



Overview of Organic Waste Generation and Recovery in Florida

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Florida's Recycling Goals

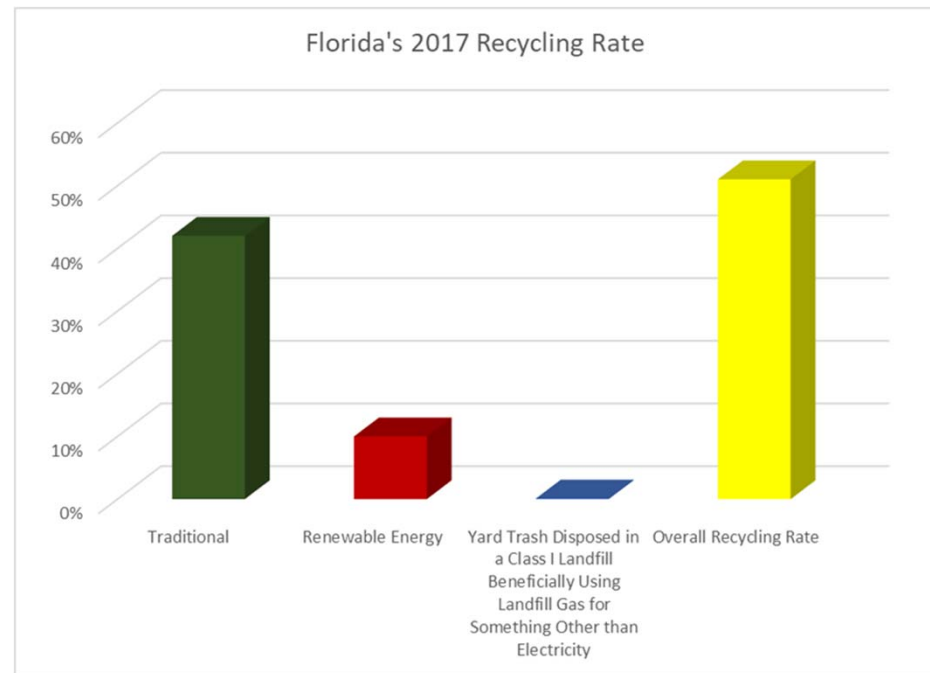
403.706, Florida Statute

- 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

