



# COG Recycling Committee Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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## Covanta: The World's Leading Energy From Waste (EfW) Company

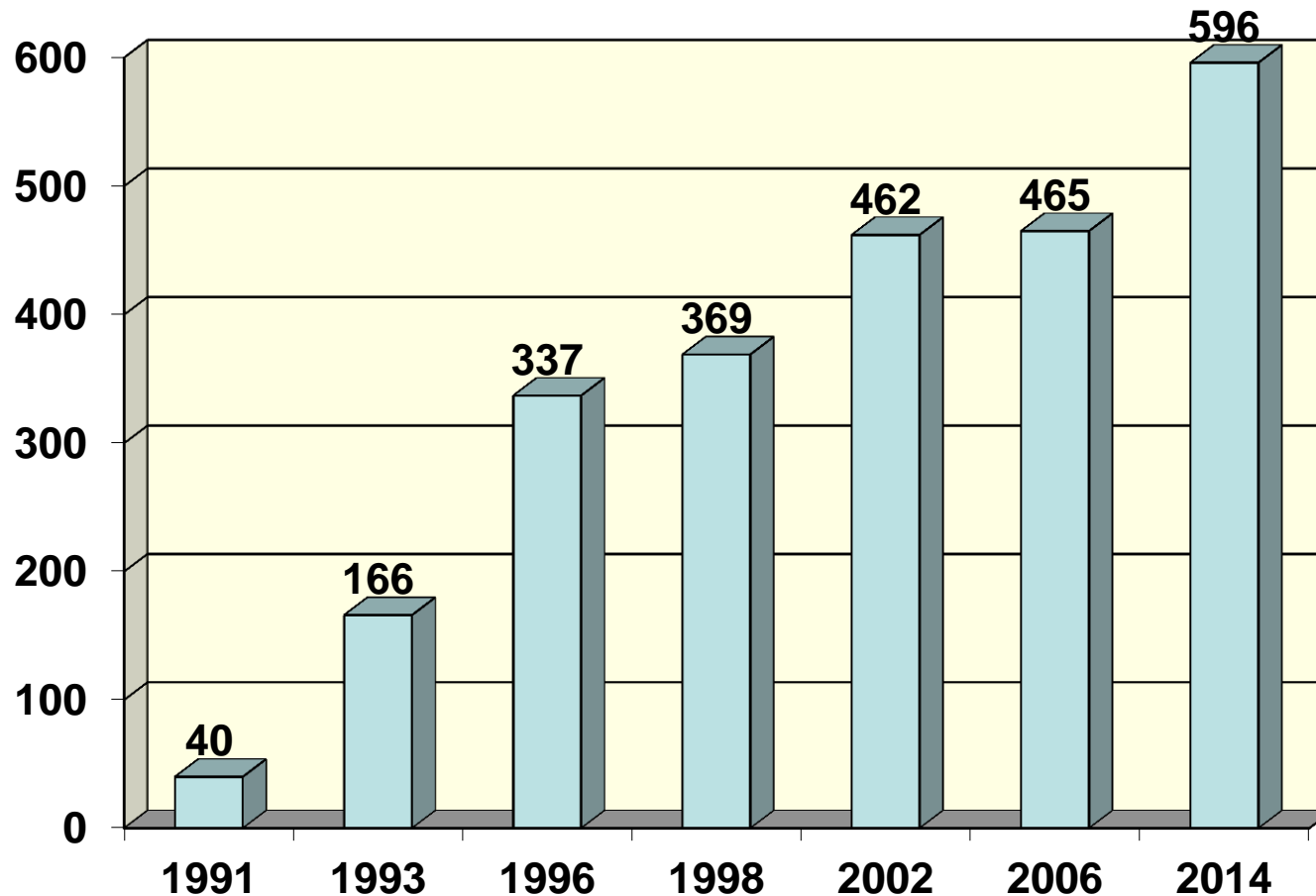
- Operate **45** modern EfW facilities in North America, China and Europe.
- Annual capacity to convert **20 million** tons of waste into more than **9 million** MWhrs — enough clean energy to power **1 million** homes.
- Annually recycle over **440,000 tons** of metal - the equivalent amount of steel that would be used to build **5 Golden Gate Bridges**.
- More than **3,500** professionals employed in North America.



