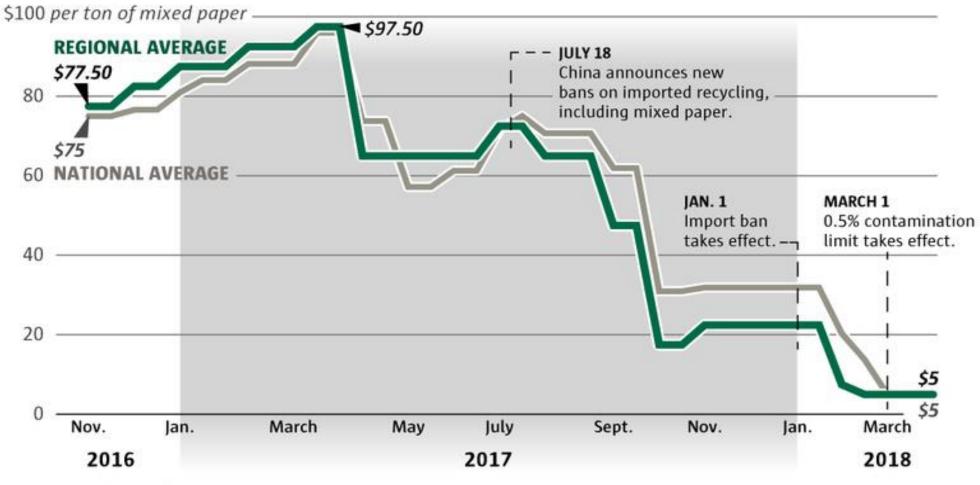
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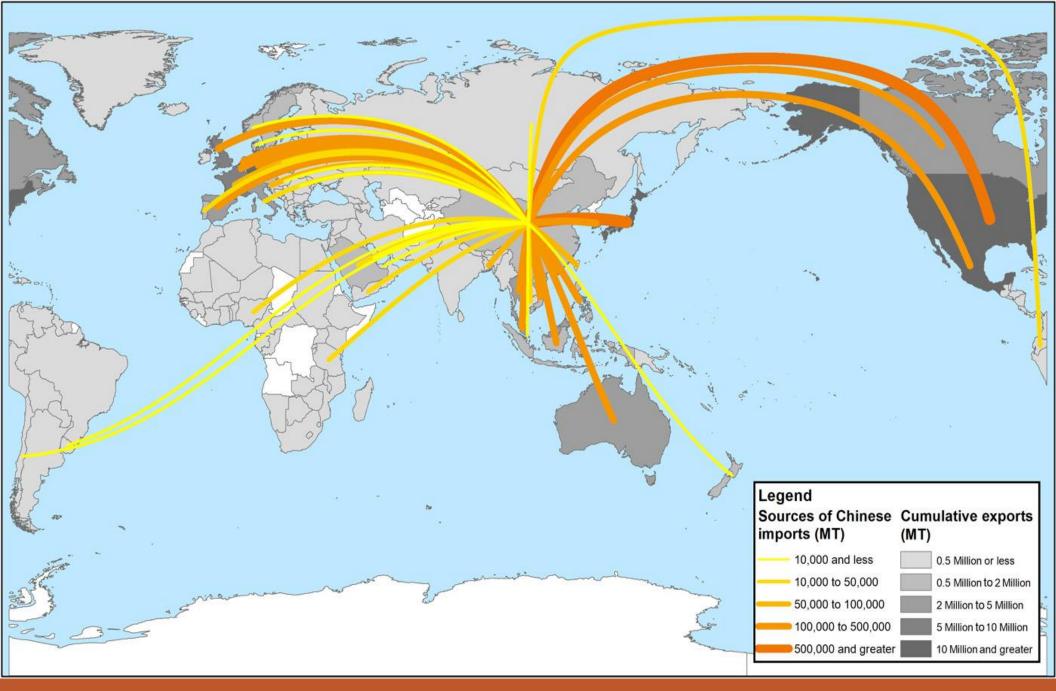
#### China closes the door, prices crash

The average price paid to recyclers for a ton of mixed paper in the Pacific Northwest and across North America has plummeted in the last year.



Source: RecyclingMarkets.net

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# Chinese Sword Impacts

Commodity values have plummeted.

