

2007 Update on DEC 's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs

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Historical Perspective

YEAR	Data Collected from Planning Unit Surveys							Supplemental		Total
	Paper	Glass	Metal	Plastic	C&D	YW	Other	BUD	RCA	
1999	1.43	0.09	0.86	0.06	6.74	0.90	1.53	2.17	0.22	14.00
2000	1.65	0.07	0.91	0.06	7.21	0.92	1.62	1.55	0.19	14.18
2001	1.59	0.07	0.90	0.03	8.20	0.93	1.63	1.87	0.20	15.42
2002	1.55	0.07	0.96	0.06	9.22	0.96	1.62	1.78	0.21	16.44
2003	1.85	0.05	0.97	0.07	8.63	0.83	1.54	1.52	0.21	15.66
2004	2.03	0.14	2.18	0.07	9.58	0.89	1.47	1.29	0.20	17.85

All figures are in Millions of tons, and are rounded

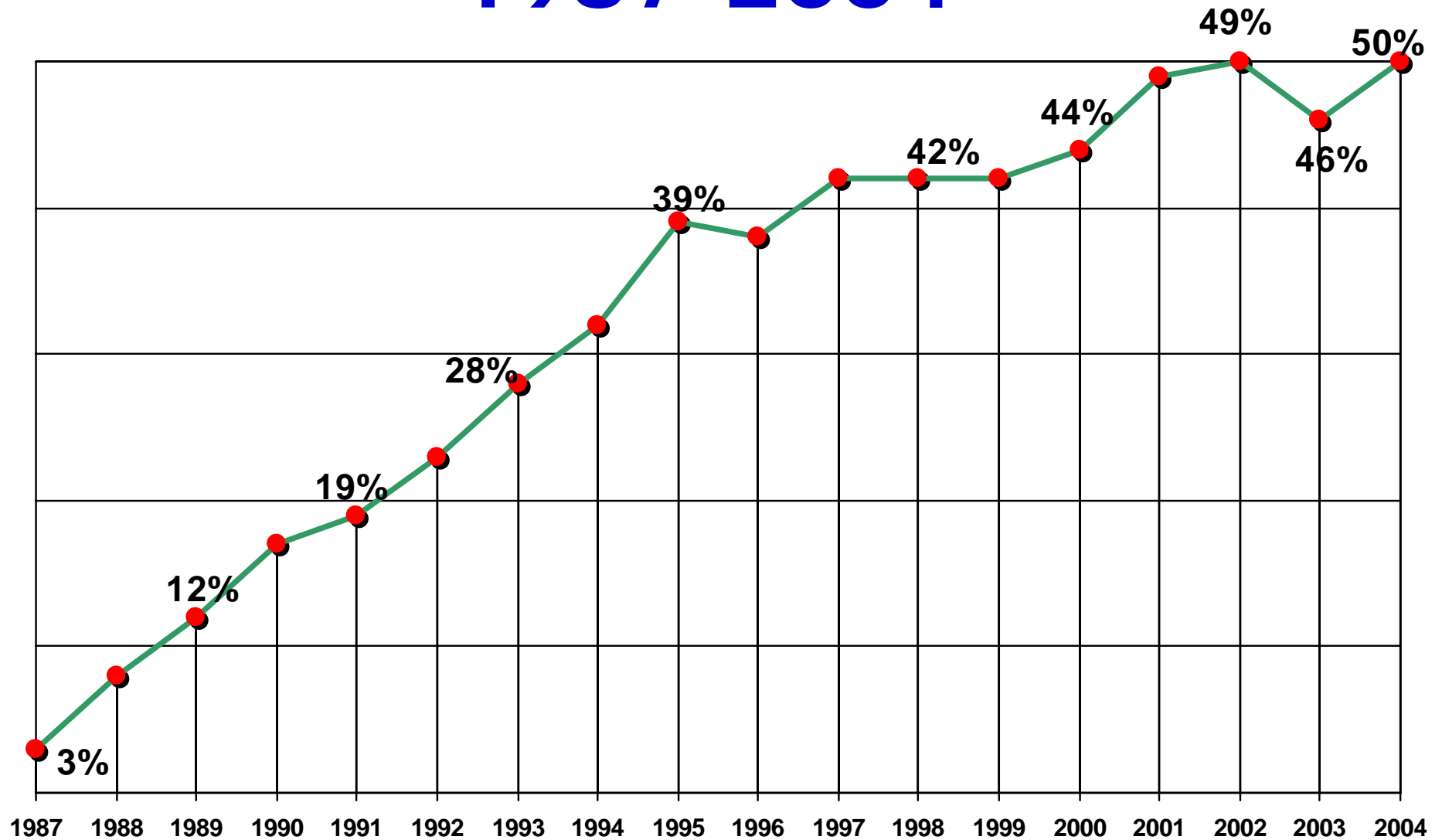
C&D is Construction and Demolition Debris

