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Zero Waste Victoria



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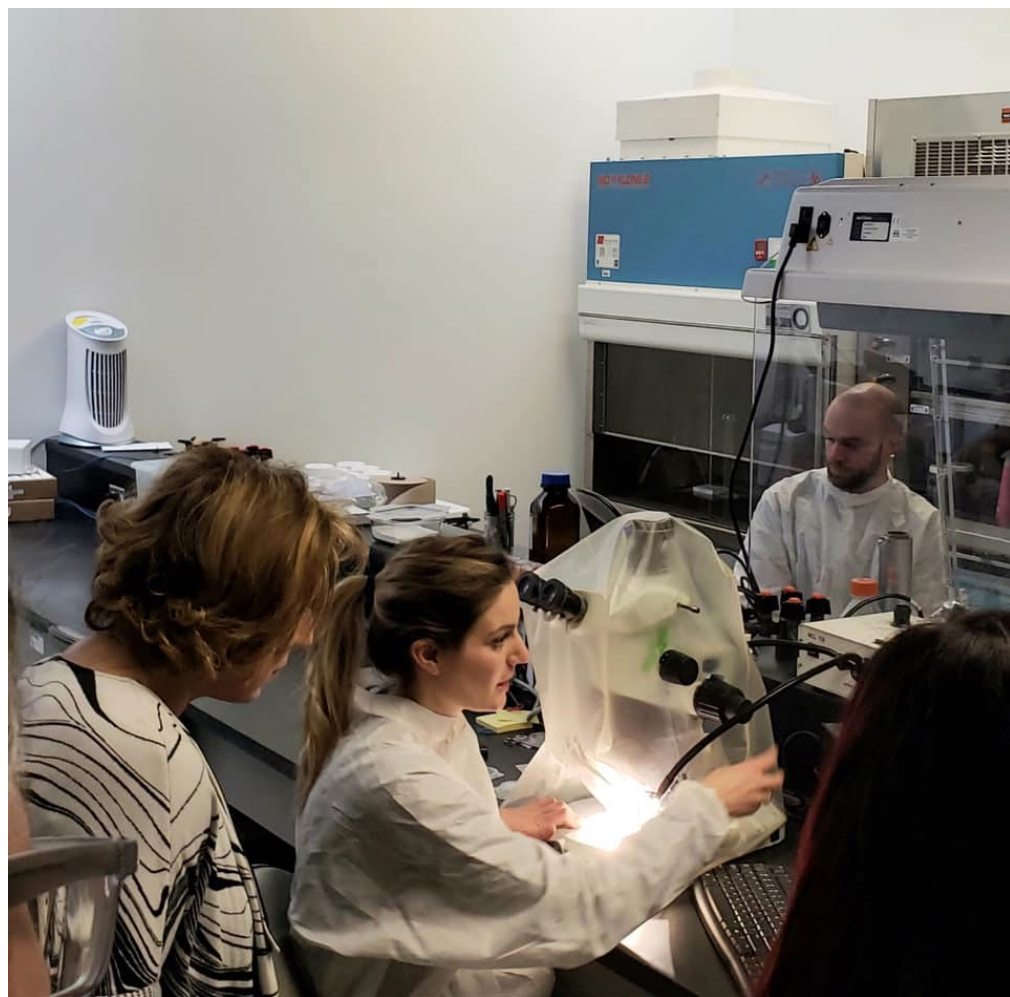


The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People.





