

# Overview of Organic Waste Generation and Recovery in Florida

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# Florida's Recycling Goals

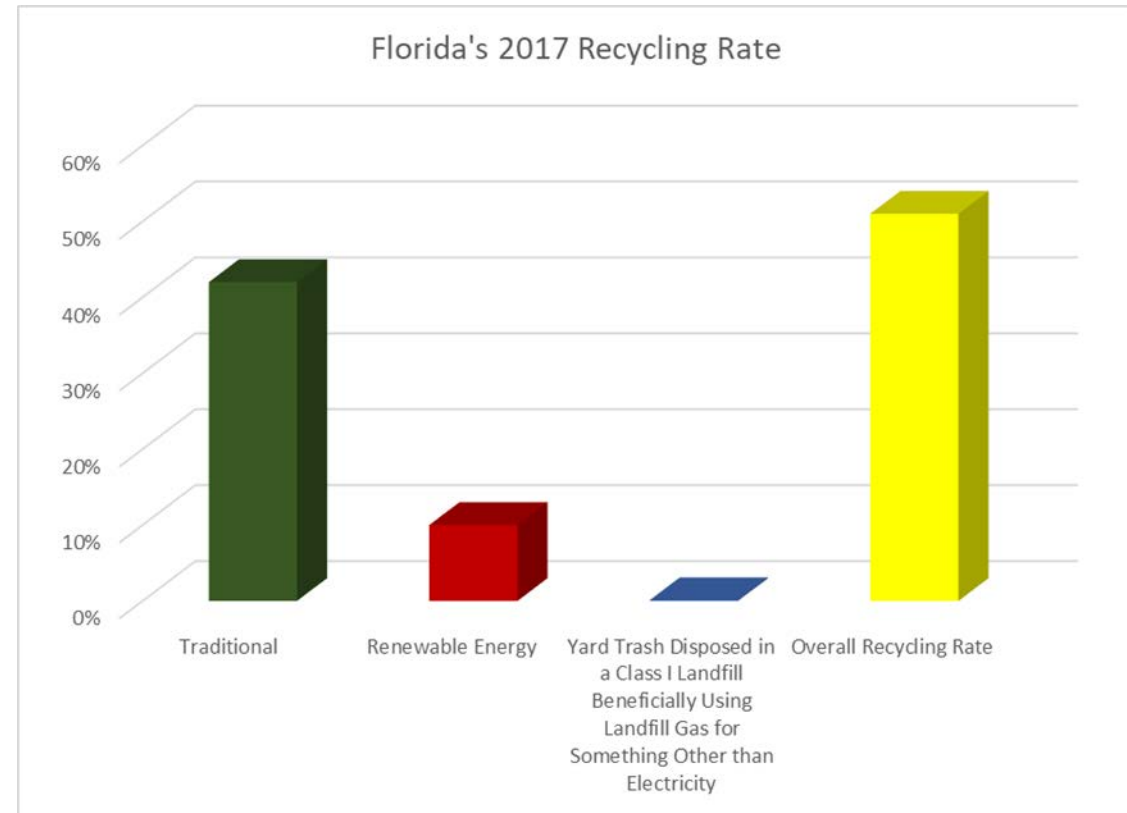
## *403.706, Florida Statute*

- The Legislature set a 75% statewide recycling goal for municipal solid waste by 2020.
- For 2014/2015, the threshold recycling rate was 50%. For 2016/2017 it increased to 60%. For 2018/2019 it is 70%.
- The Legislature also set that same goal for all counties over 100,000 population.
- The Legislature has directed all counties to report their recycling progress to DEP annually.