YW is Yard Waste

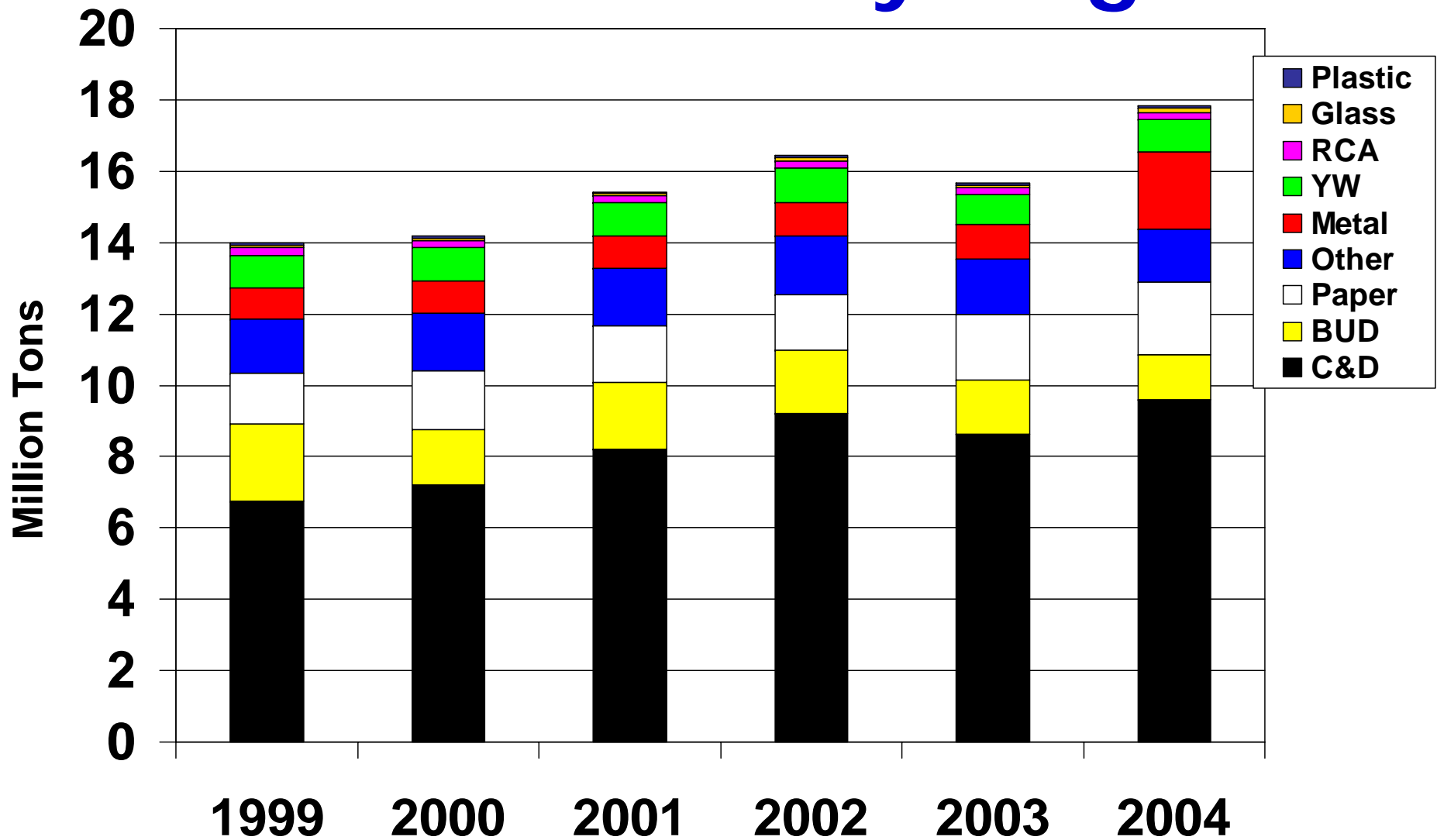
BUD is materials used pursuant to a Beneficial Use Determination