About me

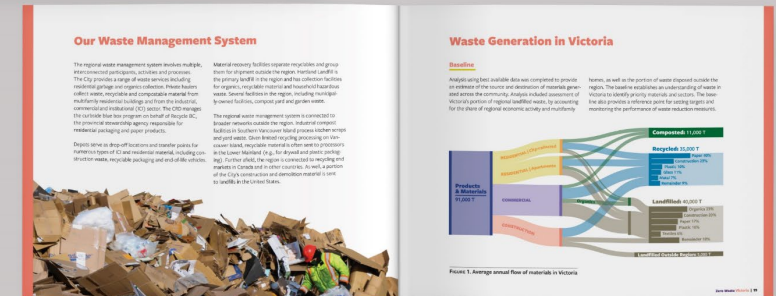


Waste reduction and climate action is a team effort

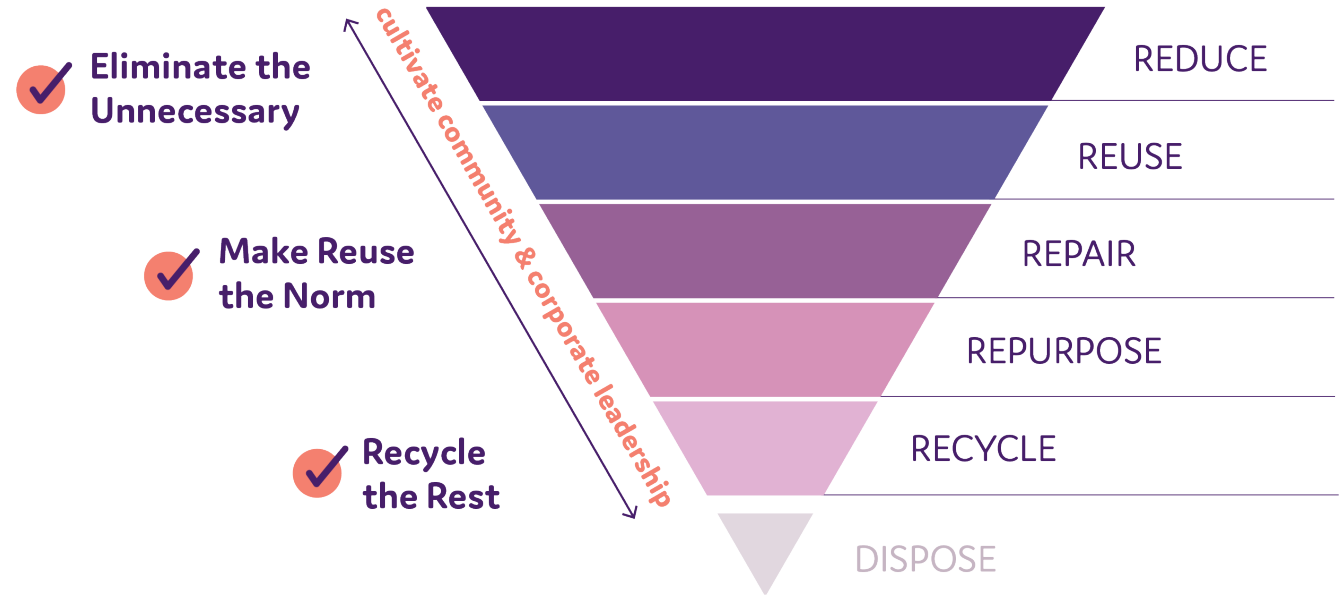


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- Zero Waste Victoria adopted December 2020
- 50% waste reduction target by 2040
- 40 enduring and actionable strategies
- Emphasis on reduction and reuse