# Progress Towards the Goal

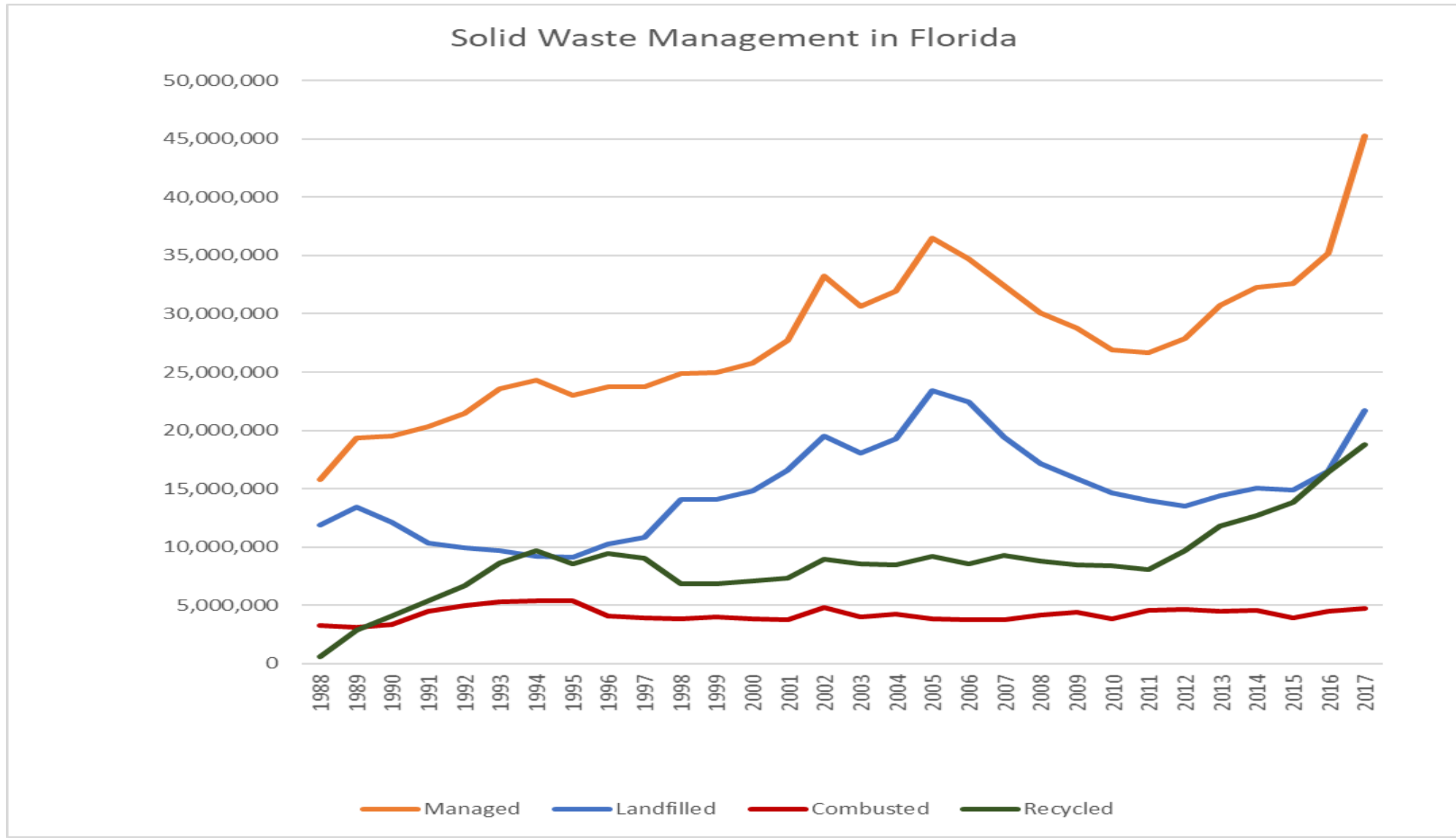
- The statewide **overall recycling rate**, which **includes renewable energy\* recycling credits** is **52% (2017)**
- The statewide **traditional recycling rate**, which **excludes renewable energy recycling credits**, decreased from is **42% (2017)**