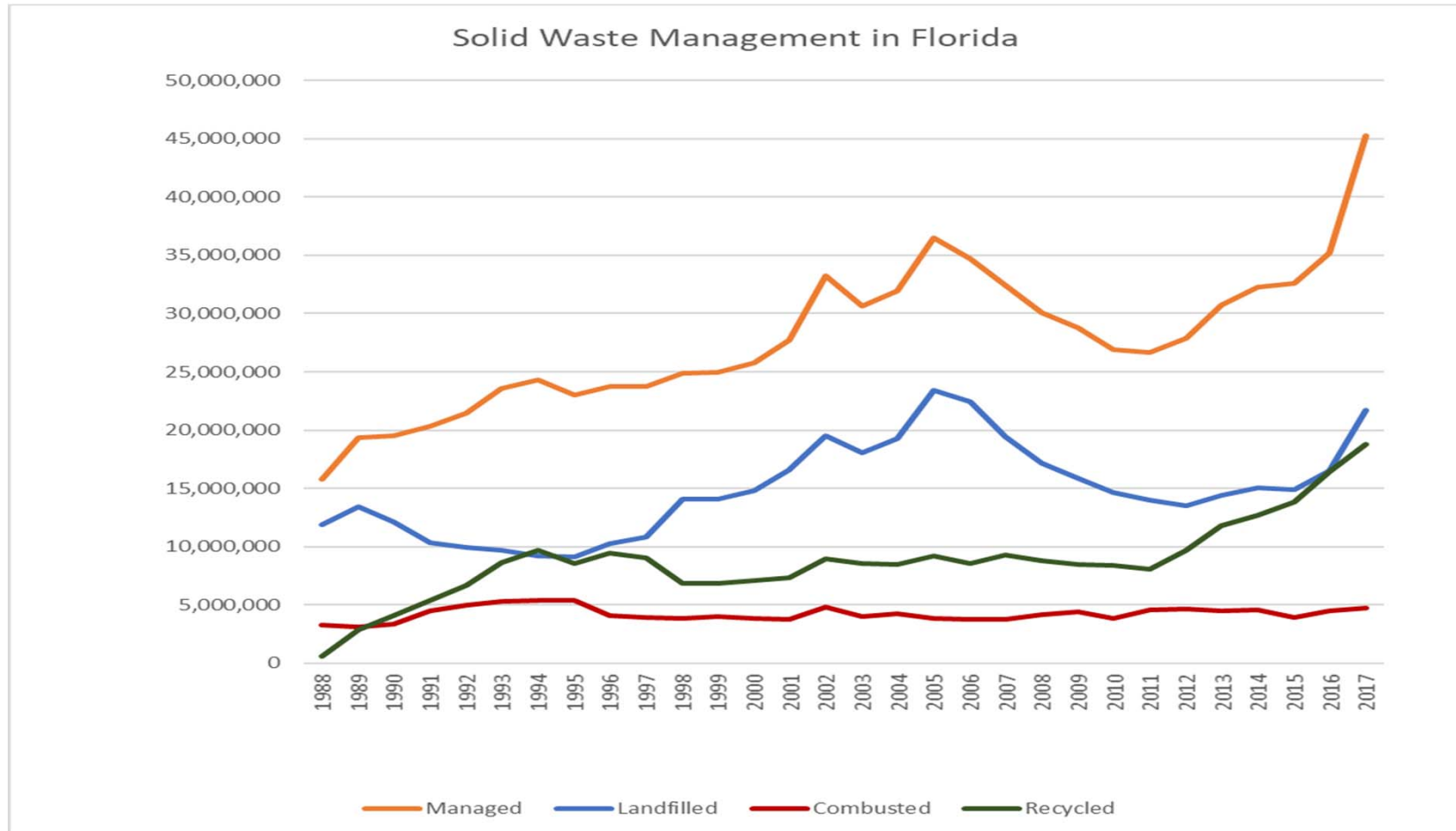
- The statewide **overall recycling rate**, which **includes renewable energy* recycling credits** is **52% (2017)**
- The statewide **traditional recycling rate**, which **excludes renewable energy recycling credits** is **42% (2017)**