## Material Recovery Facility (MRF) trends in U.S.

- Facilities are trending larger. Small facilities are giving way to regional projects.
- MRFs are accepting a broader range of materials
- Single stream curbside collection programs and supported by single stream MRFs are becoming the dominant form of recycling.
  - Replacing dual stream programs
- More facilities than in past are relying on mechanized and optical type sorting equipment.
  - More automation, fewer pickers
- Slow trend towards mixed waste processing MRF's – limited marketplace

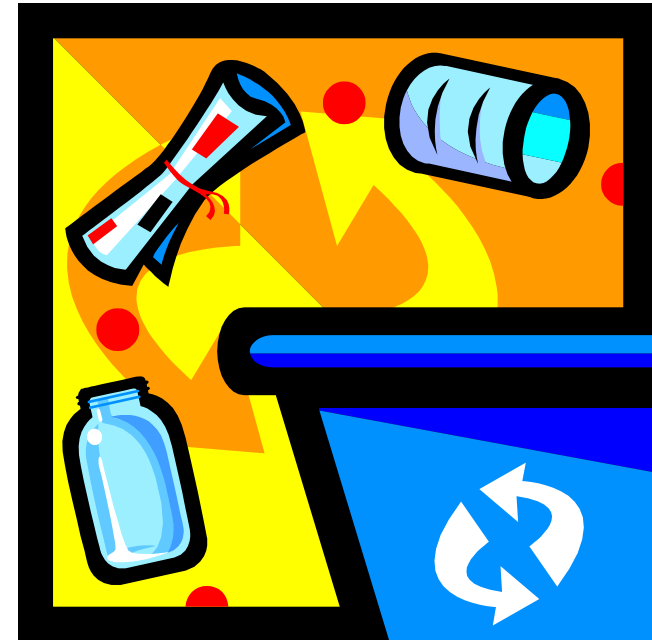
## Operating MRFs in the United States



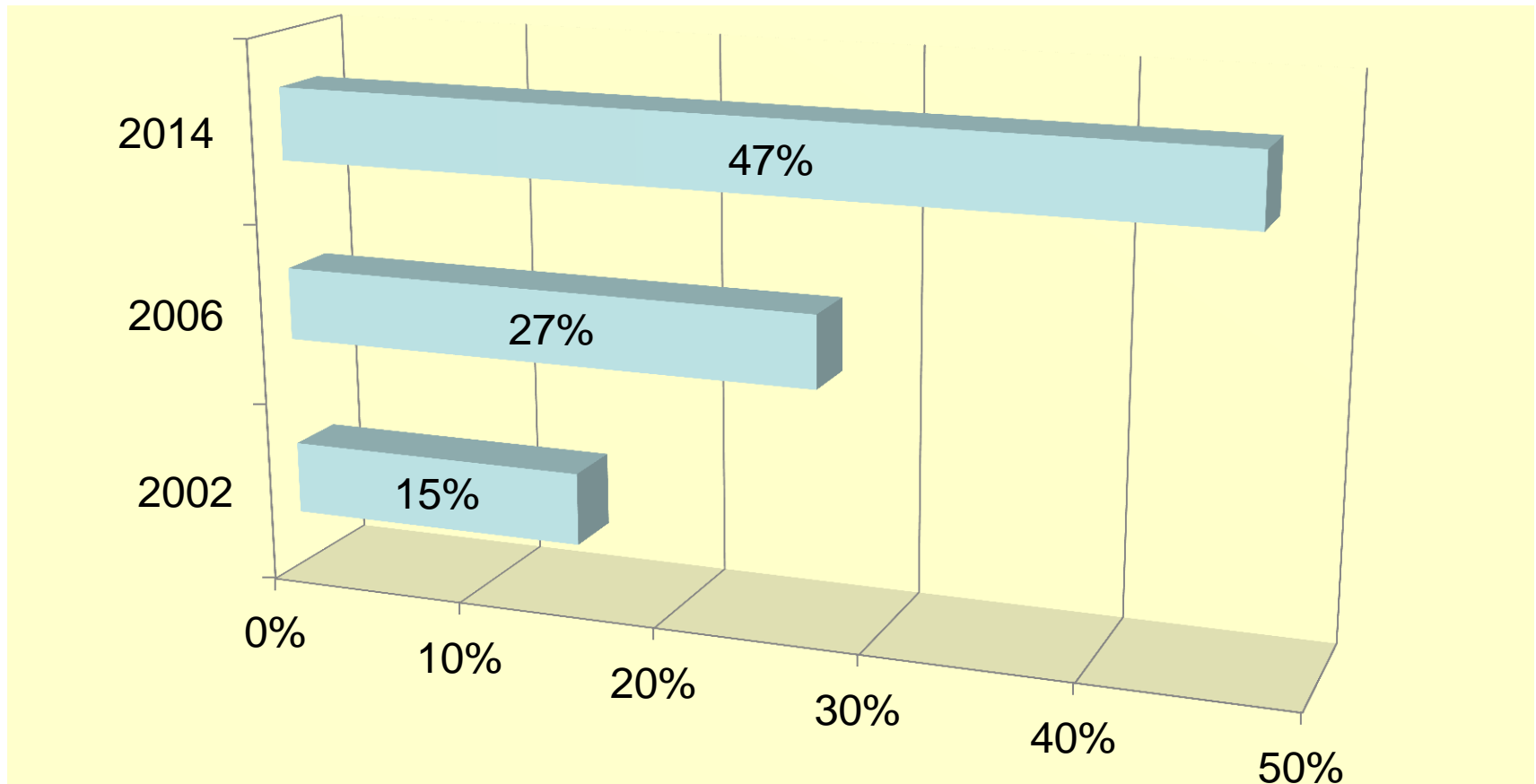
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## Increase in Single Stream Curbside Collection Systems