Focus & Approach



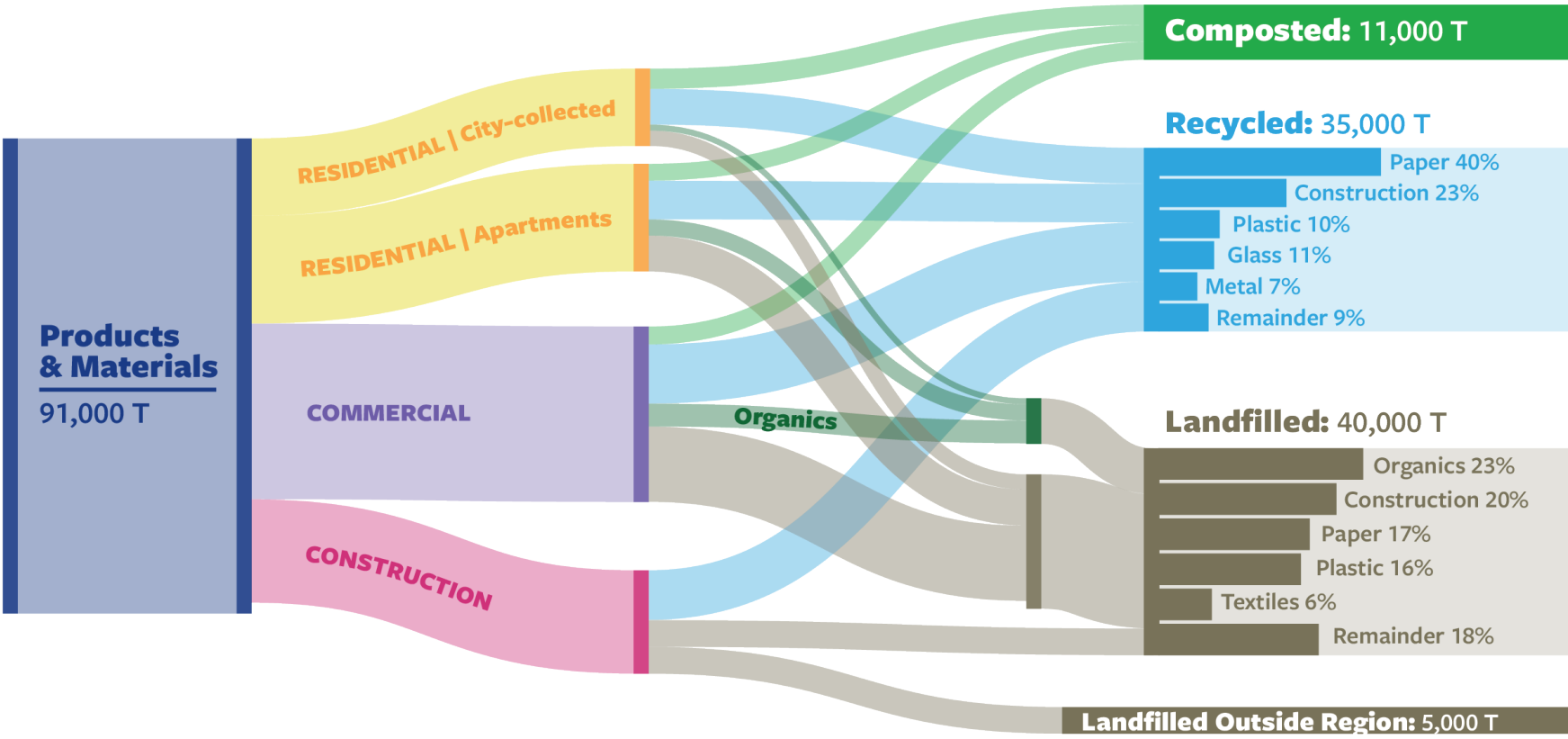


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The Flow of Wasted Materials