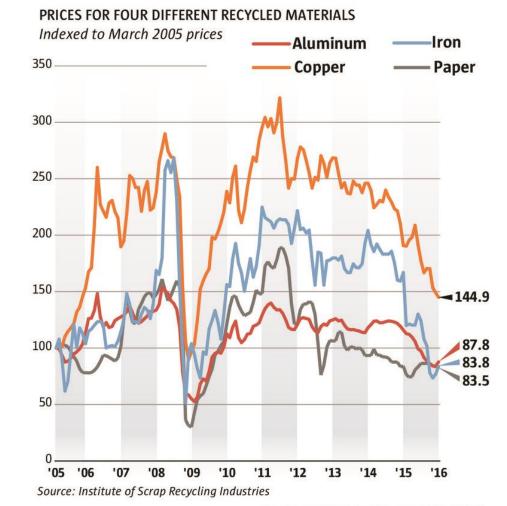
Mixed paper dropped from \$75 per ton in November 2016 to \$0 per ton in June 2018.

Processors paid municipalities for recyclables, now municipalities pay processors.



#### **Recycled-material prices drop**

Prices fluctuate for recycled materials, and some are hitting severe lows compared to four or five years ago.

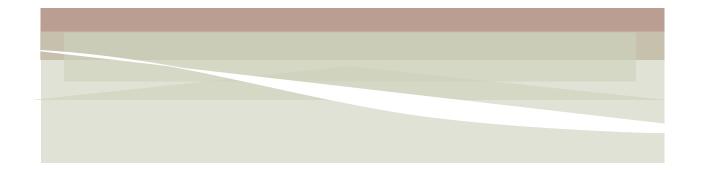


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### Brighter Days Are on the Horizon







# Catalyzing Action

DOMESTIC MARKETS

# Understanding Market Value

#### 2016 AVERAGE PLASTIC \$/TON ° \$1,000

#### 2016 US PLASTICS EXPORTED TO CHINA

• 700,000 tons

2016 VALUE OF US EXPORTED PLASTICS

• \$700 Trillion



#### Investment Opportunities



# Investment Opportunities

Encouraging domestic markets for recyclable

Promoting public-privatepartnerships

Fostering Innovation"Upcycling"





#### Plastic-To-Fuel



#### SCS ENGI<sup>11</sup> EERS

# Brightmark Energy

#### Northwest Indiana

Annually convert 100,000 tons of plastic into 18 million gallons of fuel and six million gallons of commercial wax

Partnered with the State of Indiana

\$260,000 Development

Under Construction-2020 Commission





# Key Considerations

Do they have a commercially-operating facility? • R&D, Pilot, Commercial

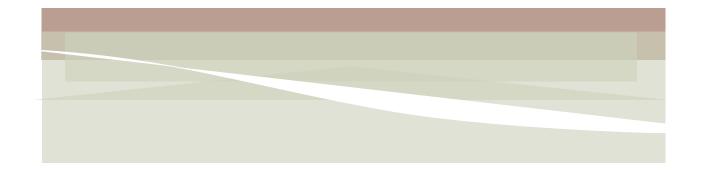
Do they understand the supply chain for targeted recyclables?

Are their specifications realistic?

Do they have long-term, off-take agreements?

How are they financed?





# Catalyzing Action

ESTABLISHING FINANCIALLY-VIABLE ORGANICS RECOVERY SYSTEMS

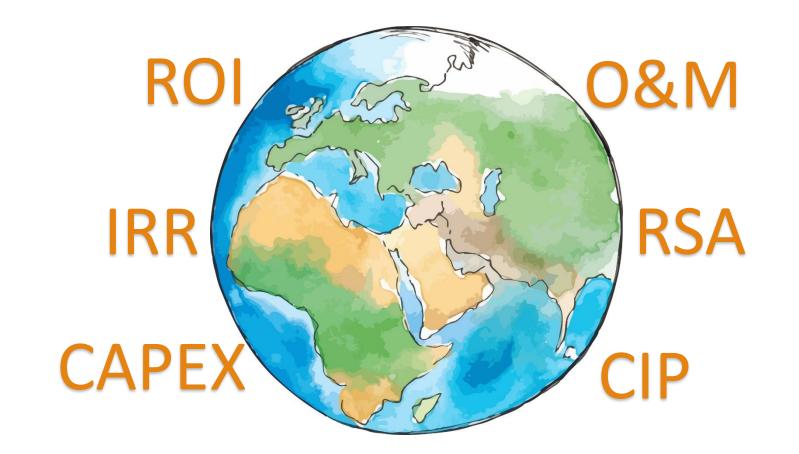
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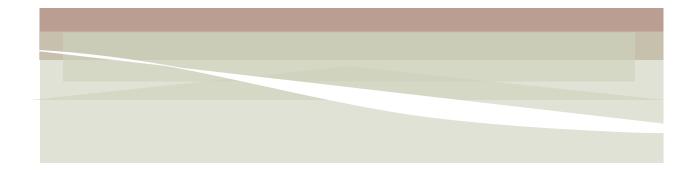




