



Florida Waste Haulers & Recyclers Coalition

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Via e-mail only

Ms. Mary Lou Tighe
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RE: Broward County Solid Waste Task Force - **Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG)**

Dear Ms. Executive Director Tighe:

The consistently changing complexion of the Solid Waste and Recycling Industry continues to pose challenges to State, County and Municipal Governments, haulers, and processors. While Broward County must do what is best for their residents and business, consideration should be given to the overwhelming national momentum to reduce incineration and landfilling and encourage waste reduction and recycling. Due to innovative technology previously, disposable solid waste is now feasibly recyclable.

Broward County has for the last thirty years become an innovator in C&D Recycling. The MRF's that are currently operating have made considerable progress in the extraction of Recyclables from Solid Waste. As modern technology is developed the percentage of recycled content will increase, contributing to and improving the Counties goal.

The redefining of Recycling and Sustainability by the State, County and Municipalities coupled with the public and Business communities' awareness of recycling is challenging to previous policies and methodology, all contributing to the difficulty defining recycling in 2021. If we follow; Florida Statutes **403.713, (2021) the difficult becomes clear.**

(26) **“Recyclable material”** means those materials that are capable of being recycled and that would otherwise be processed or disposed of as solid waste.

(27) **“Recycling”** means any process by which solid waste, or materials that would otherwise become solid waste, are collected, separated, or processed and reused or returned to use in the form of raw materials or products.

Following Broward County's website post and clicking on, [alternate disposal facilities](#) will take you to the attached list of approved facilities.

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Broward County Landfill – We are happy to announce that effective Monday, June 14, 2021, the Broward County Landfill resumed its normal hours of operation which are Monday through Saturday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, customers should call our customer service hotline at (954) 765-4999. See [alternate disposal facilities](#).

There is absolutely no reasonable explanation why Construction and Demolition Debris the largest component by weight or volume, and is currently and will continue to be economically, feasibly recycled at any of the licensed and DEP permitted facilities in Broward County is not in the SWWG plan. Including C&D with other types of recyclable materials, which are currently recycled at the County's permitted facilities, will ensure competitive processing and disposal rates and should be in the forefront of the SWWG's management plan.

The SWWG in consideration of the best Solid Waste and Recycling management practices, while pursuing the County's recycling goal should openly direct all C&D to be transported and processed by one of the facilities.

(SEE ATTACHED ILLUSTRIVE CHARTS)

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