Disposal would increase by up to 40% by 2040 without meaningful intervention

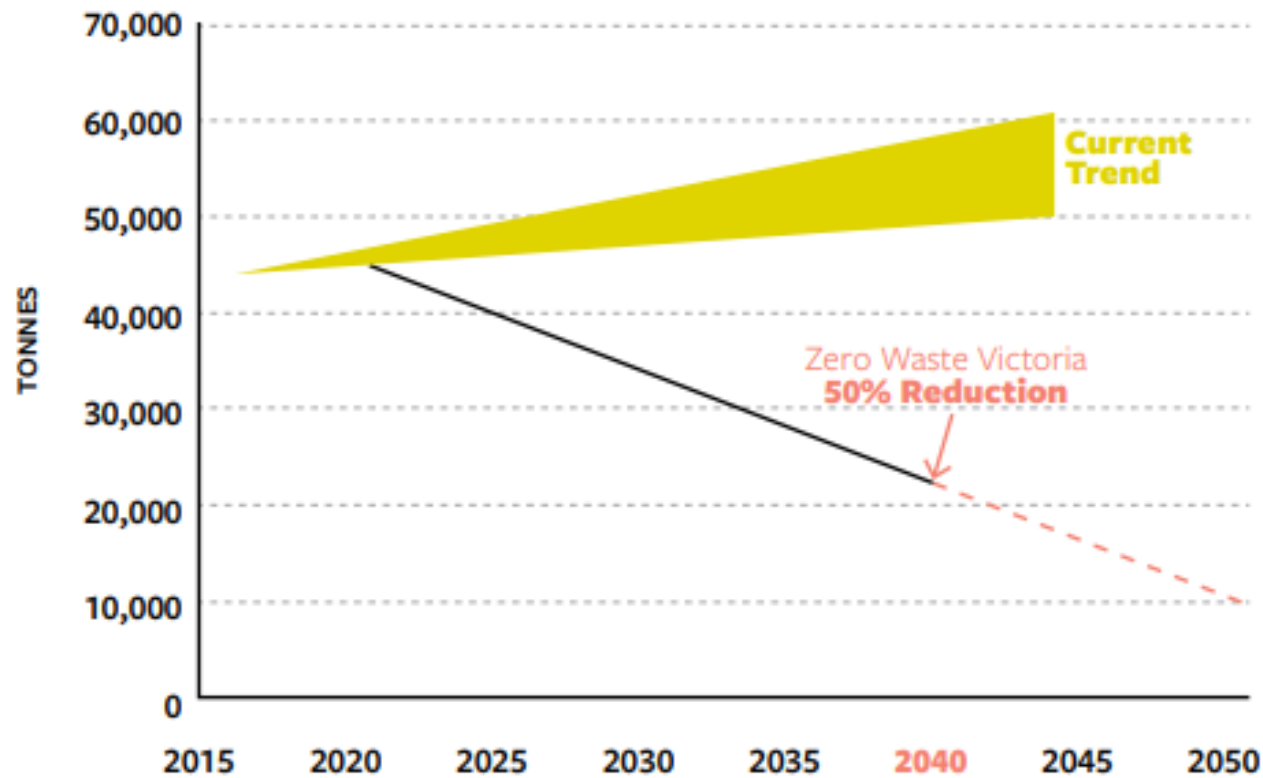
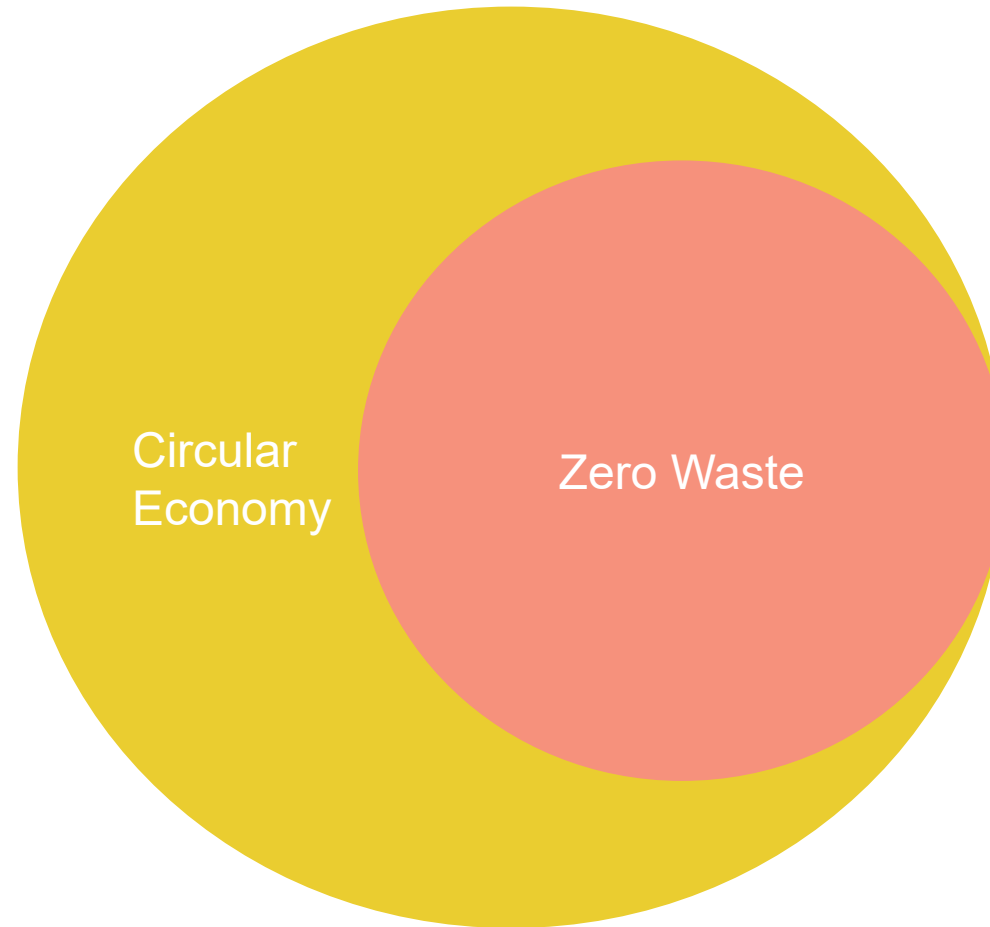


FIGURE 2. Landfill disposal targets

Community Consultation

- Stakeholders representing 57 organizations across the region
- 10 online focus group sessions that included 98 participants representing 57 organizations.
- Representation from government, businesses, private waste management service providers, mission-based organizations and neighbourhood associations.

Zero Waste vs. Circular Economy



Government Roles and Responsibilities

FEDERAL

Hazardous waste transport, infrastructure funding, research and guidance

PROVINCIAL

Regulates landfills and pollution, enforces “producer pays”

REGIONAL

Solid waste management planning, landfills and material bans

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Residential organics and garbage collection, public realm bins, yard waste, litter, illegally dumped items



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Recycling: A hot topic!

- BC has EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility)
- Curbside Blue box program facilitated by Recycle BC
- “Contamination” is a major challenge
- Diverse and growing packaging options



Sustainable Takeout Guide

Product and Purchasing Guidelines
for Victoria's Food Service Businesses



Disclaimer: This guide is not intended to inform food safety. Businesses must follow food safe procedures established by the local health authority.

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Single-use Item Reduction

- Reduction and reuse over disposables
- Engagement with businesses and industry

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Reducing Food Waste

Learn from local experts about the impact of food waste and local solutions for food rescue and redistribution.



Demolition Waste & Deconstruction





Engagement Exercise

1. How can you include waste reduction in your curriculum?
2. What resources do you currently have to do this?
3. How can schools play a role in reaching our waste reduction target?



Thank You!

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