- Single stream collection is where residents place all their recyclables in a single container, which is picked up at the curb for processing. Residents do not have to separate their recyclables into different containers (dual stream).
- Single stream approach reduces collection costs and tends to increase participation and tonnages of recyclables at the MRF
- Single stream implementation key driver in the development of larger MRF's.



## Percent of Single Stream MRFs



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## Growth in Use of Optical Sorting Systems

- 2002: 6 facilities that had one or more optical sorters.
  - These were mainly for fiber and glass
- 2014: at least 150 facilities have installed optical sorting systems or have indicated that they are planning to install such systems.
- MRF's becoming more sophisticated – yield higher recovery rates
- The average throughput at these facilities is ~ 300 TPD

## Mixed Waste Plants – Growing Trend?

- Western Placer County CA-Operating since 1996. Underwent expansion and put in a new line to handle the recyclables.
- Advanced Mixed Recovery Facility, Montgomery, AL– Infinitis Energy Project began operations this year.
- Advanced Recycling Center, Indianapolis, IN
- Athens Services – Los Angeles, CA -\$50m Mixed Waste Facility
- Under review in Austin and Houston, TX



## Covanta Indianapolis Today

### Waste / Steam Production

- Began operating in December 1988; 2,200 TPD of MSW processed annually
- Produces 4 billion lbs. renewable steam annually → 50% of the City's needs

### Employment / Job Creation

- 78 permanent skilled jobs at the EfW plant

### Economic

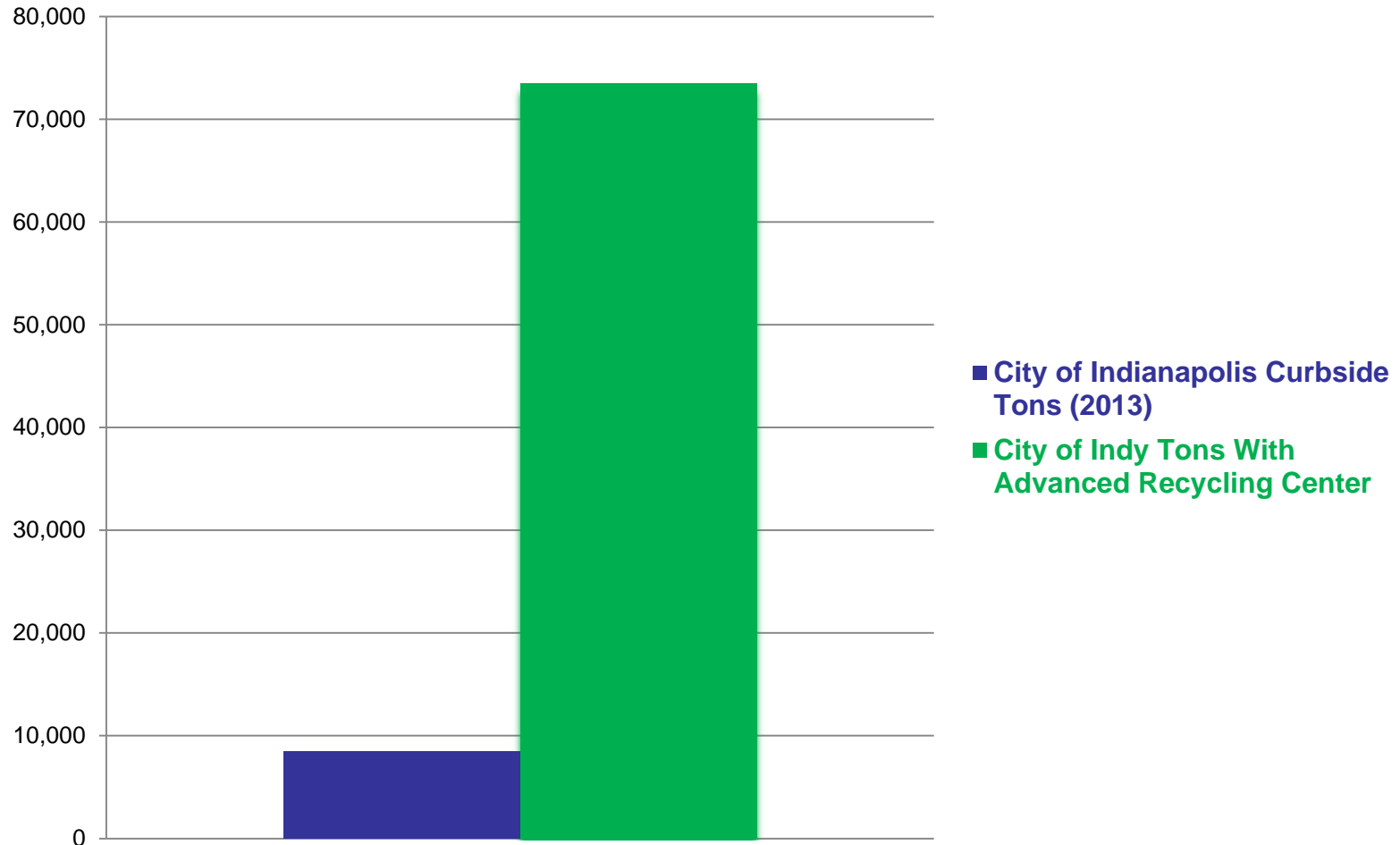
- \$2.5 M of steam revenues shared with the City
- \$19 M spent with local vendors/employees annually