RCA is materials collected as part of the NYS Returnable Container Act

NYS Recycling Rates 1987-2004



Historical Perspective on Total Recycling



Sample Metrics – per capita recycling

The Top 10 (**and 2 relatively low**) Planning Units in pounds per capita Metal Glass Paper & Plastic recovery in 2004.

	Population	Lbs/person
TOMPKINS CO	96,500	1,765
ONONDAGA CO RRA	451,013	1,756
BROOME CO	200,536	1,243
SCHUYLER CO	19,224	967
ONEIDA-HERKIMER SWA	316,000	908
MONROE CO	735,343	869
OSWEGO CO	123,495	619
TIOGA CO	51,784	619
NEW YORK CITY	8,008,278	592
CHAUTAUQUA CO	139,000	544
M-O-S AUTHORITY	143,000	95
ST. LAWRENCE CO	111,000	18

Sample Metrics – Enviro Benefits

1. New York recycling reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2 million metric tons of carbon equivalents (MTCE) in 2004.
2. New York recycling saved 231 Trillion BTUs of energy, equivalent to 1.8 Billion gallons of gasoline.
3. By recycling 2.4 million tons of scrap metal and glass in 2004, New York's recycling efforts reduced the need for virgin materials, including
2.66 million tons of iron ore,
1.49 million tons of coal, 218,453 tons of sand,

191,317 tons of limestone, and
68,897 tons of soda ash.
4. Recycling 2 million tons of paper saved 6.7 million cubic yards of landfill space.

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Returnable Container Act

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

SINCE 1983:

90.6 Billion Total Redeemed containers

\$6.1 Billion in Deposits Paid

\$1.4 Billion in Handling Fees Paid (2 cents per container)

Over 6 million tons recycled since 1983

- **4.2 Million Tons of Glass**
- **840,000 Tons of Plastic**
- **1.1 Million Tons of Aluminum**

By recycling glass, aluminum and plastic.

