




Regional System Facilities Plan

Advancing Waste Reduction, Access and Affordability


The plan is a comprehensive, long-term vision and strategy for investing in reuse, recycling and garbage facilities and infrastructure across the region. The plan aims to reduce waste sent to landfills, increase access to facilities and services, and keep costs affordable.

People in greater Portland need better access to services in our reuse, recycling and garbage system. Beyond curbside collection, people need convenient and affordable ways to get rid of large items and hazardous waste. Today, some people have easy disposal options if they live close to a Metro transfer station, but many people in the region do not. And as the region grows, more investment is needed to ensure that everyone, no matter where they live, has equal access to reuse, recycling and garbage services.


Plan Benefits



Over 100,000 more tons of waste recovered per year



Up to 98% of people will live near a depot



Easier access for hard to recycle or dispose of items



Increased investment in public-private partnerships

Key Investments



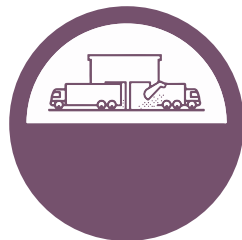
Community drop-off depots
Building six new depots for reuse, recycling, hazardous waste, compost and self-haul garbage services



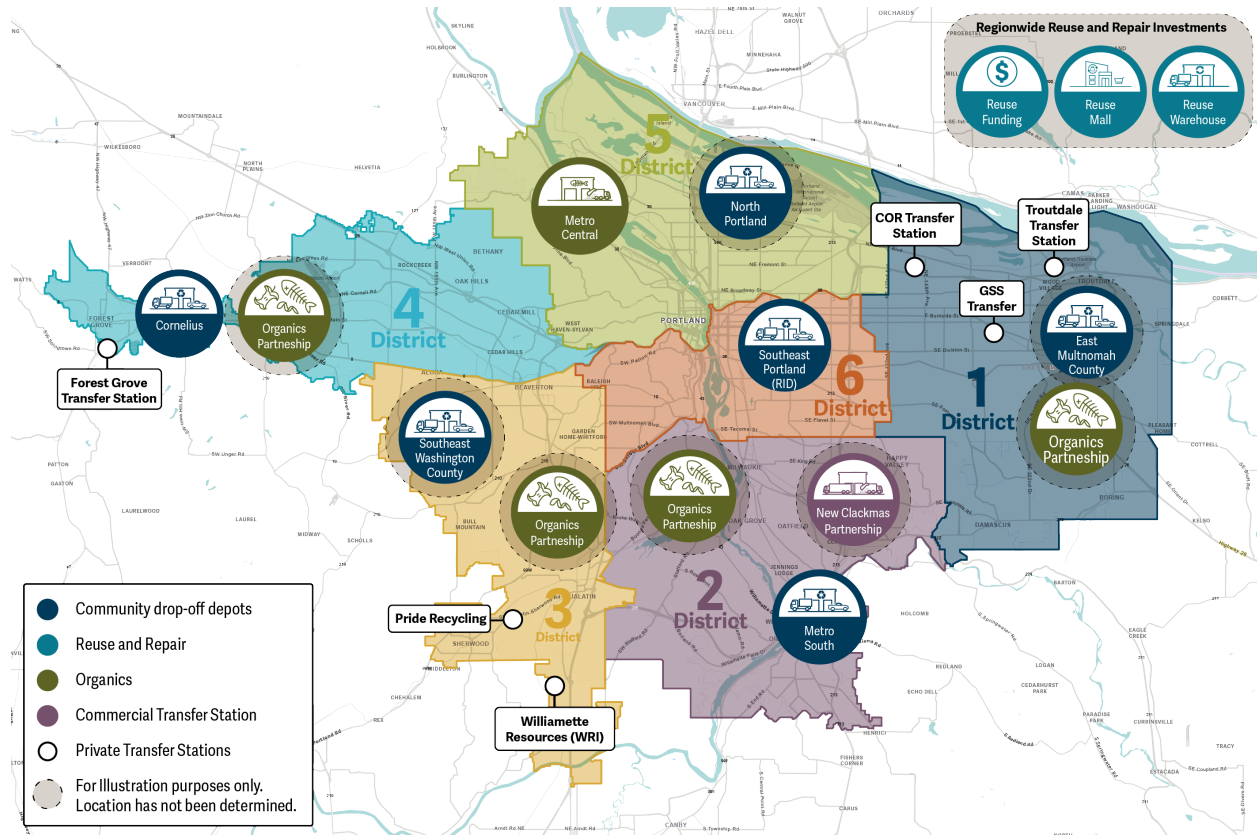
Reuse and repair
Funding local reuse and repair businesses and building a regional reuse warehouse and a reuse mall



Organics
Converting Metro Central into a regional hub for food waste and yard debris and investing in local private organics facilities



Commercial transfer stations
Partnering with private facilities to provide more infrastructure for garbage from commercial haulers



Many voices shaped the plan

Metro engaged with city, county and tribal governments, community groups, solid waste businesses and reuse organizations throughout every phase of the Regional System Facilities Plan. Engagement opportunities included meetings, roundtables, workshops and a symposium at which diverse partners identified preferred scenarios for facility investments across the region.

Metro also convened a community advisory group to help guide development of the plan. Members were chosen for their unique perspectives and connections to communities as well as their interest and experience in advancing environmental justice.

“This plan is a critical investment in expanding access to essential services and modernizing our garbage and recycling infrastructure to recover more valuable materials and reduce landfill waste.”

Marta McGuire, Ph.D
Metro Waste Prevention and Environmental Services director

To view the plan, visit the project website at:

oregonmetro.gov/systemfacilitiesplan

