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**SWANA Sunshine Chapter Conference  
Organics Recycling in FL  
(FORCE)  
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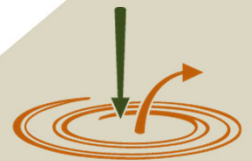
FLORIDA ORGANICS RECYCLING CENTER for EXCELLENCE

# Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence (F.O.R.C.E.)

The current F.O.R.C.E. Mission is to provide a framework to promote organics recycling and serve as the FDEP's clearinghouse of information for the Florida (FL) organics recycling industry.



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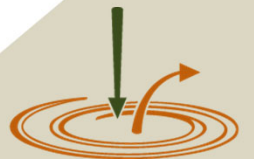
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# FORCE Website

The website has eight **(8) Header Pages** on the site and relevant subpages.

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- About
- Education
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- 62-709 Rule
- R&D Projects
- Resources
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# Florida Organics Recycling, In the Beginning (1988-2010)

Solid Waste Mgt. Act  
Passed by Legislature  
(1988)

FORA –  
FL Organics Recycling  
Association  
(early 90s)

UF/IFAS  
R&D Research  
(early 90s)

RFT Organics  
Committee Formed  
(late 90s)

FORCE Established  
(2001)

FAC 62-709  
Opened & Revised  
(2010)

 75% Goal 2008

# Organics Recycling in Florida (2010-2024)



FL Repeals  
Yard Trash  
Landfill Ban  
(2010)

FORCE Website  
Clearinghouse of  
Information  
(2011 – current)

Private Organics  
Recycling Facilities  
Reemergence  
2011)

EPA Shifts focus to  
*Food Waste Reduction*  
Prioritization  
(2015)

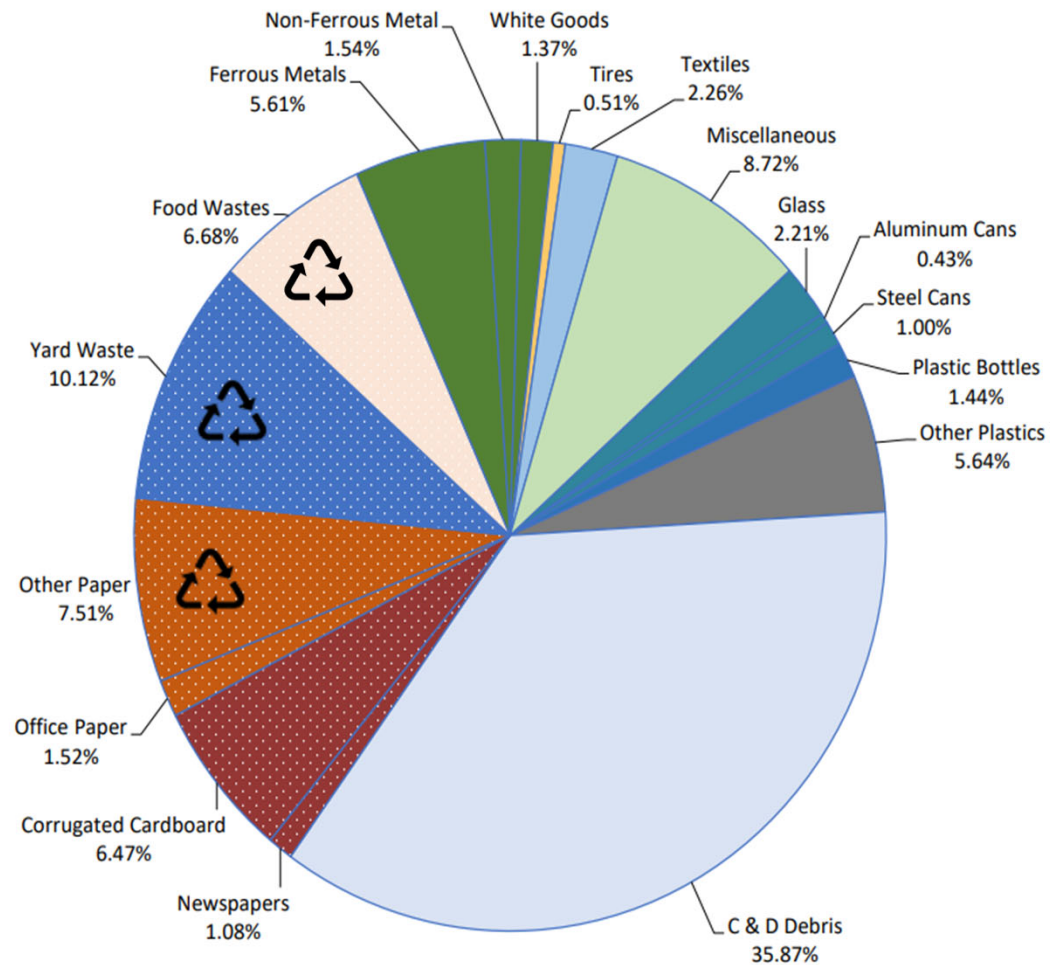
FL Composting Council  
(FLCC) Created as a USCC  
Affiliate  
(Fall 2022)

