

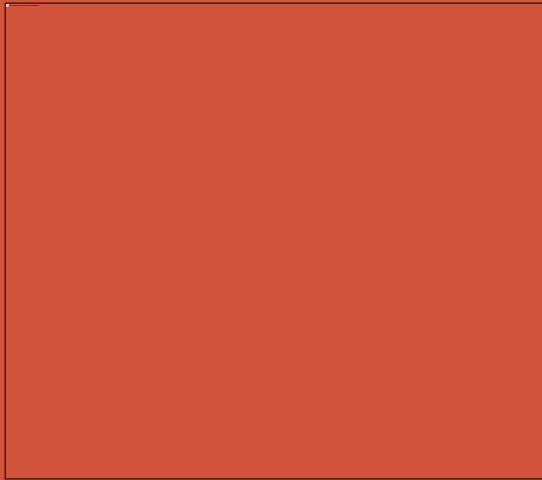


PARTNERSHIPS & PLANNING FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

Tribal Recycling Program Planning Workshop

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RECYCLING PROGRAM PLANNING



Planning is crucial, whether you are just starting a program or growing an older program.

IMPORTANT STEPS FOR STARTING A PROGRAM



Waste Audits

- Visual



- Characterization Study



Markets

- Most commonly recycled materials
- Most prevalent items found in the local stream



Always find a market before starting collection!!

Ask questions to help with planning

- What materials are included?
- How should the materials be collected?
- How should materials be prepared?
- When can materials be picked up or delivered?



A plan for collection and transportation of each material

- Each material needs a plan
- Estimate volumes using actual local figures or EPA data
- Consider sustainability of the program



A budget to follow the plan

- Determine which pieces can be internally funded and which will need grant \$
- Many grants require in-kind or matching



Clear & consistent education every step of the way

- Host informal discussions
- Present to tribal council and elders
- Reach out to members
- Develop good signs for collection areas

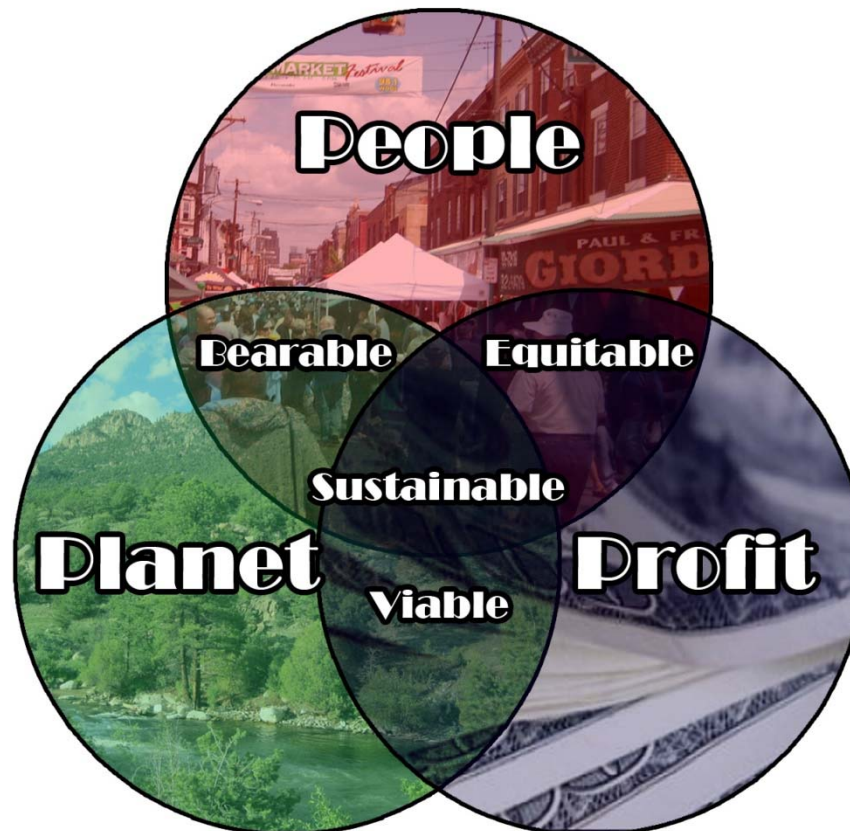


Ensure safety of staff

- Equipment maintenance
- Staff training
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE's)



PLANNING FOR PROGRAM GROWTH



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Collecting new materials

- Find a market first!!
- Volume?
- Collection plan
- Transportation plan

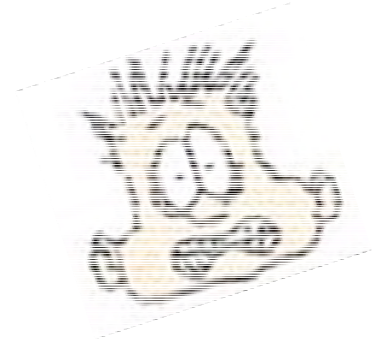


Rolling out a new service

- Develop a budget for the new service
 - ✓ How many members actual want the service?
 - ✓ Is ongoing funding available?

Implementing or raising fees

- Build a case
- Inform and educate
- Follow through



Charging fees doesn't have to be scary!

RECYCLING PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS

Don't go it alone! Partnerships are essential to a sustainable recycling program.

Planning & Funding

TA & funding partnership potentials

- Other departments within your own pueblo
- Casino or other tribal businesses
- NMED-SWB, NMRC, ITEP, Eight Northern, Other organizations?
- Federal government grants
- Other pueblos
- Hired Consultant



Marketing the Materials

Marketing partnership potentials

- Other pueblos and non-tribal communities with recycling programs
- County solid waste department
- NMRC



Operations

Operation partnership potentials

- Other pueblos and non-tribal communities with recycling programs
- Recycling conferences and trainings
- Other departments within your own pueblo
- NMRC, NMED-SWB



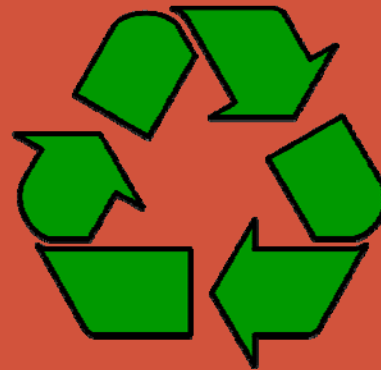
Education

Education partnership potentials

- End-markets you are using
- County solid waste department
- Other pueblos
- NMED-SWB, NMRC, ITEP, Eight Northern, Other organizations?



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!



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