



**Cuyahoga County**  
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

# 2023 Annual Report & Residential Recycling Report

ASSESSING  
OUR PAST  
& CURRENT  
SERVICES

LOOKING  
TO THE  
FUTURE

STRIVING  
FOR IMPACT  
IN OUR  
REGION



# 2023: Increased Outreach, New Programs, and Planning

We are grateful that this past year provided us with the opportunity to meet more of you at events where you live, work and play. In 2023, District staff doubled both public and business in-person engagements! Our staff appreciates occasions when we can share information and knowledge on sustainable materials management and how to lessen the impact of waste on the environment.



The District worked to expand its outreach and messaging on existing programs and services through a 30% increase in social media posts and expanding educational information on its website. Users of our web page increased 9% in 2023 and the top five inquiries for our website's 'What Do I Do With?' search were...

- 1) Computers & Electronics,
- 2) Household Hazardous Waste, 3) Televisions, 4) Paper & Boxes and 5) Fluorescent Bulbs.

In the Fall of 2023, we piloted two new offerings – the Reduce Reuse Repair Fair and a Pumpkin Composting Collection Program.

The Reduce Reuse Repair Fair debuted at the Watershed Stewardship Center in Parma on September 9, 2023. It highlighted organizations and vendors that reduce, repair, repurpose or reuse materials. Visitors were exposed to ideas on repurposing and reusing old furniture; repairing items for continued use; reducing material waste through the use of refillable containers; and other earth-friendly ideas.

A pilot initiative, the Pumpkin Composting Collection Program, encouraged residents to bring their non-decorated pumpkins and gourds to three sites for composting versus placing them in their trash. In one week, October 30 through November 5, the drop-offs sites collected approximately 7.5 tons of pumpkins and gourds. The communities of Garfield Heights, Strongsville and Westlake hosted the pilot collection sites while Kurtz Bros. managed the composting.

The District also initiated the update process for its Solid Waste Management Plan in 2023. Our team dedicated significant time to evaluating past and present programs and services to assess what new services and programs might be developed. The District will be soliciting input from its community and business partners throughout 2024 and 2025 as it formulates a strategy for decreasing reliance on landfills and orchestrating greater sustainable material management practices.

We look forward to working with you in 2024 and beyond to create a better environment in northeast Ohio for you and your families.

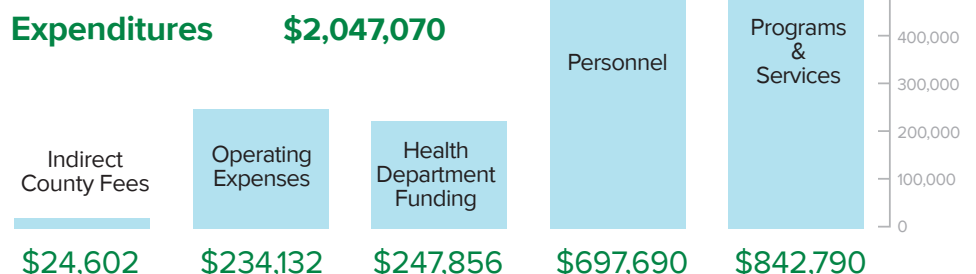
*Beth Biggins-Ramer*  
Executive Director

## 2023 Key Stats



## 2023 Financial Report

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,772,218</b>
Generation Fees	\$2,680,422
Grants	\$75,000
Recycling Sales & Other Revenue	\$16,796



# 2023 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING REPORT

## Key

This chart shows the percentage of each community's waste stream that was recycled and composted in 2023. These add up to the total recycling rate for each community.

## % Recycled

The percentage of the community's total residential waste collected for recycling. Includes cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, plastic bottles and jugs, scrap metal, appliances, computers, household hazardous wastes and scrap tires, etc. collected from recycling.