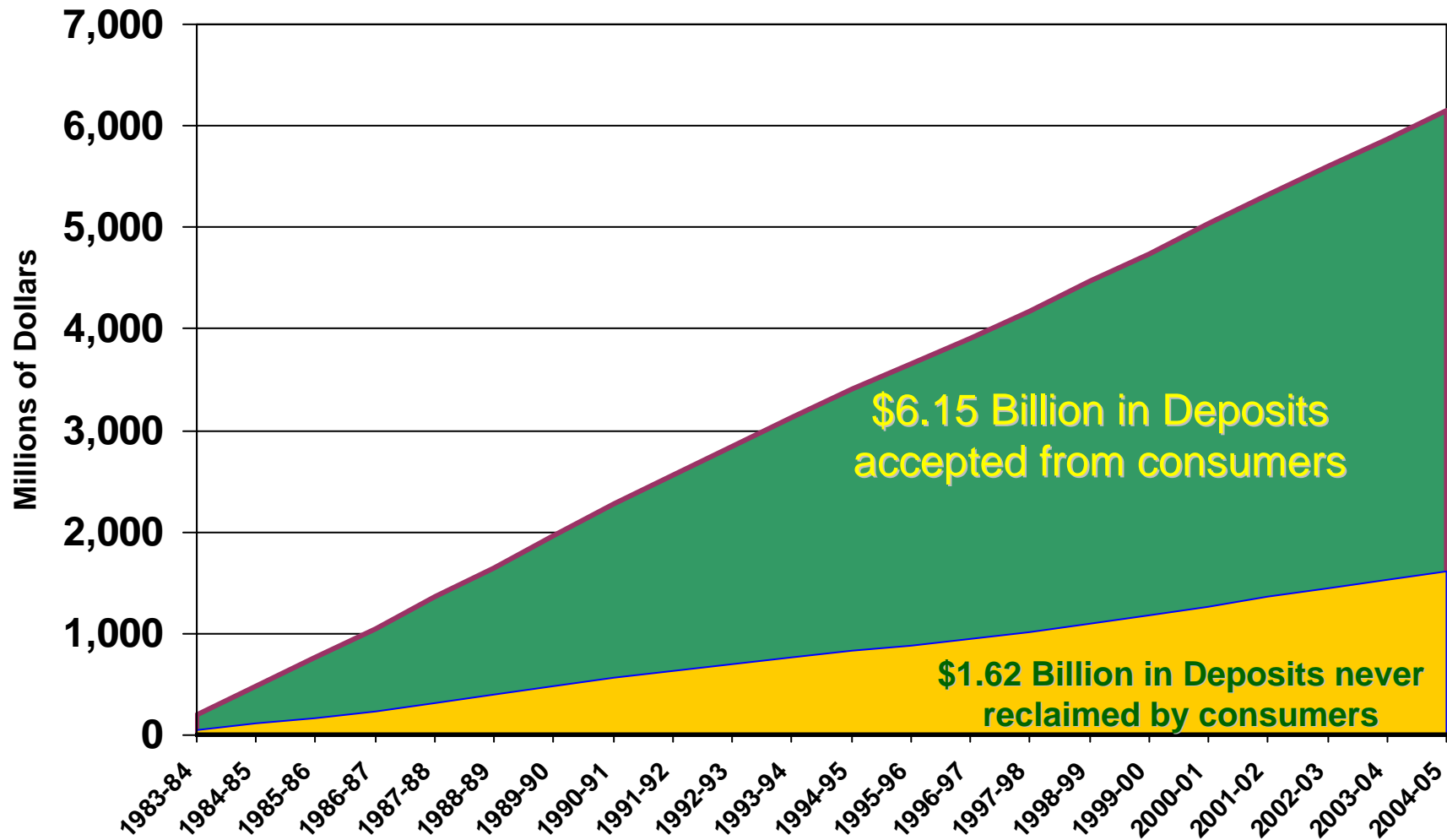
We saved 2.3 million barrels of oil per year,

We saved 52.4 million barrels of oil since 1983 which reduced the need for 26 supertankers of oil.

By recycling the aluminum cans, we saved enough energy to run a TV for 175 billion hours!



Bottle Bill Cumulative Deposits Initiated and Redeemed 1983 - 2004



Under the current Bottle Bill, \$6.15 Billion in Deposits have been initiated and collected from consumers since 1983. Of this amount, \$1.62 Billion remains as unclaimed deposits by consumers.

Returnable Container Act

June 15, 2007 is the 25th Anniversary of the enactment of the original Bottle Bill

- Commissioner Grannis and Department are participating in events around the State
- Initiated a campaign “25 Days for 25 Years” elementary school bottle drives
- Will promote the anniversary at the New York State Fair and other events throughout the year



Watch for an upcoming article in the Conservationist

Bigger, Better Bottle Bill



- Expansion of definition to include water, tea, juice, sports drinks would add approximately 3 billion containers to the 5.4 billion container already initiated in NYS.
- Deposit initiators will be required to file quarterly reports and pay the unclaimed deposits to the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.
- A conservative estimate of \$100 million in unclaimed deposits would be put into the Environmental Protection Fund.

State Agency Recycling

- We are working with other State agencies to begin or improve their waste reduction and recycling programs

Examples:

Office of General Services – improve recycling at State offices and more procurement of green products

Dept. of Education. – increase recycling in Schools

Dept. of Transportation – use of tire chips in road construction

Thruway Authority – include recycling at rest stops

New Governor's Executive Order to require additional requirements



Go Green Initiative

School Recycling

- NYSAR3 has been promoting the Go Green Initiative. We are considering working with them further on this effort.
- We were able to provide NYSAR3 with \$10,000 through an Environmental Benefit Fund from a penalty on a labeling violation of the Returnable Container Act.
- The Department is in the process of working with NYS Education Department to ensure they promote recycling in schools.

