

Annotated Zero Waste Resources

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The website of the GrassRoots Recycling Network (GRRN), Oakland, CA, highlights Zero Waste programs, policies and examples of success stories:

www.grrn.org/zerowaste/index.html.

The GRRN recently held its first national Zero Waste conference. The program for this conference has some of the presentations available for downloading at:

<http://www.grrn.org/conference2004/index.html>

The GRRN Website for Local Government actions, provide five fact sheets that detail cutting edge solutions to urgent waste problems and offer model local government resolutions for communities wanting to take action:

<http://www.grrn.org/localgov/index.html>

GRRN helped to set up a Zero Waste Communities discussion group nationally at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ZeroWasteCommunities>

The GRRN website on Zero Waste Businesses highlights businesses around the country that have diverted more than 90% of their wastes from landfilling:

http://www.grrn.org/zerowaste/articles/companies_zw.html

GRRN's Zero Waste Business principles site highlights waste diversion goals for businesses to achieve: <http://www.grrn.org/zerowaste/business/>

Zero Waste International Alliance (including definition of "Zero Waste"), www.zwia.org

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has a new zero waste website at: www.zerowaste.ca.gov. This provides a window into many other websites on the excellent CIWMB website for Best Management Practices for all types of recyclable materials. The CIWMB also has some excellent Case Studies of Model Local Government Recycling Programs and Policies at:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGLibrary/Innovations/>, including

- Resource Recovery Parks
- Organics Recycling
- C&D Policies
- Business Recycling Policies and Programs
- Incentives for Maximizing Waste Diversion

The CIWMB reference library includes materials that have been submitted to CIWMB by local jurisdictions, including such documents as regional agency agreements, joint powers agreements, memoranda of understanding, solid waste ordinances, public

education materials, and petitions for reduction in diversion mandates:
<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LGLibrary/LocalDocs/>.

EPA site on Eco-Industrial Parks and Resource Recovery Parks:
<http://www.epa.gov/jtr/topics/eip.htm>

EPA Website on Resource Management which seeks to align waste contractor incentives with community or business goals to foster cost-effective resource efficiency through prevention, recycling, and recovery:
<http://www.epa.gov/wastewise/wrr/rm.htm>

Website of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR), highlighting their publication, "Cutting the Waste Stream in Half: Community Record-Setters Show How" providing detailed costs and descriptions of communities that diverted more than 50% of their waste from landfill: <http://www.ilsr.org/pubs/cuttingwaste.pdf>.

ILSR also has other excellent related publications on their website, at www.ilsr.org/recycling/.

A White Paper was prepared for the International Dialog on Proper Discard Management organized by the CRRA Global Recycling Council, August 26-27, 2004. This White Paper highlights key issues and opportunities for communities seeking to conserve wastes as resources: <http://www.crra.com/grc/international/whitepaper.html>

In addition, presentations by many of the speakers at the GRC International Dialog are now posted at: <http://www.crra.com/grc/international/index.html>. GRC also has posted a variety of articles and publications on Zero Waste at: www.crra.com/grc/articles/zwc.html

The Computer TakeBack Campaign works to protect the health and well being of electronics users, workers, and the communities where electronics are produced and discarded by requiring consumer electronics manufacturers and brand owners to take full responsibility for the life cycle of their products, through effective public policy requirements or enforceable agreements: <http://www.computertakeback.com/>

Clean Production Action works with groups around the world to develop and build technical support for policies and strategies that promote the use of products that are safer and cleaner across their life cycle for consumers, workers and communities: <http://www.cleanproduction.org/AAbase/default.htm>

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nations foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work:
http://www.usgbc.org/AboutUs/mission_facts.asp

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) works to build and

serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions. ICLEI offers Local Authorities an online self-assessment tool for local sustainable development processes. You can use this tool free of charge to evaluate processes and progress towards sustainable development from a local authority perspective: <http://www.localevaluation21.org/>

The National Recycling Coalition conducted a groundbreaking study of the nation's recycling and reuse industry, called the National Recycling Economic Information Project. This website the number of jobs created and the value of the recycling and reuse industry, and provides tools for NRC members to apply this information to promote recycling efforts in your area. All CRRA members are NRC members: <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/resources/rei/reihome.htm>

L.A. SHARES, which operates the Materials For The Arts Program, is a non-profit materials reuse program that takes donations of reusable goods and materials (both new and used) from the local business community and redistributes these items FREE-OF-CHARGE to non-profits and schools throughout Los Angeles County: <http://www.lashares.org/mfa/>

The Center for a Competitive Waste Industry champions efforts to restore and maintain competition in the solid waste industry: <http://www.competitivewaste.org/>

City of San Francisco Zero Waste Goal Resolutions: <http://temp.sfgov.org/sfenvironment/aboutus/policy/resolution/007-02.htm> and <http://sfgov.org/sfenvironment/aboutus/policy/resolution/002-03.htm>

Zero Waste Alliance, Portland, OR www.zerowaste.org/

Zero Waste New Zealand www.zerowaste.co.nz/. Included on this website is an excellent manual on Zero Waste Community Planning at: <http://www.zerowaste.co.nz/assets/Reports/roadtozerowaste150dpi.pdf>