\*Electricity produced from MSW or landfill gas

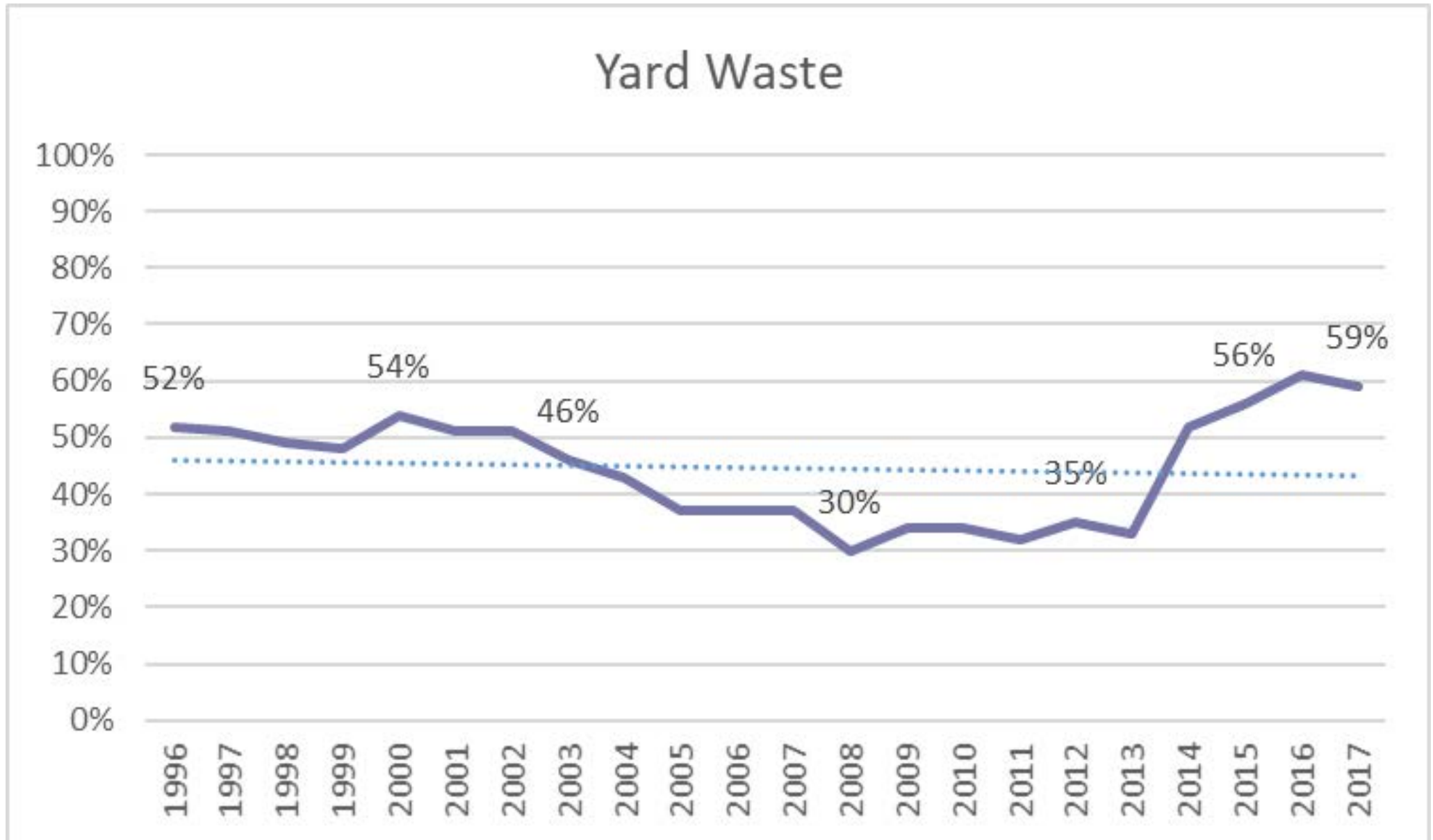


# Solid Waste Management in FL (1988-2017)





# Yard Waste (1996-2017)





# Food Waste (1996-2017)





# Reaching the 75% Recycling Goal

The 75% goal is a weight based goal, therefore -

- Need heavier materials: push to recycle more C&D and Organics
- Need more volume
- Need additional credits



# Organics Recycling Efforts

- Workshops
  - Food Recovery/Diversion Workshop
- State Agency Collaboration
  - FDOT – Compost Usage
  - FDACS- Food Diversion
    - School Food Reduction Guide
    - Share Table
  - DBPR – Inspector Donation Cards
- Source-Separated Organics Processing Facilities (SOPFs)
  - Working with Inspectors
  - BMPs
  - Reviewing Chapter 62-709 (Criteria for Organics Processing and Recycling Facilities)
- FORCE – [www.floridaforce.org](http://www.floridaforce.org)





# What is FORCE?



The mission of FORCE is to provide a framework to promote organics recycling and serve as clearinghouse of information in a statewide effort to streamline compost processing, research, demonstration, marketing, and education information in Florida. FORCE is Florida's organics recycling comprehensive webpage funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The website is managed by Kessler Consulting, Inc.



# Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence

School Food Waste Reduction

Website Update 2018





# School Food Waste Reduction Page

- FDACS Role
- Food Recovery Importance
- School Waste Challenge
- Resources for Schools
- School Gardens
- Share Tables
- Food Donations
- Starting a Food Donation Program
- Food Donation Resources





# Searching the Site:

Use Florida FORCE in your web browser

or go to the following page:

<http://www.floridaforce.org/food-waste-reduction/>

Or contact [info@floridaforce.org](mailto:info@floridaforce.org)





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