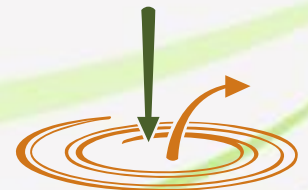




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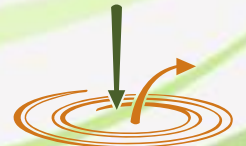


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# Florida & Yard Waste (Historical Overview)



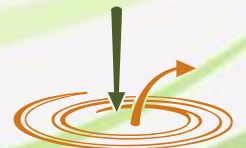
- 1988 Yard Waste Landfill Ban
- Started As Mulching State
- FORA – FL Organics Recycling Association
- RFT – Organics Committee, DOT Outreach, ELS Events
- FL DEP – Active Permitting Staff
- University Research, UF IFAS
- FORCE



# Florida & FORCE



- FORCE, the Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence
  - DACS, DOT, and UF IFAS Outreach
  - Research and Demonstration Projects
  - Marketing Workshops
  - Educational Material
  - Seven State Report
    - Formal Organics Committee
      - Regulatory Reform, FDEP Chapter 62-709
  - Statewide Operator Training Course in Three Parts of FL



# Florida's Recycling Goals

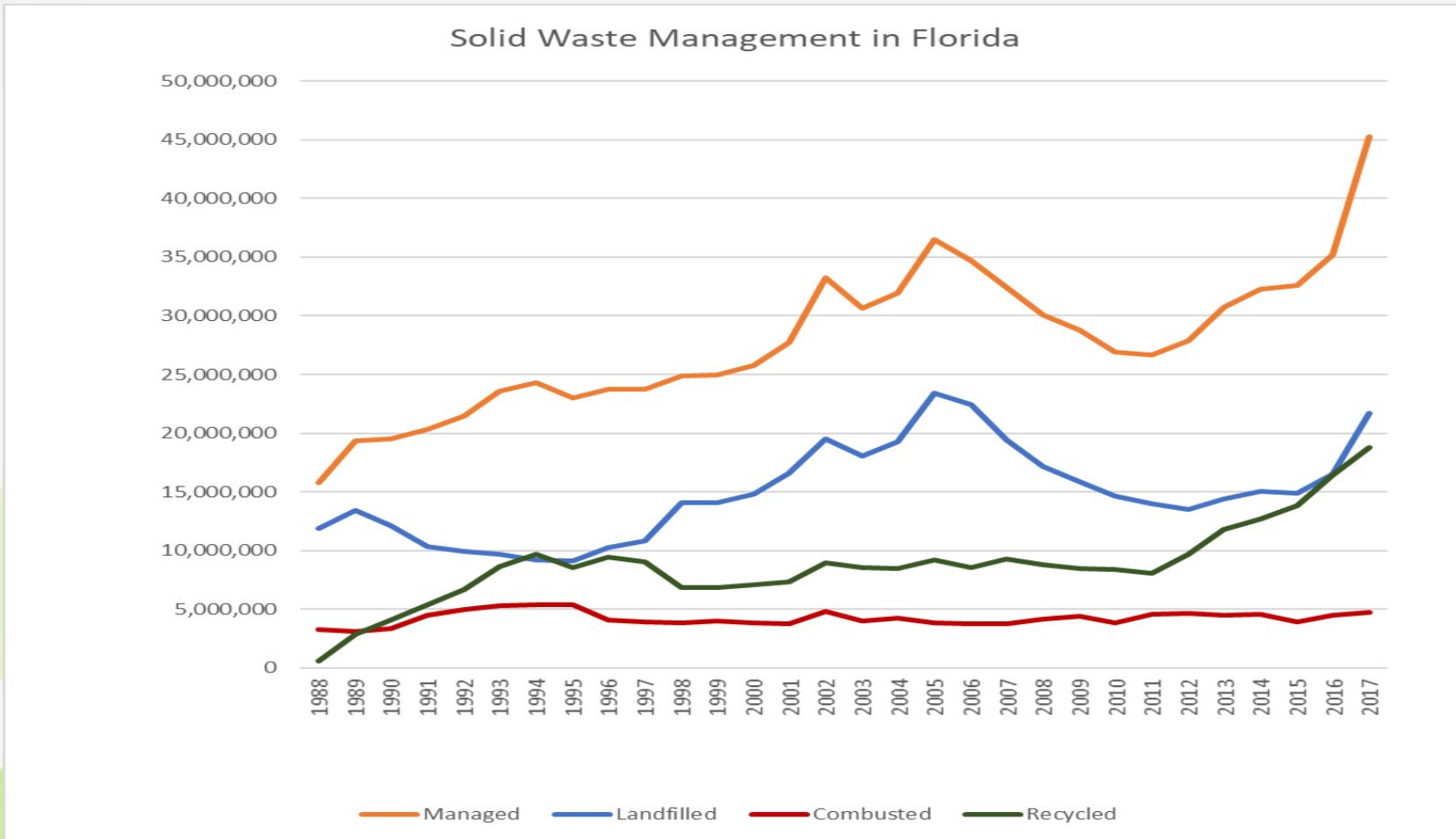
## *403.706, Florida Statute*



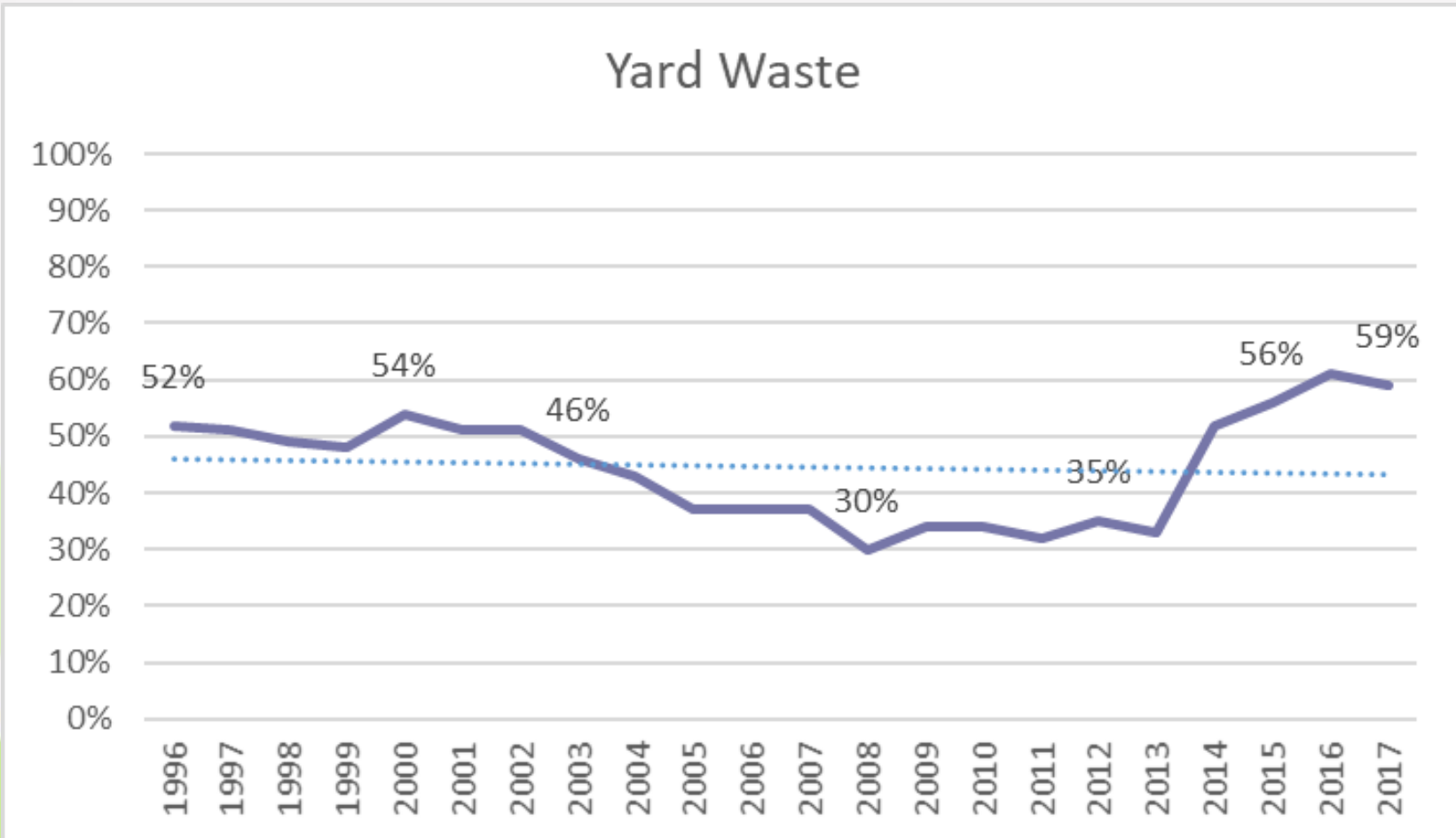
- The Legislature set a 75% statewide recycling goal for municipal solid waste by 2020.
- For 2014/2015, the threshold recycling rate was 50%. For 2016/2017 it increased to 60%. For 2018/2019 it is 70%.