FAC 62-709, Criteria for  
Organics Recycling  
Facilities is Open  
(2023)

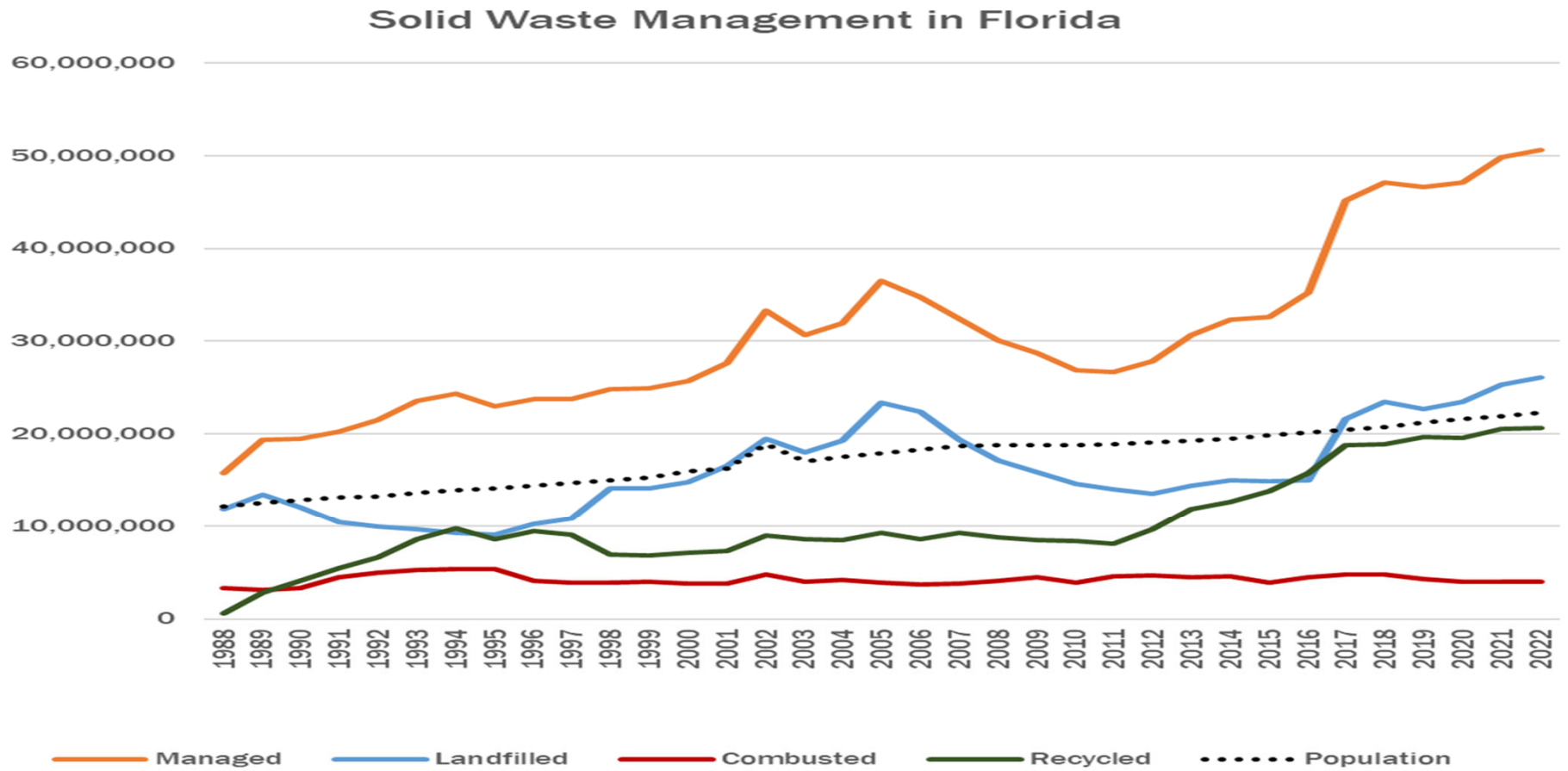
# Florida MSW Collected (2022) 51 Million Tons