### Environmental

- IDEM Environmental Stewardship program member
- Diverted over 18 million tons of MSW from landfills since beginning operations
- Recycle 16,000+ tons of metal annually

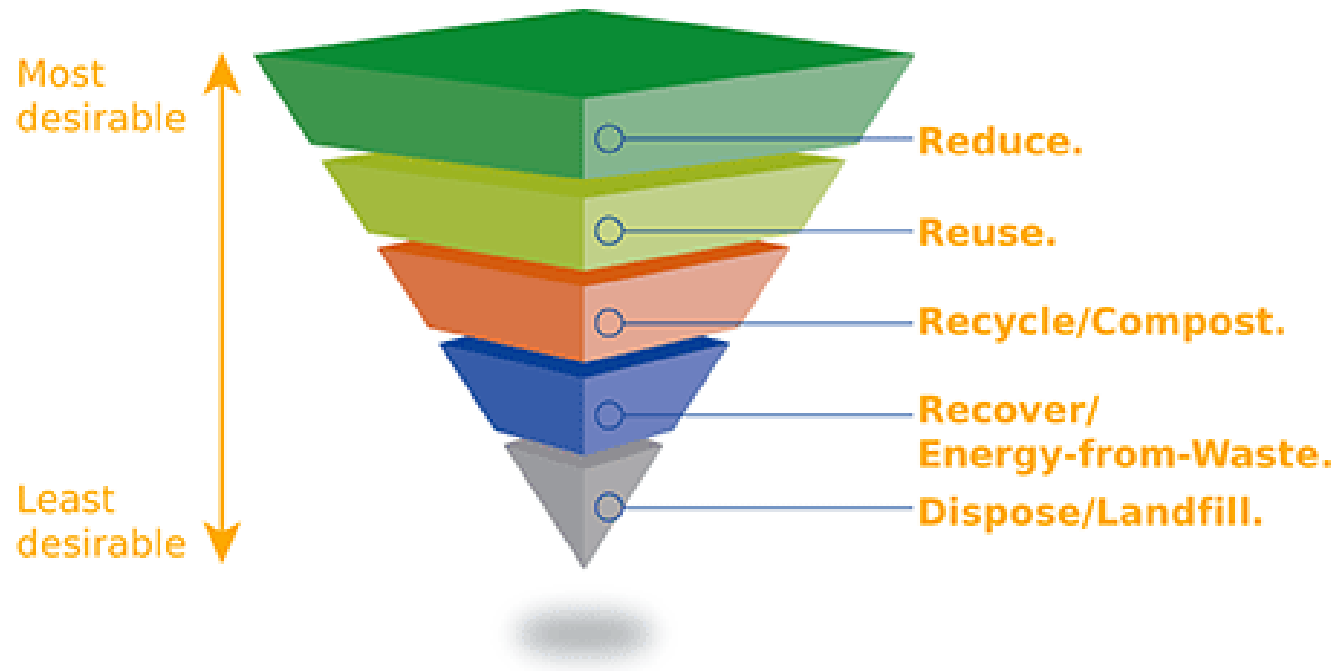


## Recycling Tonnage in Indianapolis



# Solid Waste Management Hierarchy

Implementing the Advanced Recycling Center moves Indianapolis up the waste management hierarchy adopted by the U.S. EPA and the European Union.