- The Legislature also set that same goal for all counties over 100,000 population.
- The Legislature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



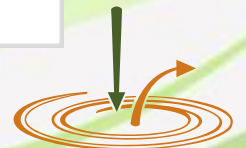
# Solid Waste Management in FL (1996 – 2017)



# FL Yard Waste (1996 – 2017)



# FL Food Waste (1996-2017)



# Florida's Recycling Goals 403.706, Florida Statute Results to 2017



- 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 is **42% (2017)**

\*Electricity produced from MSW or landfill gas



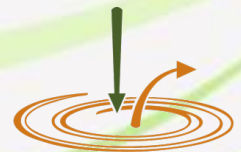
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# Next Steps for the State

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

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





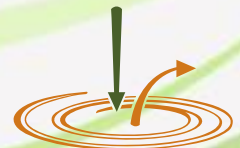
# FORCE Website

It serves as a clearinghouse of organics recycling information since 2001 for the FDEP. Use the words “Florida Force” in your web browser to find it. We will review the items in bold below now.

[www.floridaforce.org](http://www.floridaforce.org)

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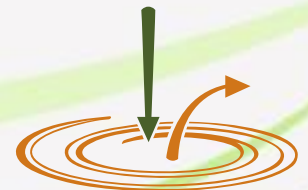
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