

Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force Subcommittee Recommendations

	Regional Waste	Products & Packaging	Food & Organics	Built Environment
Recommendation #1	Establish Mechanism for Regional Collaboration and Decision making: Establish a collaborative waste “authority” to adopt and implement a regional sustainable materials management infrastructure network plan, recommend common service standards, contracting tools, and directives on the movement of materials, provide best practice guidance and resources, and develop regional education and communication campaigns. The regional body could be established through legislation or through direct intergovernmental agreements (IGAs).	Establish Regional Hub(s) for Reuse Infrastructure, Programming, and Economic Development: The region should collaborate to establish a Reuse Hubs to house reuse infrastructure, such as washing facilities, storage space, or repair shops and provide programming such as repair cafes, job training, and small business support for reuse entrepreneurs.	Convene a Regional Collaborative Body Focused on Food Waste: Establish a regional collaboration group to focus on food waste prevention, donation and recovery. The goal would be to share data and program updates, establish best practice guidance and toolkit and explore grants or incentives to drive the right behavior.	Improve Infrastructure for Managing Construction, Renovation, and Demolition Debris: Identify opportunities at existing and future materials management facilities to recover construction, renovation, and demolition debris and partner with reuse organizations to prioritize reuse of recovered materials, especially for use in construction projects.
Recommendation #2	Develop an Intermodal Hub and Spoke Transfer Network Plan: Develop a comprehensive transfer network plan (feasibility, cost, and network design) with Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Center as a central hub and county transfer sites as spokes.	Shift costs of Materials Management from Consumers and Public Sector to Producers: The region should collaborate with DEQ, and other interested groups to advocate for product stewardship policies to address additional product and material categories such as textiles, furniture, and “white goods”. These policies have high potential to shift cost burdens, reduce waste, influence product and packaging design for circularity, and generate quality data on the materials being sold into the state.	Food Waste Prevention - Focus on Commercial and Institutional Waste: Develop regional commercial and institutional prevention awareness campaigns, expand institutional prevention programming across local governments, seek and promote partnerships between food recovery and farmers to support donation and explore grants or incentives to drive the right behavior.	Integrate Adaptive Building Reuse into State Housing Strategy, Provide Supportive Resources: Integrate adaptive reuse policies into Oregon’s state housing strategy and provide supportive resources for local governments. Conversion of existing buildings can reduce the need for demolitions and new construction and can take many forms, such as conversion of residential garages, attics, and basements to ADUs, or conversion of Main Street upper floor commercial and office spaces into housing.
Recommendation #3	Develop / Upgrade Publicly owned Transfer Stations Designed for Recovery: Develop a transfer station design model that includes comprehensive recycling drop off including food & yard waste, EPR materials (e-waste, USCL / PRO list, mattresses, paint,) and designated space for reuse activities – a flexible use area that can host a range of reuse activities (furniture, electronics, textiles). The model should also include the ability to load waste into intermodal containers.	Increase Collaboration and Public Education to Recovery and Reuse of Bulky Products: The region should increase collaboration on education and outreach efforts to support behaviors and programs that focus on “upstream” management (such as reuse and repair) of bulky items like furniture and appliances.	Increase Regional Coordination & Research on Food Donation in Partnership with Non-Profits: Develop regional donation awareness campaigns, seek and promote partnerships between food banks, food rescue, large edible food waste generators to support donation and explore grants or incentives to drive the right behavior.	Adopt Policies Requiring Healthier, More Circular Building Materials: Establish state and/or local building codes that favor the use of materials that are designed for reuse and recycling, and which have lower environmental and health impacts across their lifecycle.
Recommendation #4			Expand Commercial & Single-Family Collection mid valley and Multi-Family in Metro and Lane County: Conduct gap analysis on recovery infrastructure, create playbook and templates from regional best practices (contract language, buy-back requirements, RFPs, etc). Where quantity is sufficient County or LG issue RFP for processing. Include depackaging capability. Explore public owned – privately operated compost facility in mid valley – (cross over with Regional Waste).	<i>As of 05/28/2025, RRS, Start Consulting</i>

Map Out Potential Connections

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