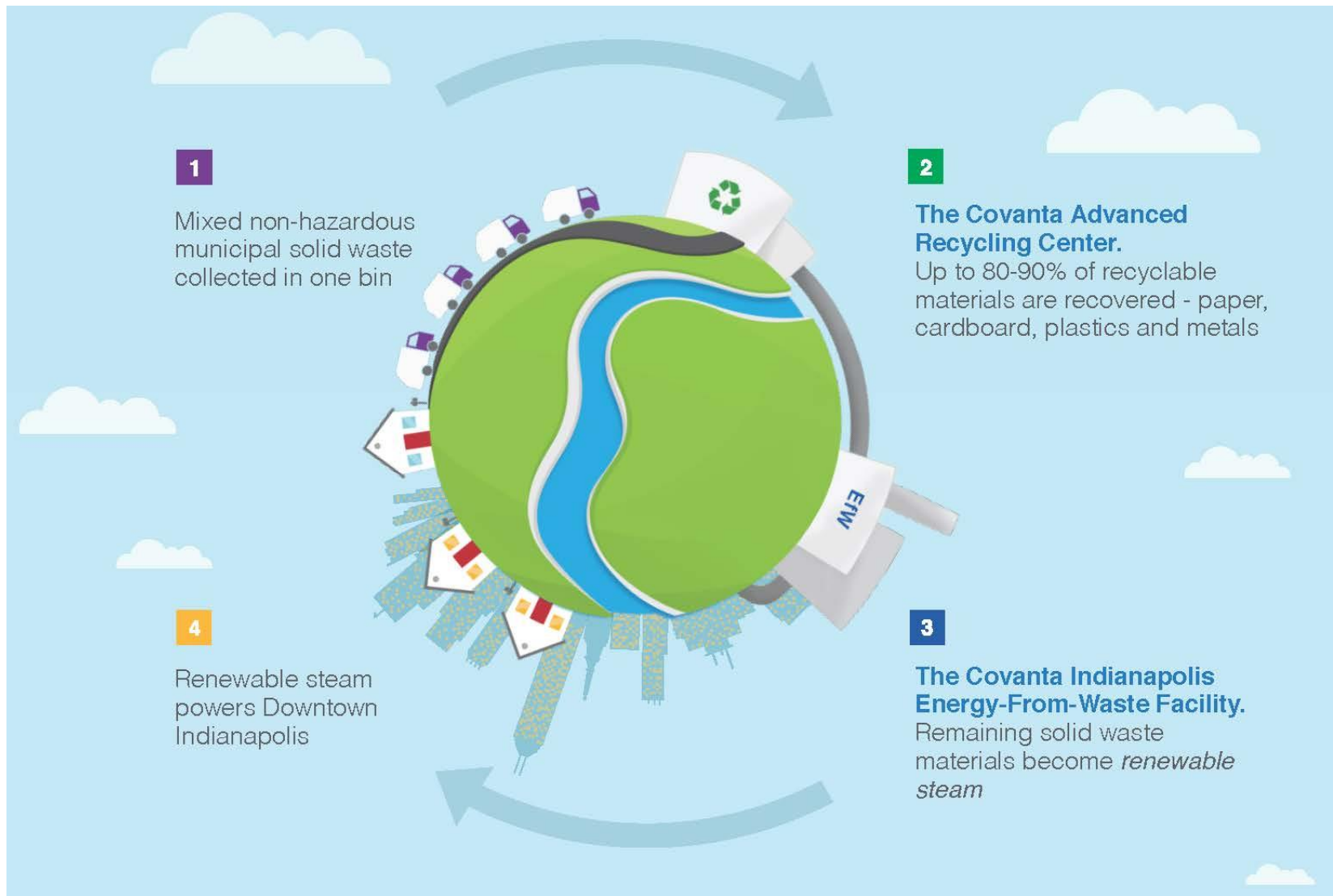


# Comparing the Options

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Source Separation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High material quality, potential for higher sales price</li> <li>• Lowest post-collection material loss rates</li> <li>• No MRF required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased truck traffic</li> <li>• Greatest need for education</li> <li>• Difficult for multi-family</li> <li>• Highest collection costs</li> <li>• Lower participation rates</li> </ul>
Single-Stream MRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher participation rates</li> <li>• Less consumer education required</li> <li>• Lower burden</li> <li>• More adaptable to multi-family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for contamination, particularly fiber</li> <li>• Processing facility needed</li> <li>• Truck traffic</li> </ul>
Mixed-Waste MRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All materials processed</li> <li>• Single truck</li> <li>• Minimal consumer education required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for contamination, particularly fiber</li> <li>• Glass difficult to recover</li> <li>• Loss of “connection” to recycling</li> <li>• Sophisticated processing equipment needed</li> </ul>

**Bottom Line:** What delivers the best environmental return for the community with the financial resources available?

## Covanta Advanced Recycling Center



## FAST FACTS



The Covanta Advanced Recycling Center will immediately increase recycling up to **five** times

**ZERO**

cost to residents or the City. Fully funded by a **\$45MM** capital investment by **Covanta**



The Covanta Advanced Recycling Center will create **60** local full-time, green jobs once operational