Grants for Recycling & HHW 1995 - 2007

Type of grant	Number of grants	Dollar value Lifetime	Dollar value this year to date
EPF – Recycling (Both coordinator and capital)	239	\$40.3 million	
EPF - HHW	353	\$20.5 million	\$0.84 million
Total EPF	592	\$60.8 million	\$0.84 million
CWCA Bond Act	124	\$48.8 million	
Total EPF+CWCA	716	\$109.6 million	\$0.84 million

The 2007 EPF included \$9.875 million for recycling/HHW. \$835,000 already awarded to 18 applicants for HHW collection projects.

We are also making a heightened effort to close out dormant projects from 1995 - 2002 in order to better Utilize funding from previous years.

Grants for Recycling & HHW

Three types of grants are provided under our Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program (50% match up to \$2 million)

1. **Recycling Capital Projects - recycling trucks, wood chippers, processing equipment, and household blue bins.**

Projects have included.

Materials Recycling Facilities in Rockland, Sullivan, Delaware, Fulton, Lewis and Ontario Counties. Cortland Co. MRF funding pending in 2007.

- . Composting Facilities in the Town of Islip, Onondaga County and the Oneida/Herkimer SW Authority.**
2. **Recycling Coordinator Projects (added to EPF in 2000) - Recycling Coordinators newly hired in Dutchess, Chautauqua and Erie Counties. 24 other existing RC positions continued.**
3. **Household Hazardous Waste - funds permanent HHW facilities in**

Brookhaven	Huntington
Rockland County	Schenectady County
Broome County	Monroe County
Tompkins County.	Oneida-Herkimer SW Authority

as well as HHW Collection Day programs in 40-45 additional communities every year.

Household Hazardous Wastes

EMC's can play an important role in awareness of HHW/toxics issues, safe collection/disposal and alternative products.

SOME SAMPLE ISSUES

- Disposal of **compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs** is an emerging issue due to aggressive promotion of these energy saving devices. Each bulb contains small amount (4mg) of mercury vapor, which is about 1/100th of the mercury in a home thermometer.
- **Electronics** recycling remains a challenge due to high costs and large numbers of discarded units
- **Cell phones** take back is now required by State Law (Chapter 703 of Laws of 2006).
- Disposal of **Mercury-containing devices** in regular waste is prohibited (Chapter 145 Laws of 2004).
- Sale of **Architectural & Industrial Maintenance (AIM) coatings** is banned as of May 15, 2007 including certain high-VOC formulations of varnishes, oil-based paints, wood stains, etc. (DEC Div of Air regulation 6 NYCRR Part 205)

New York Recycles

- We continue to promote New York Recycles, as part of the America Recycles. Stacy Merola, EMC Broome County services is on the steering committee.
- We completed the judging for the annual poster contest. Over 900 posters from 95 schools around the state. Posters will be featured in the calendar which is sent to schools, organizations and businesses around the state.
- We appreciate the EMC's financial support of the calendar in the past and we look forward to your continued support.



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Vehicle Dismantling Facilities

Article 27 Title 23

Signed July 28, 2006 Chapter 180, Laws of 2006

Established operating, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements

Applies to any person or entity engaged in the business of acquiring motor vehicles or trailers for the purpose of:

- **Dismantling the same for parts, or**
- **Reselling such vehicles as scrap**

Exempts facilities that both

- **Receive no more than 25 EOL vehicles per year, and**
- **Store less than 50 EOLs on-site**



Article 27 Title 23

Operating Requirements

- All fluid draining/collection activities must take place on a concrete pad or equivalent surface.
- Fluids must be stored in closed, clearly marked, undamaged containers that are placed on a bermed surface of concrete or equivalent material.
- Lead acid batteries must not be stored on the ground and must be covered to prevent contact with water. Leaking batteries must be stored in leakproof containers.
- PCB capacitors and mercury containing devices must be stored in separate labeled containers for recycling or disposal.