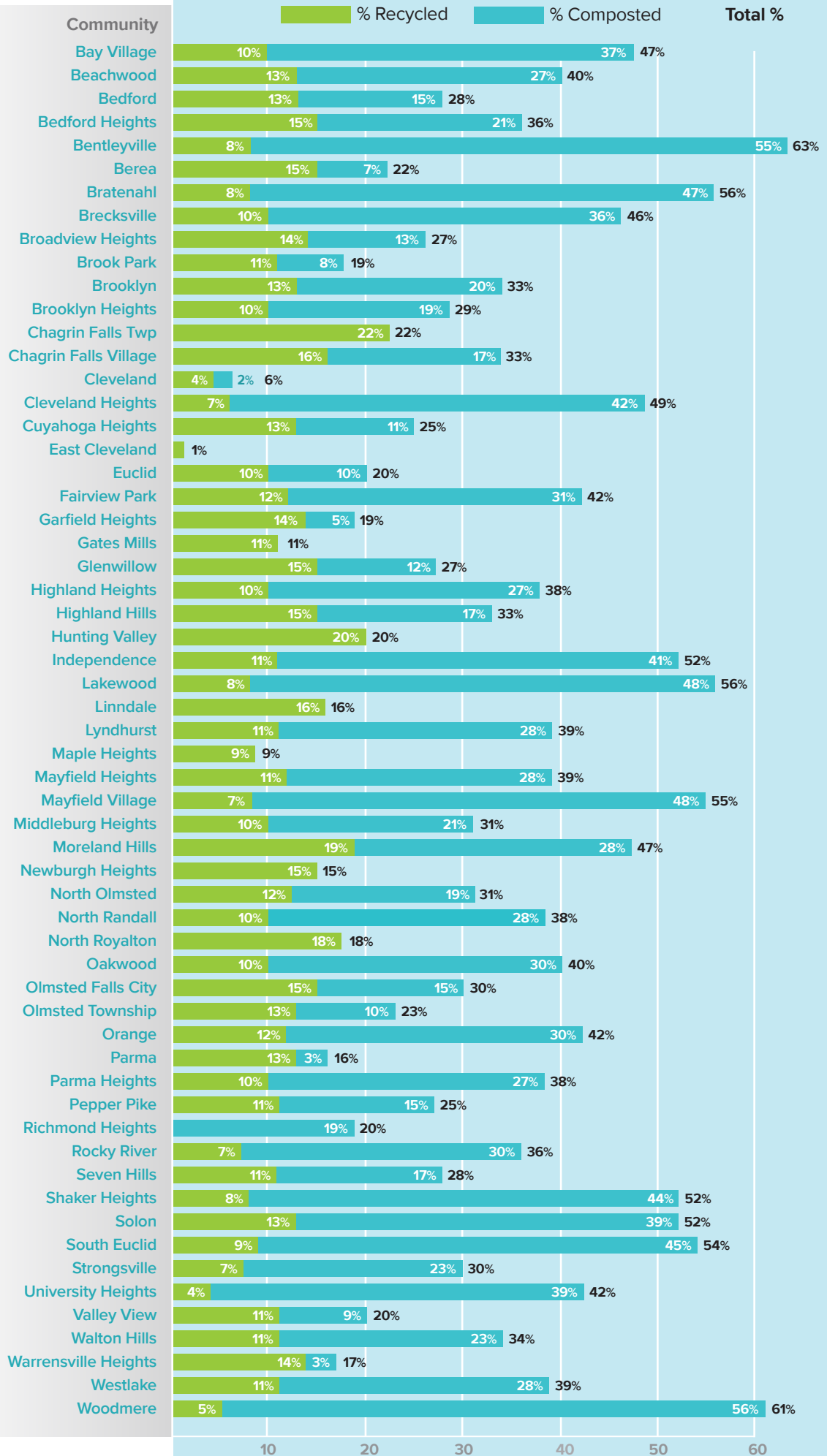


## % Composted

The percentage of a community's total residential waste that was collected for composting or mulching. Includes yard waste leaves, grass, brush and wood waste.



\* Percentages may not add up to the total due to rounding.





**Key** This data reflects materials collected through each community's residential waste collection, recycling and yard waste management programs. It excludes materials from commercial buildings, retail stores, restaurants and apartment complexes that are not served by the community's waste collection program.

**2023 Tons Landfilled Solid Waste**

= Consists of non-recycled trash that is taken to a landfill for disposal.

**2023 Tons Recycled Recyclables**

= Consists of cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, plastic bottles and jugs, scrap metal, appliances, computers, household hazardous waste and scrap tires, etc. collected for recycling.

**2023 Tons Recycled Organics**

= Consists of food waste, yard waste, leaves, grass, brush and wood collected for mulching and/or composting.

**2023 Total Recycling Rate**

= The percentage of residential waste diverted from landfills through the community's reuse, recycling and composting programs. The recycling rate is calculated by dividing the total tons recycled (organics + recyclables) by the total tons of waste generated (tons landfilled + tons recycled).

**2022 Total Recycling Rate**

Provided for comparison purposes.