Future enhancements would allow Indianapolis to reach a **world-class** recycling rate of over 50%

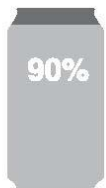
The Covanta Advanced Recycling Center

recovers up to **80-90%** of paper, cardboard, plastics and metals



Over **70** direct and indirect jobs will be created during construction

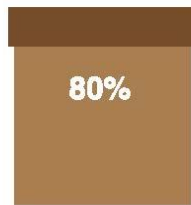
## RECYCLING IMPORTANT RESOURCES



Metals Recycled



Plastic Containers and Bottles Recycled



Paper/ Cardboard Recycled



The project will increase energy savings **8x** – equal to the total annual energy use of **over 20,000** homes



The Covanta Advanced Recycling Center will annually save greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to pulling **40,000** cars off the road



**One** bin for recycling and garbage. **No sorting!**

# Advanced Recycling Center: Sustainable Solution for Indianapolis

## Innovative Recycling Solution

- Single bin solution → zero cost to Marion County single-family residents
- High tech equipment to recover up to 90% of recyclable paper/fiber, plastic & metal

## Employment / Job Creation

- 70+ jobs during construction and 60+ additional permanent jobs once operational
- Additional jobs supporting processors of recyclables in the City and State

## Economic

- No additional cost to the City
- City will share in revenues from sale of recyclables

## Environmental

- Immediately increases recycling in the City by 5x
- Increases energy savings 8x → equivalent to annual energy use of 20,000 homes

