

# Solid Waste Program Update



## City of Ann Arbor Environmental Commission

Thursday April 27, 2023

# Presentation Overview

- Solid Waste Fund Update
- Downtown Solid Waste Overview
- Winter Compost Update
- Metrics
- New Initiatives:
  - Update on New Drop-Off Station
  - Multi-Family Outreach
  - Commercial Compost
  - Other Programs
- Questions/Answers



# Solid Waste Fund Update

- Refer to written reports

# Downtown Solid Waste Update

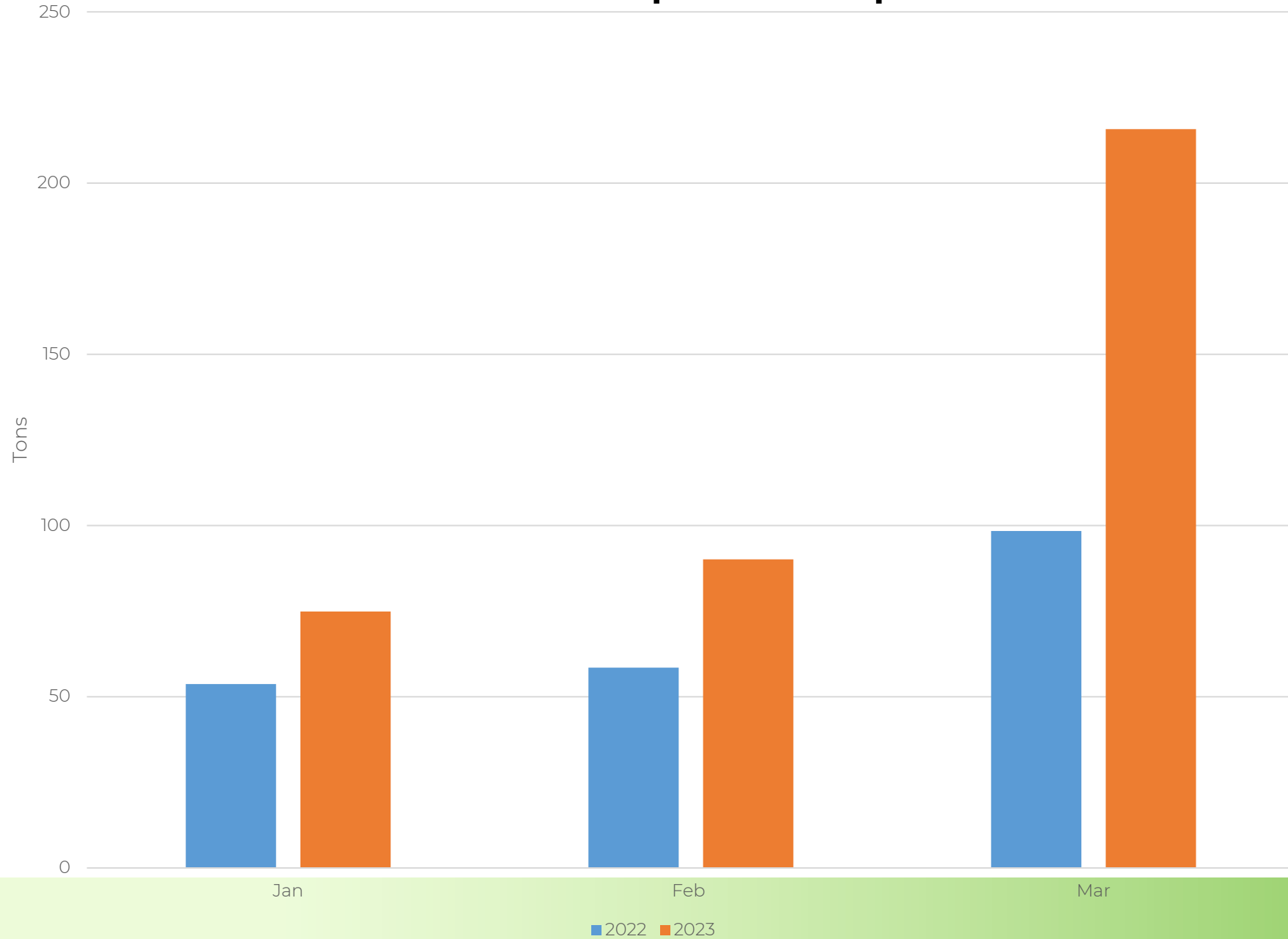
- New Commercial Franchise Contract approved on March 20, 2023
- Collection under that agreement begins July 1, 2023
- Working with WM on transition plan and communications