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Operating Requirements

Fluids/Materials to be Removed prior to Crushing:

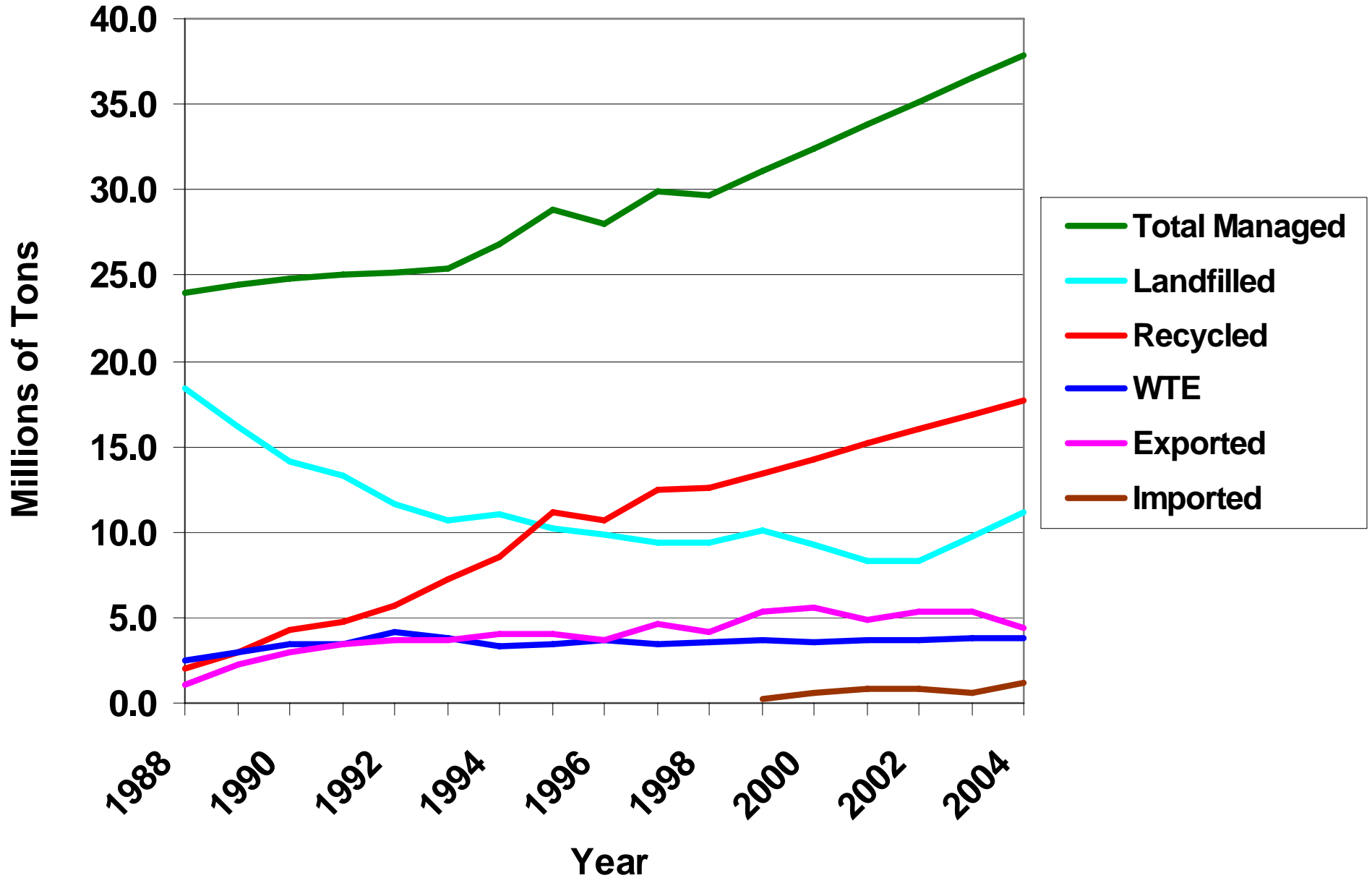
- Engine Oil
- Transmission Fluid
- Axle Fluids
- Antifreeze
- Power Steering Fluid
- Lead acid batteries
- Mercury devices
- PCB capacitors
- Refrigerants
- Air bags