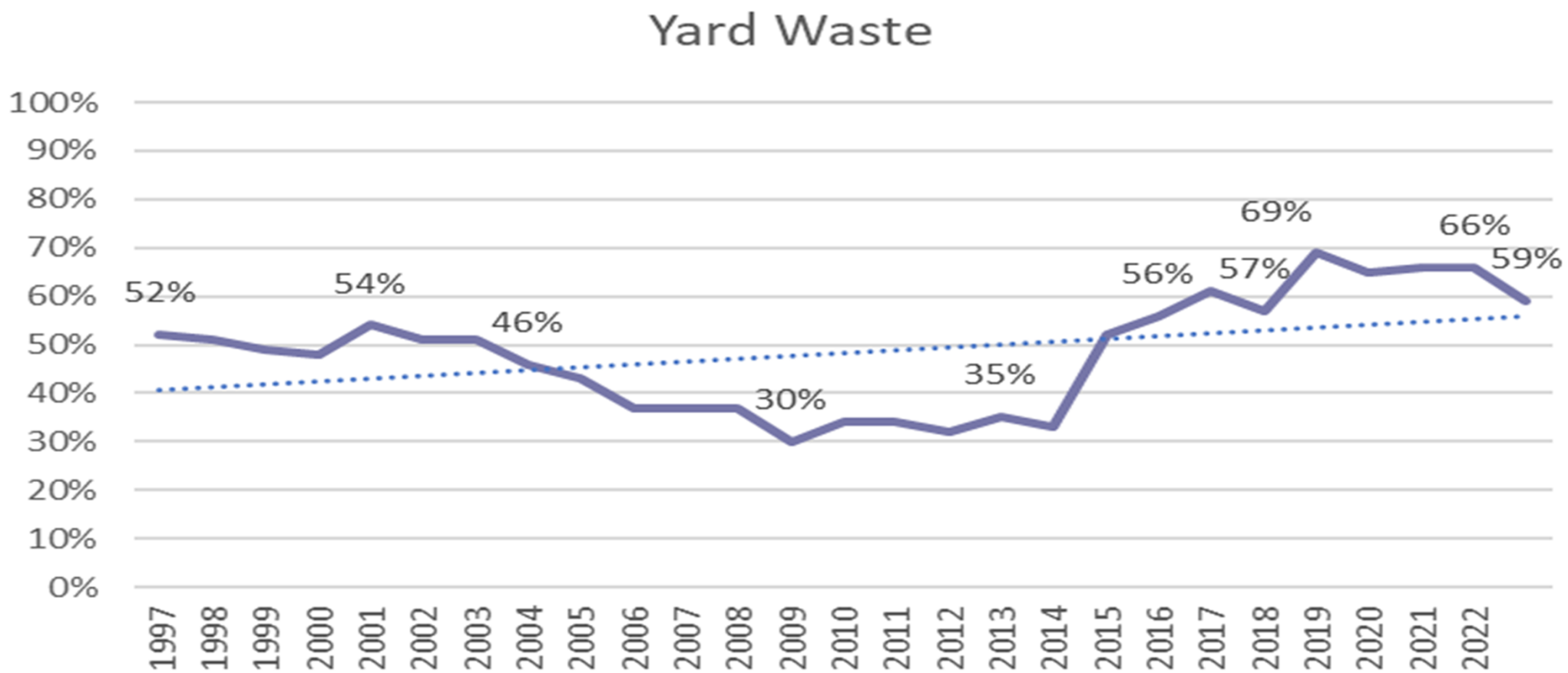
## 2022 Florida Municipal Solid Waste Collected (50.7 million tons)