**Once complete, Indianapolis will have North America's  
1<sup>st</sup> integrated recycling and EfW facility**

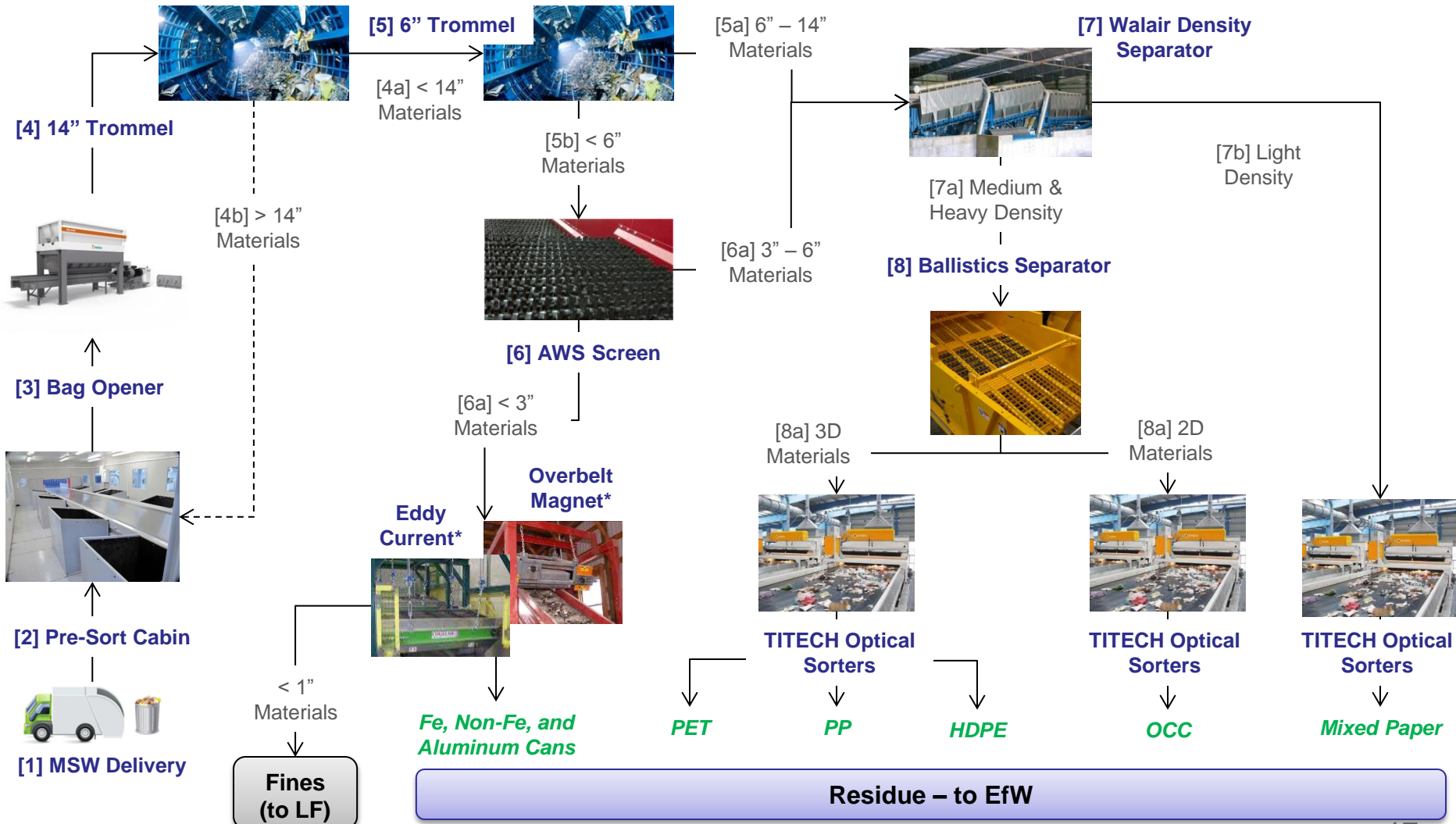
## Van Dyk Recycling Solutions

- North America's leading recycling and MSW equipment supplier and systems integrator
  - Founded in 1984; Headquartered in Stamford, CT
  - 10 regional 10 sales offices in North America
  - Family owned; ~\$100 million in revenues
- Exclusive North American licensee of key ARC components:
  - Bollegraaf recycling machinery → 400+ Bollegraaf systems sold
  - Lubo screening equipment
  - TITECH sensor bases systems (i.e., optical sorters) → 250+ TITECH's sold in North America
  - Over 3,500 TITECH units are installed across 40 countries
- Specializes in “mega” single-stream recycling facilities
  - Delivered over 80% of all 40+ tph facilities in North America





## Summary Process Diagram



\* The ARC contains several magnets & eddy current systems in addition to what is highlighted above

# Two Choices for Post-Recycled Waste

**ARC  
Residue**



or



Landfill



- Landfills are a major source of man-made methane: 28-34X more potent than Carbon Dioxide over 100-years
- Landfills release uncontrolled emissions including carcinogens – over 170 air pollutants and over 40 air toxics.
- Potential ground water contamination
- Non sustainable use of land
- Renewable energy generation from landfills: **65 kWh per ton of waste**



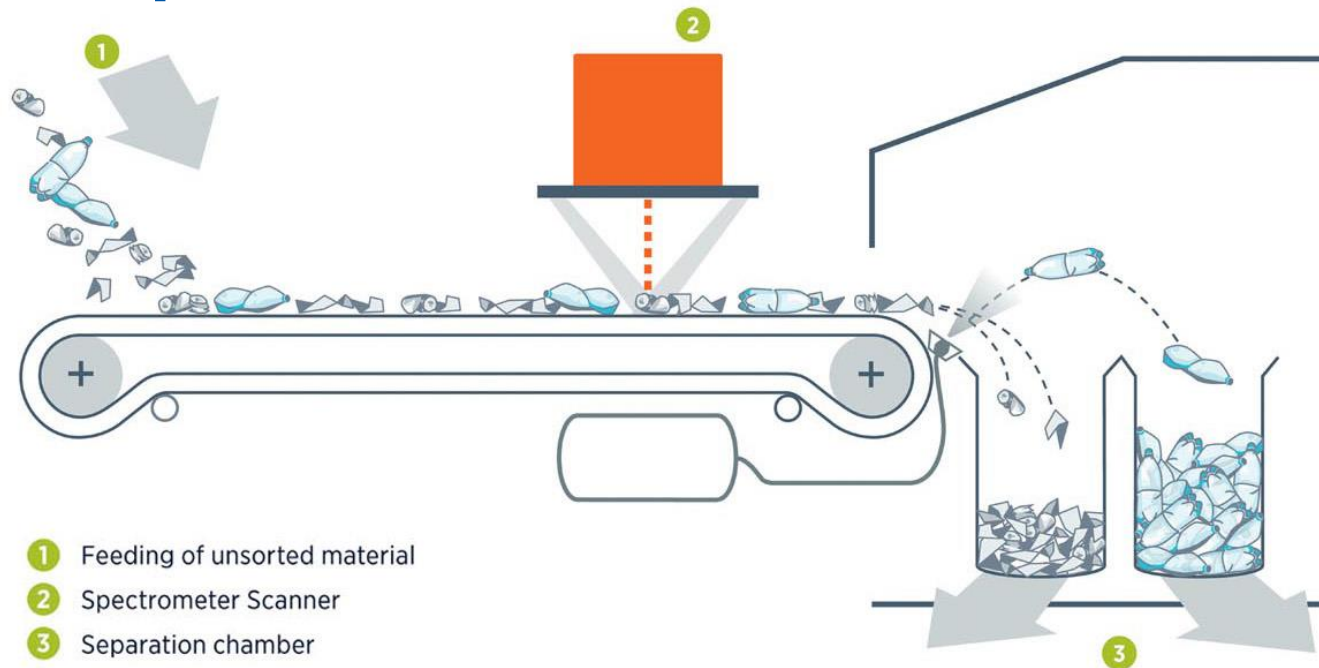
EfW



- 90% reduction of waste in volume
- Clean energy generation
- Recovers metals for recycling
- Offsets on average one ton of carbon dioxide equivalent for each ton of waste processed
- Compatible with recycling
- Renewable energy generation from EfW:  
• **550 kWh per ton of waste**

