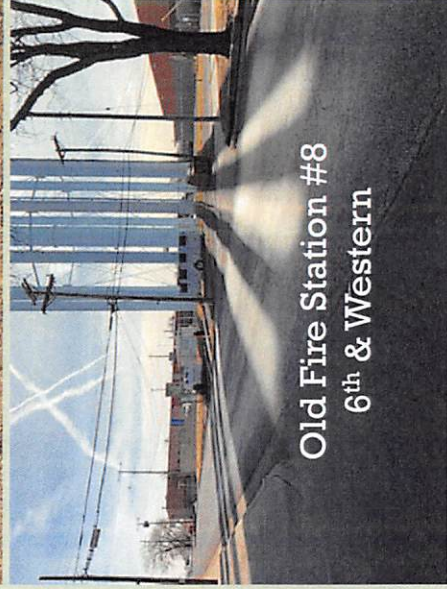
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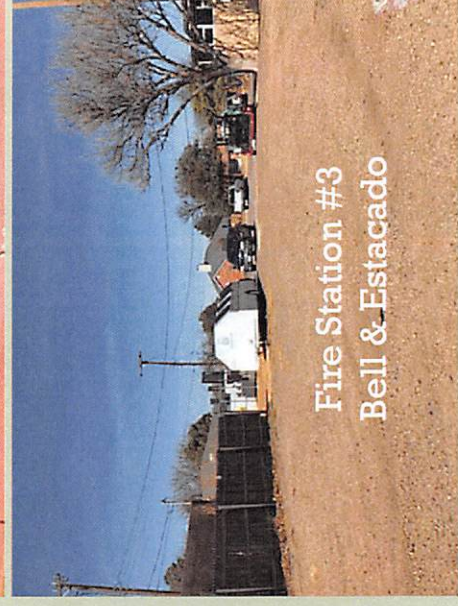
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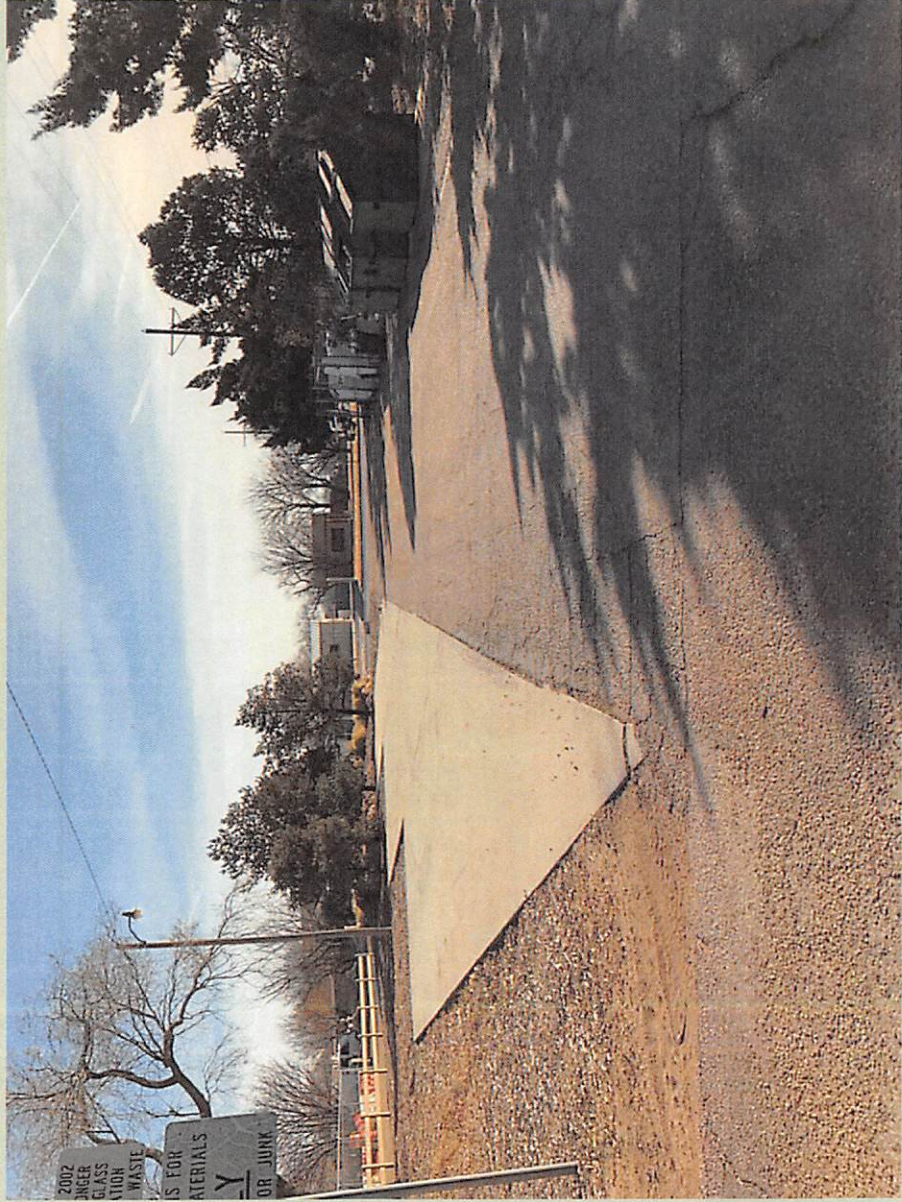


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Recycle

Why Recycling Is Important

As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations.

Getting Back to Basics

Recycling is really just common sense, and until the "modern era," it was a common household activity. Before the 1920s, 70% of U.S. cities ran programs to recycle certain materials. During World War II, industry recycled and reused about 25% of the waste stream. Because of concern for the environment, recycling is again on the upswing. The nation's composting and recycling rate rose from 7.7% of the waste stream in 1960 to 17% in 1990. It's currently up to around 33%.

The Garbage Crisis

The world has changed a lot in the past century. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. The average American discards 4.6 pounds of garbage every day. This garbage, the solid waste stream, goes mostly to landfills, where it's compacted and buried. As the waste stream continues to grow, so will pressure on our landfills, our resources, and our environment.

Recycling—An Important Part of the Solution

Recycling is one of the easiest ways you can help slow climate change and global warming. By recycling at home, you help significantly lower carbon emissions associated with extracting virgin materials, manufacturing products and waste disposal.

Last year the amount of energy saved from recycling aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newspaper and corrugated packaging was equivalent to:

- The amount of electricity consumed by 17.8 million Americans in one year.
- 26% of nuclear electricity generation in the U.S. in one year.
- 7.6% of electricity generation from fossil fuels in the U.S. in one year.
- 11% of the energy produced by coal-fired power plants in the U.S.
- The energy supplied from 2.7% of imported barrels of crude oil into the U.S.
- The amount of gasoline used in almost 11 million passenger automobiles in one year.

Information provided by the National Recycling Coalition

Path Forward

