

Sample Recommendation Language for Overall Waste Reduction and Recycling (Diversion) Goal

- **Recommendation:**

Increase the municipal solid waste recycling rate to:

- 30 % by 2018.**
- 40 % by 2025.**
- 50 % by 2040.**

Metric: 2011 rate is estimated to be 18%. The recycling rate is calculated by dividing the municipal solid waste recycled and composted by the total municipal solid waste generated; the total MSW generation is the sum of the waste disposed in landfills plus the MSW recycled and composted. To ensure the most accurate calculation a reporting mechanism should be developed that ensures the City has accurate data from which to calculate recycling rates.

- **Recommendation:**

Reduce the per capita rate of municipal solid waste disposed of in landfills by:

- 10 % over 2011 rate by 2018.**
- 20 % over 2011 rate by 2025.**
- 30 % over 2011 rate by 2040.**

Metric: 2011 rate is 2,125 pounds per capita per year. This is calculated by dividing the total municipal solid waste sent to disposal in landfills (from Lincoln and Lancaster County) by the current Lancaster County population (estimates prepared by the City's Planning Department).

- **Recommendation**

Reduce the per capita rate of municipal solid waste disposed of in landfills to:

- 1,940 pounds per capita per year by 2018.**
- 1,720 pounds per capita per year by 2025.**
- 1,510 pounds per capita per year by 2040.**

Metric: 2011 rate is 2,125 pounds per capita per year. This is calculated by dividing the total municipal solid waste sent to disposal in landfills (from Lincoln and Lancaster County) by the current Lancaster County population (estimates prepared by the City's Planning Department).