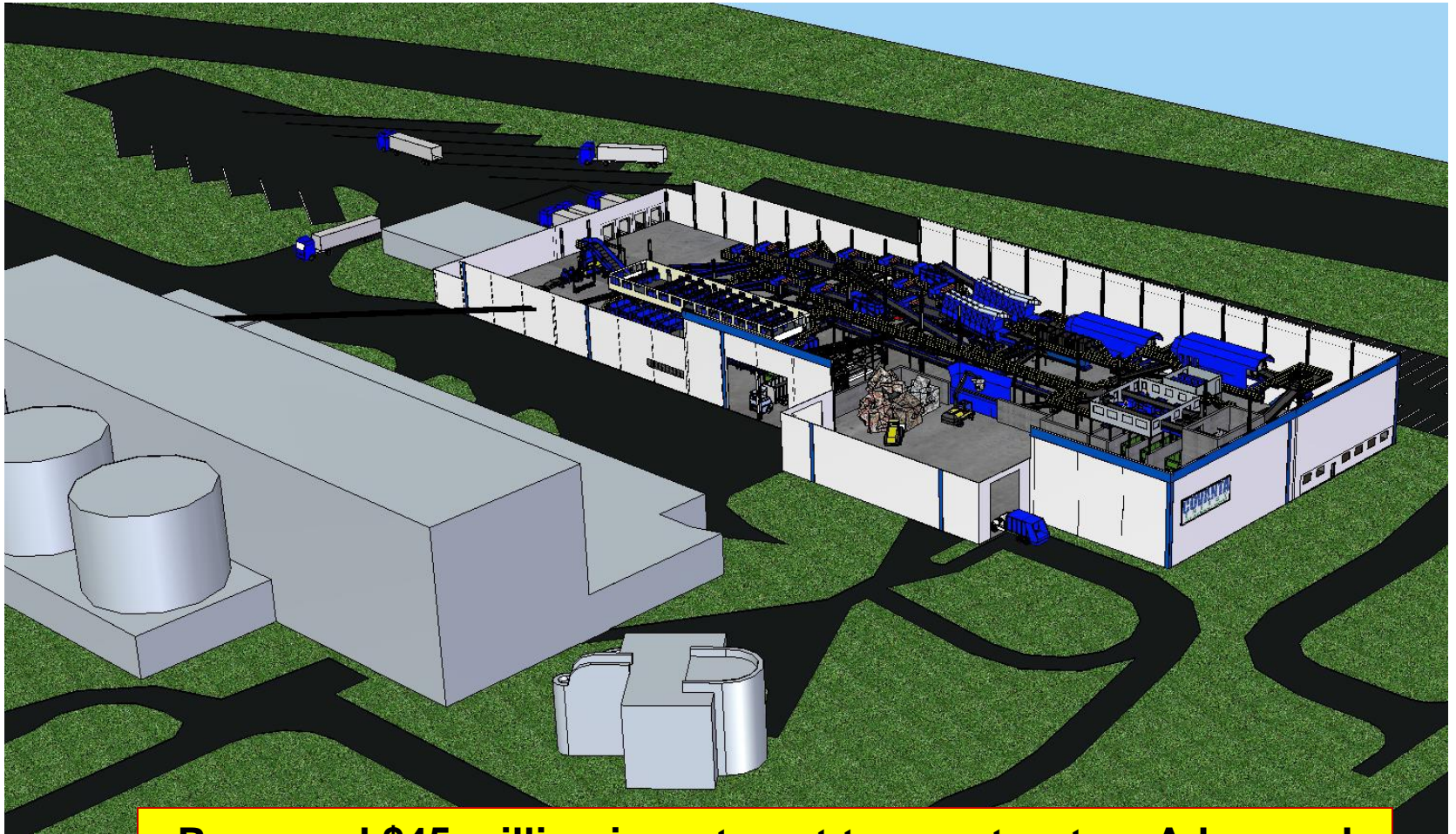
**EfW produces 9 to 14 times the energy per ton compared to landfills.**

## TITECH Optical Sorters



- “Eyes, Brains, and Hands” of the Advanced Recycling Center
  - Smart: Latest technology utilizing near infra-red sensors
  - Fast: 9 ft. wide belt, running at 9 ft. per second
  - Precise: 320,000 scan points per second to pick out recyclables
- ***Easy programmable to adapt to changing material streams***

## Covanta Indianapolis of Tomorrow



**Proposed \$45 million investment to construct an Advanced Recycling Center next to the Indianapolis EfW**



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**Thank you.**

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