*Electricity produced from MSW or landfill gas

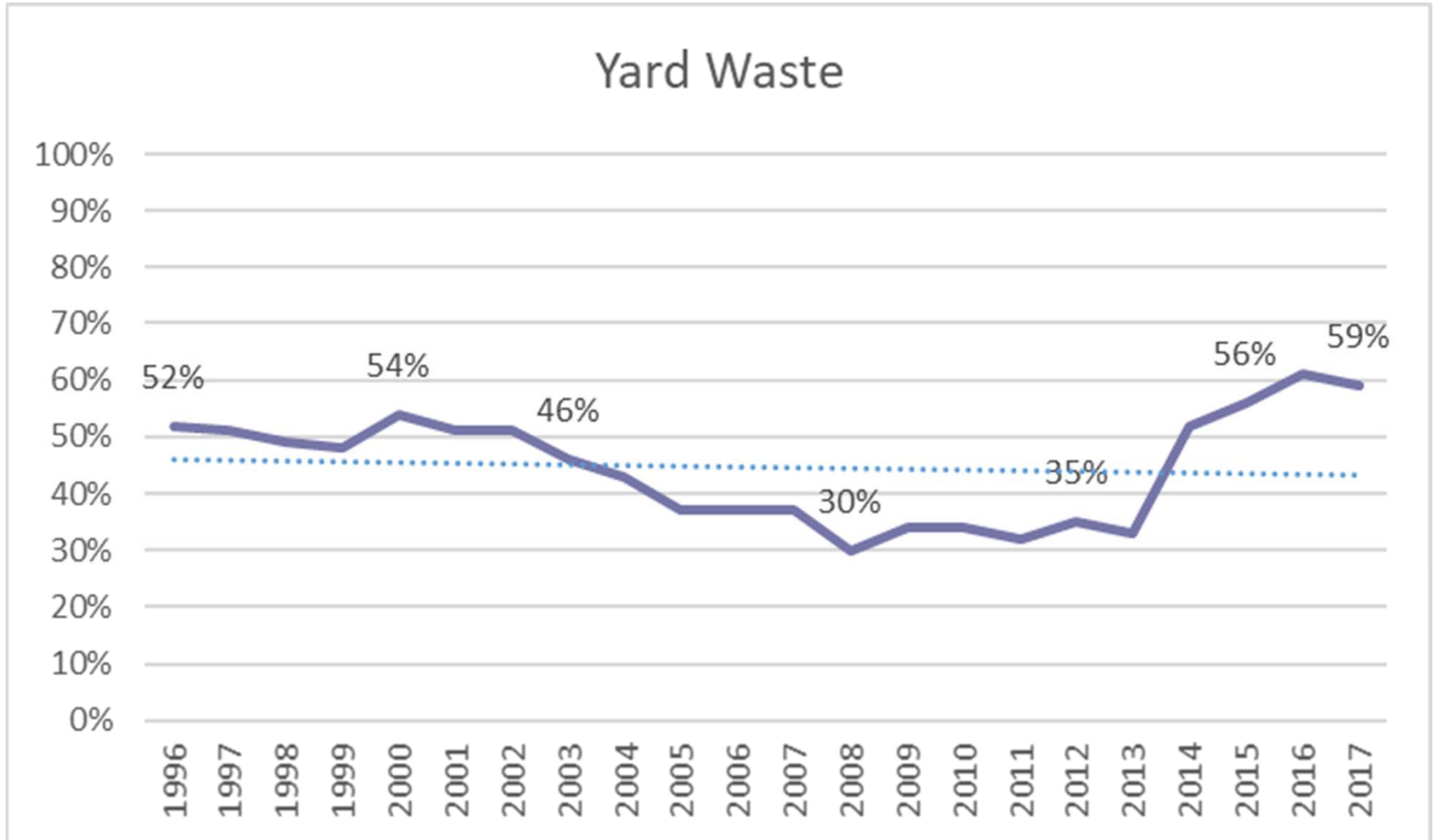


Solid Waste Management in FL (1988-2017)