#### It's A New Word World



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#### Lorain Class II Compost Facility

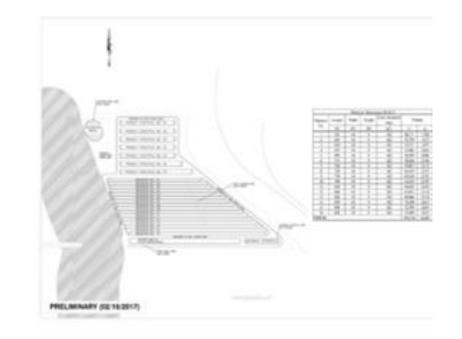
BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS

# Preliminary Site Capacity

18,000 Tons of Yard Waste

10,000 Tons of Food Waste

- 27 Open Windrows
- Twice a Year Product Production
- 60% Reduction Rate



# Approach





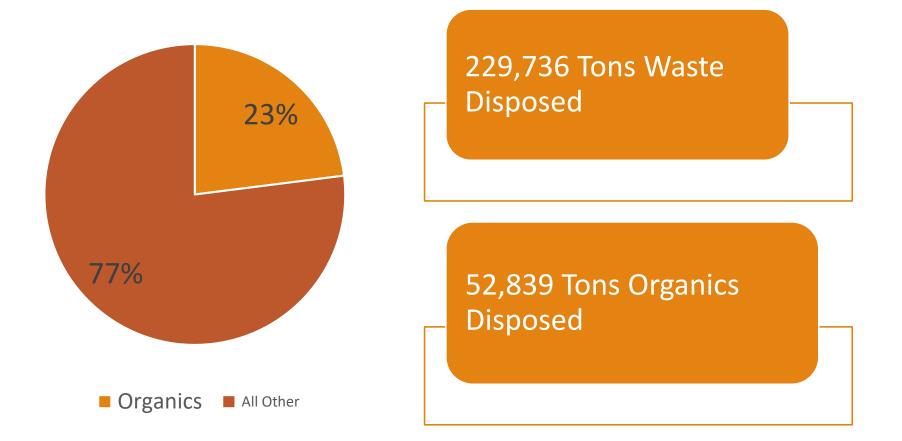


Securing Feed Stock

#### Market Assessment

#### Financial Pro Forma

### Securing Feedstock



# Organic Feedstock Capture Potential

Facility	Tons
Amherst Township	1,327
Avon Lake	1,802
Carlisle Township	60
City of Lorain	447
Kyle's Landscaping	26
City of Oberlin	115
M&B Trucking	170
TOTAL YARD WASTE	4,181
FOOD WASTE	1,000
TOTAL ORGANICS	5,181

## Site Requirements

Site Element	Acres
Compost Pad	2
Receiving Area	1
Screening/Product Storage	1.3
Access Roads	1.1
Storm Water Basin	0.5
Set Back	N/A
TOTAL	5.9





# Compost Value

#### TIPPING FEES (\$/CY)

Material	Range
Leaves	\$0.53 - \$1.40
Brush	\$0.32- \$0.95
Bagged Yard Waste	\$2.24 - \$4.16
Food Scraps	\$5.00 - \$10.00

#### PRODUCT SALES (\$/CY)

Material	Range	
Compost	\$25 - \$55	
Mulch	\$15 - \$40	



#### Market Competition





# Finance

#### CAPEX

#### **County Finance**

- Project Term
- Site Development Term
- Equipment Term
- Financing Interest Rate

#### **District Reserves**

- 2017
- 2024
- Annual Capital Reserve Fund
- Annual Capital Reserve Fund
- Annual Equipment Inflation

#### \$1.300 Million

15 Years

15 Years Two7-Year Tranches 5%

\$1.300 Million \$1.353 Million \$214,000 Tranche 1 \$258,500 Tranche 2 3%

### 0&M





# Revenues-Expenditures (YR1)

Yard Waste Tip Fees	Food Waste Tip Fees	Financed	Product Sales	EOY Cash Flow
No	No	Yes	Low	(\$334,950)
No	Low	Yes	Low	(\$306,950)
No	No	Yes	Medium	\$103,050
No	Low	Yes	Medium	\$131,050
No	No	No	Low	(\$339,750)
No	Low	No	Low	(\$311,750)
No	No	No	Medium	\$98,250
No	Low	No	Medium	\$126,250

## **Final Recommendation**

Lorain County Own Private Processor Operate