# Winter Compost Update

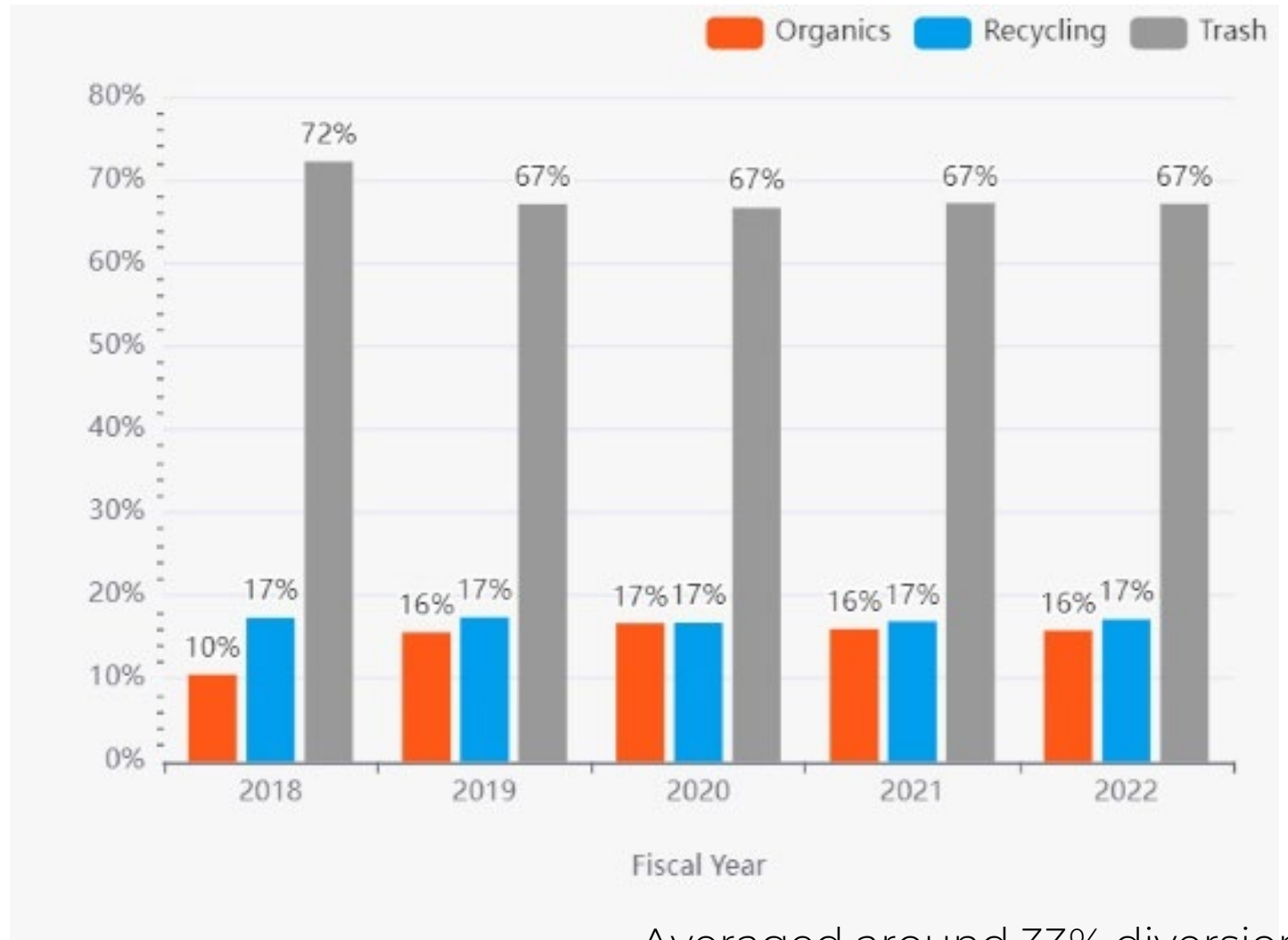
- Began Winter 2022 with once-a-month collection for January, February, March
- Continued in Winter 2023
- Small volume collected
- Fewer issues with frozen carts in 2023

# Winter Compost Update



# Metrics

**Percent of  
Annual (FY)  
Tons by  
Program Type**



Averaged around 33% diversion

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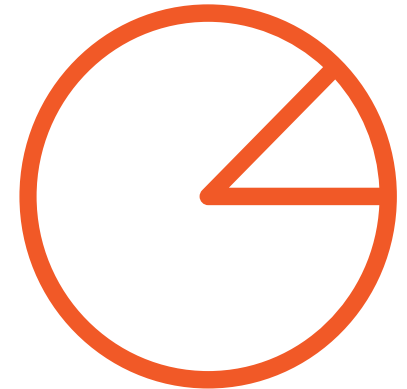
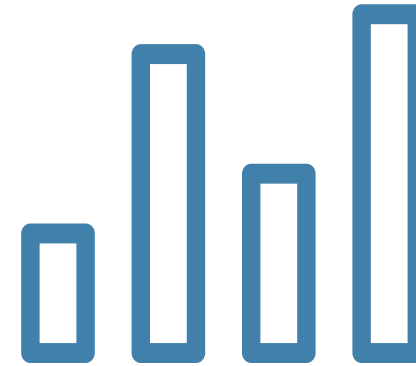
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# Future Metrics

1. Need to shift focus from weight-based rates to upstream measures, i.e., waste prevention
2. Evaluate feasibility and viability of per capita waste generation numbers
3. Continue to track tons landfilled, consider baseline
4. Evaluate feasibility and viability of capture rate
5. Evaluate qualitative measures that highlight successes that cannot be traditionally quantified



# Proposed New Drop-Off Station Update

- Project website: [a2dropoff.com](http://a2dropoff.com)
- Solicited stakeholder feedback
- Held two public engagement meetings
- Timing Update:
  - Summer 2023 – Site Plan Submittal
  - Spring to Summer 2024 – Construction Begins
  - Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 – DOS Opens





# Upcoming Areas of Focus



- Social-based marketing campaign for all programs
- Compost program material audit, outreach and education
- Multi-family recycling and composting outreach
- Move In/Out programs
- Cost of Service Study



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