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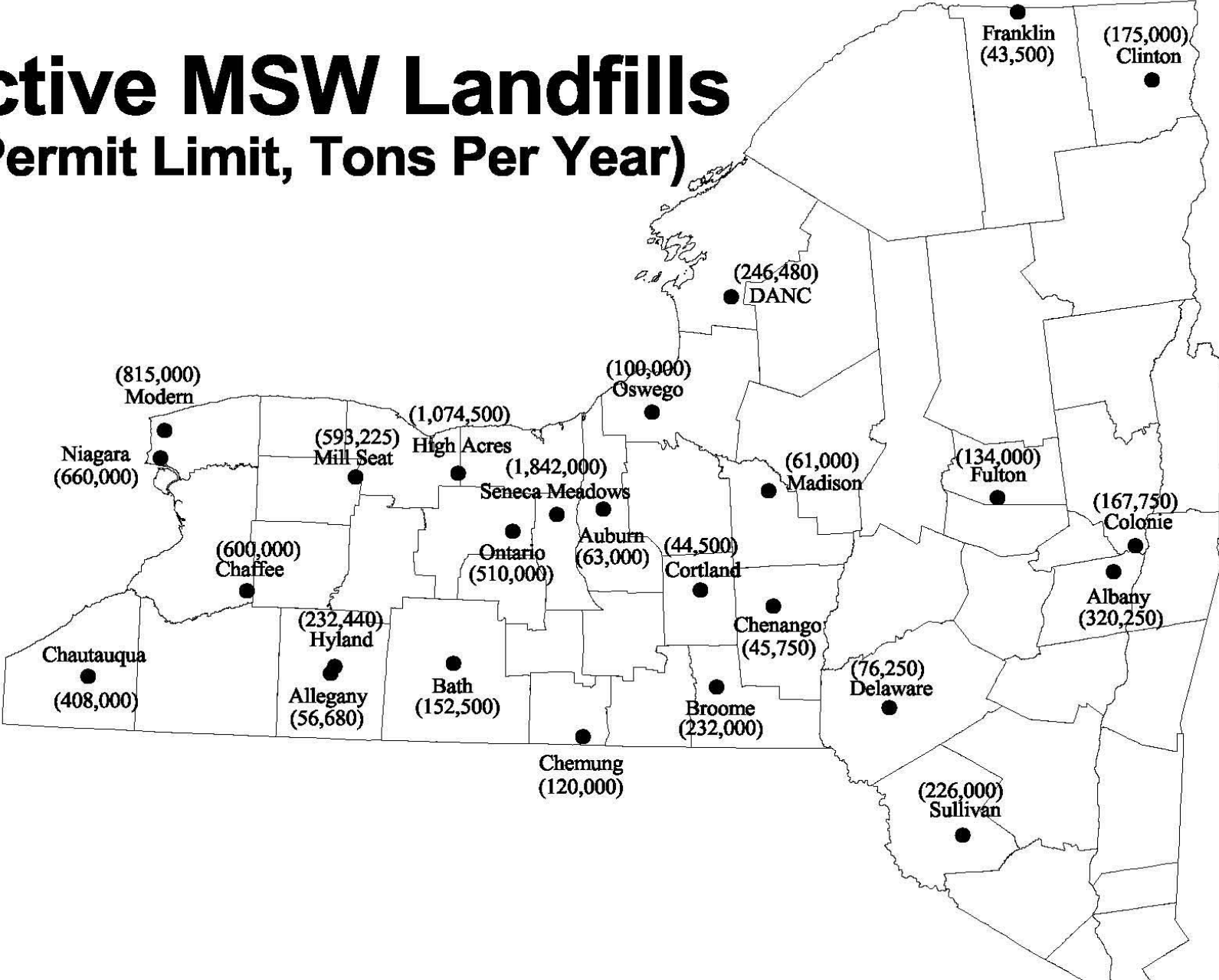
- Number of Vehicles Received
- Number of Vehicles Crushed & Removed
- Number of Vehicles Stored at year's end
- Area used for vehicle storage
- Quantities of waste fluids & components
- “Number and ...nature of any violations of all applicable rules and regulations of the state”

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials

Active MSW Landfills (Permit Limit, Tons Per Year)



Additional Major Programs administered within the DSHM Solid Waste/Recycling Bureau

- **SWM Facility Permitting and regulations (Part 360)**
- **Organics and Biosolids Mgmt (360-4 and 360-5)**
- **Waste Transporter Permit Program (Part 364)**
- **Landfill Closure & Landfill Gas Grants Programs**
- **Waste Tire Stockpile Abatement Program**
- **Local SWM Planning and Reporting Programs**
- **Beneficial Use Determination Program**
- **Regulated Medical Waste Program**
- **Mercury Reduction Program**
- **Executive Order 142 (State agency WR&R) Reporting**
- **Public Education Efforts**

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