Community	2023 Landfilled Solid Waste	2023 Tons Recycled Recyclables	2023 Tons Recycled Organics	2023 Total Recycling Rate	2022 Total Recycling Rate
Bay Village	7,345.88	1,419.12	5,164.61	47.26%	56.04%
Beachwood	3,418.66	731.58	1,513.80	39.64%	48.21%
Bedford	4,222.32	786.66	859.56	28.05%	19.06%
Bedford Heights	2,431.96	584.78	782.41	35.99%	35.07%
Bentleyville	397.14	89.27	601.33	63.49%	44.11%
Berea	7,443.60	1,385.09	679.33	21.71%	24.62%
Bratenahl	475.64	90.72	509.44	55.79%	56.82%
Brecksville	5,395.99	1,049.25	3,606.75	46.32%	45.60%
Broadview Heights	7,077.42	1,319.22	1,274.06	26.82%	27.43%
Brook Park	9,127.07	1,195.41	939.98	18.96%	17.96%
Brooklyn	3,665.90	698.26	1,119.60	33.15%	36.00%
Brooklyn Heights	672.68	98.12	182.00	29.40%	29.57%
Chagrin Falls Township	51.48	14.87	0.00	22.41%	0.22%
Chagrin Falls Village	1,420.95	337.90	361.42	32.98%	62.41%
Cleveland	134,767.50	5,921.91	2,762.52	6.05%	3.76%
Cleveland Heights	15,098.92	2,025.13	12,528.00	49.08%	53.20%
Cuyahoga Heights	296.75	52.89	44.83	24.77%	27.48%
East Cleveland	4,454.65	48.93	1.67	1.12%	1.00%
Euclid	16,467.65	1,985.55	2,159.12	20.11%	20.09%
Fairview Park	6,590.41	1,325.86	3,530.12	42.42%	38.94%
Garfield Heights	10,142.23	1,729.67	592.63	18.63%	10.55%
Gates Mills	1,067.86	128.25	1.15	10.81%	16.53%
Glenwillow	732.36	152.53	121.50	27.23%	19.22%
Highland Heights	3,689.94	611.71	1,605.67	37.54%	38.26%
Highland Hills	162.47	37.29	41.02	32.52%	55.83%
Hunting Valley	344.52	84.93	1.33	20.02%	23.59%
Independence	3,335.77	764.98	2,819.54	51.80%	39.28%
Lakewood	17,818.48	3,427.21	19,703.33	56.49%	56.40%
Linndale	60.18	11.60	0.00	16.16%	13.32%
Lyndhurst	5,765.32	1,039.83	2,589.95	38.63%	38.47%
Maple Heights	8,705.90	837.92	3.00	8.81%	9.40%
Mayfield Heights	4,963.93	934.72	2,296.01	39.42%	50.78%
Mayfield Village	1,432.48	207.59	1,522.05	54.70%	40.03%
Middleburg Heights	4,244.97	612.57	1,312.67	31.20%	38.07%
Moreland Hills	1,222.78	432.05	640.01	46.72%	36.88%
Newburgh Heights	885.00	151.60	2.67	14.84%	14.26%
North Olmsted	12,605.46	2,171.48	3,573.00	31.31%	33.28%
North Randall	119.59	19.64	53.20	37.85%	28.04%
North Royalton	10,710.91	2,381.55	38.97	18.43%	19.40%
Oakwood	908.00	156.41	450.02	40.04%	47.75%
Olmsted Falls City	3,150.69	687.73	679.85	30.27%	30.25%
Olmsted Township	4,119.68	715.41	532.21	23.24%	24.86%
Orange	1,315.27	278.00	672.90	41.96%	42.18%
Parma	35,859.49	5,766.32	1,216.88	16.30%	16.53%
Parma Heights	4,771.25	796.15	2,105.52	37.82%	33.78%
Pepper Pike	2,830.26	398.23	552.23	25.14%	23.14%
Richmond Heights	3,766.81	23.18	901.16	19.70%	20.32%
Rocky River	8,686.00	891.63	4,065.33	36.33%	34.38%
Seven Hills	5,059.00	746.01	1,215.67	27.94%	31.44%
Shaker Heights	8,095.46	1,330.50	7,537.74	52.28%	53.52%
Solon	7,703.00	2,006.44	6,200.71	51.58%	45.75%
South Euclid	8,372.80	1,633.66	8,159.67	53.91%	52.69%
Strongsville	20,295.89	1,986.57	6,527.58	29.55%	31.70%
University Heights	4,522.39	282.29	3,054.33	42.46%	31.91%
Valley View	1,035.08	140.16	119.77	20.07%	22.75%
Walton Hills	942.46	163.18	327.60	34.24%	38.45%
Warrensville Heights	2,886.89	481.30	107.73	16.95%	18.72%
Westlake	12,208.03	2,249.60	5,632.39	39.23%	39.87%
Woodmere	161.19	22.51	232.10	61.23%	60.89%
<b>Community Totals</b>	<b>455,522.36</b>	<b>57,652.90</b>	<b>125,829.64</b>	<b>28.71%</b>	<b>28.07%</b>

**Our Staff**

- Beth Biggins-Ramer** *Executive Director*
- Jessica Fenos** *Assistant Director*
- Carin Miller** *Education Specialist*
- Maria Ortiz** *Business Administrator*
- Doreen Schreiber** *Business Recycling Specialist*
- Cristie Snyder** *Communications Specialist*
- Matt Walters** *Recycling Programs Coordinator*

**Our Board of Directors**

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