# Solid Waste Management in FL (1988-2022)

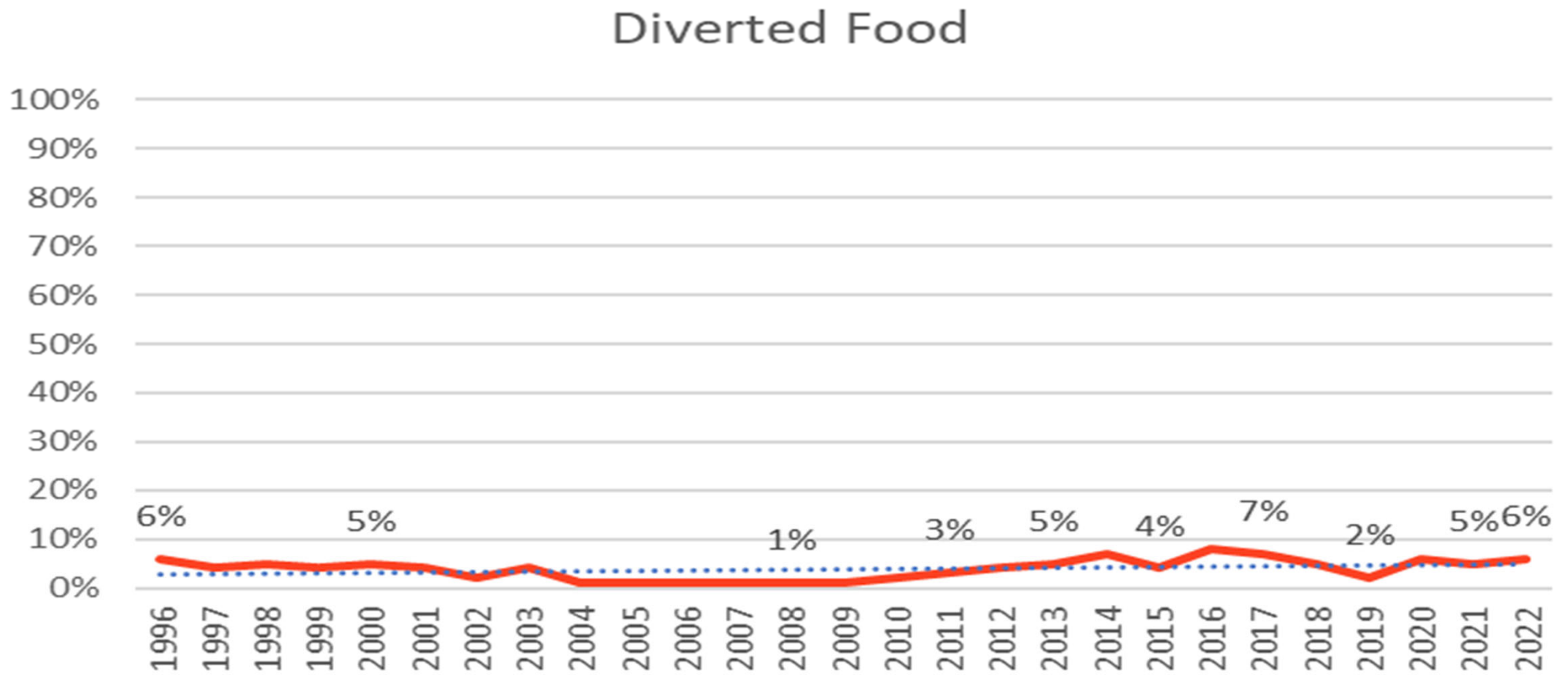


# Yard Waste in Florida (1988 – 2022)





# Diverted Food Waste in Florida (1996 – 2022)



# Current State of Organics in Florida



FL's organics recovery primarily focuses on the production and use of yard waste by REGISTERED facilities.

In 2022, Florida had a TOTAL of 380 organics registered and permitted recycling facilities that received 3.6 million tons of organics that were diverted.

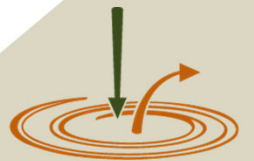
Chapter 62-709, Florida Administrative Code – Criteria for Organics Processing and Recycling Facilities – OPEN for comment to FDEP.

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