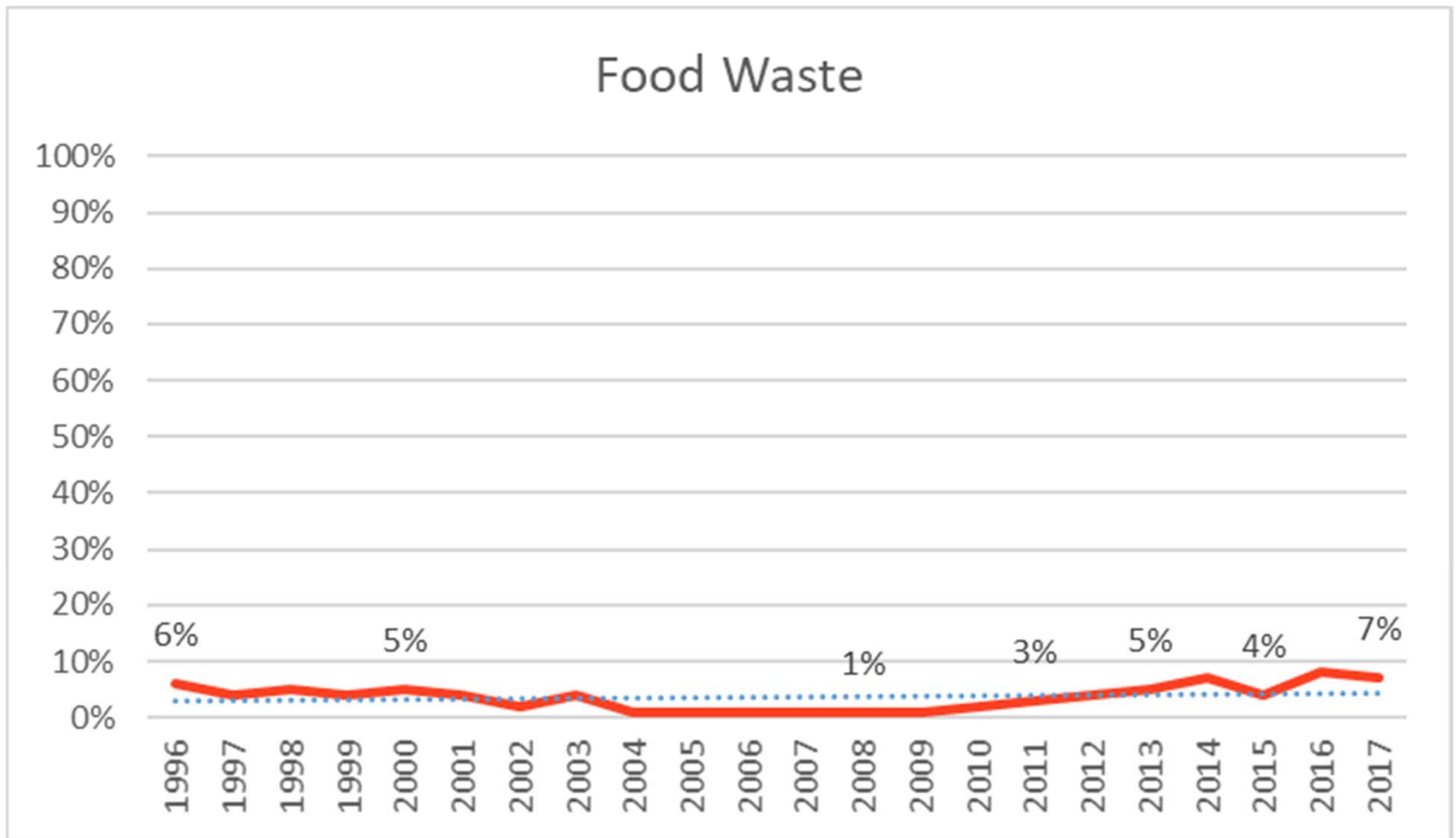


Yard Waste (1996-2017)





Food Waste (1996-2017)





Reaching the 75%

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
 - Student Food Waste Audit
 - Expiration Date Flyer
 - FreshFromFlorida.com/FoodRecovery
 - Food Donation Cards
- Source-Separated Organics Processing Facilities (SOPFs)
 - Working with Inspectors
 - Reviewing Chapter 62-709 (Criteria for Organics Processing and Recycling Facilities)
- FORCE – www.floridaforce.org

HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, GROCERY STORES & SCHOOLS CAN DONATE FOOD!

Who can donate?

Hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, schools and assisted living facilities can donate.

The Florida Food Recovery Initiative sponsored by The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation and Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services encourages donation as long as all food safety requirements are followed.

What to donate?

Non-perishable (e.g., canned food) and perishable food (e.g., fresh produce, prepared food) can be donated.

Where to donate?

Check with your local food banks, food rescue organizations and other non-profits. To find a local food bank, please visit www.feedingflorida.org.

Federal and state legislation provides liability protection to donors.

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act protects donors from civil and criminal liability should the product donated in good faith later cause harm to the recipient.

Florida's legislation also protects good faith donors from civil and criminal liability.

INFORMATION AND CONTACTS FOR LOCAL FOOD DONATION
WOULD BE PLACED IN THIS AREA FOR QUICK REFERENCE.



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.



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





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