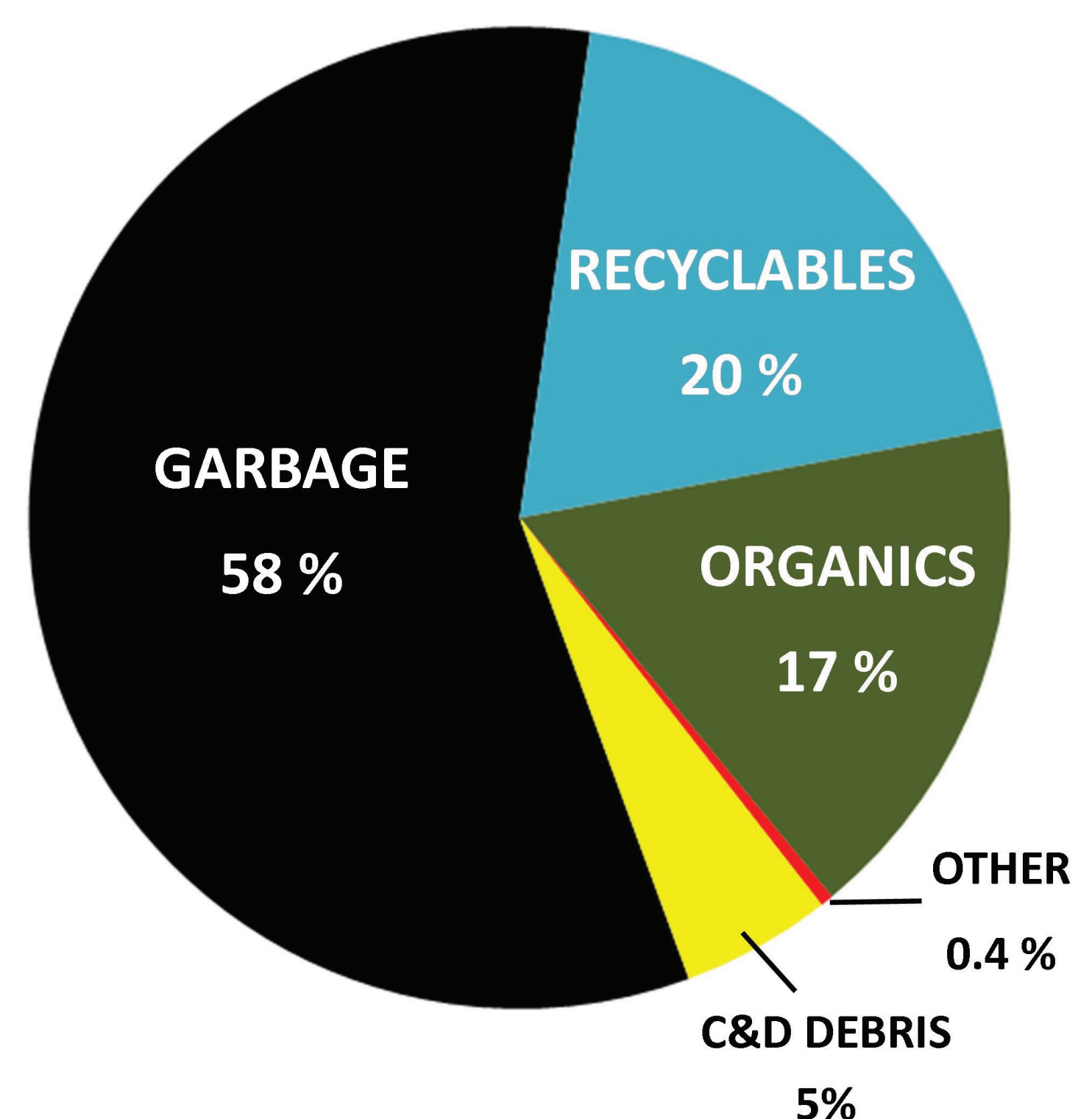
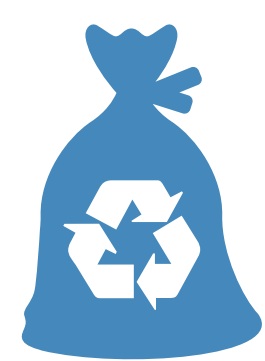


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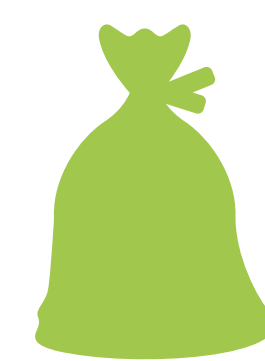
- ▶ **20% of the material arriving at Otter Lake is recyclable** and should have been source separated
- ▶ There are potential **cost efficiencies** by changing the way we recycle
- ▶ Making sorting easier can increase the amount of material we divert



WHAT SERVICES DO WE ALREADY HAVE?



Recycling collected in **3 streams**
(blue bag items, paper, cardboard)

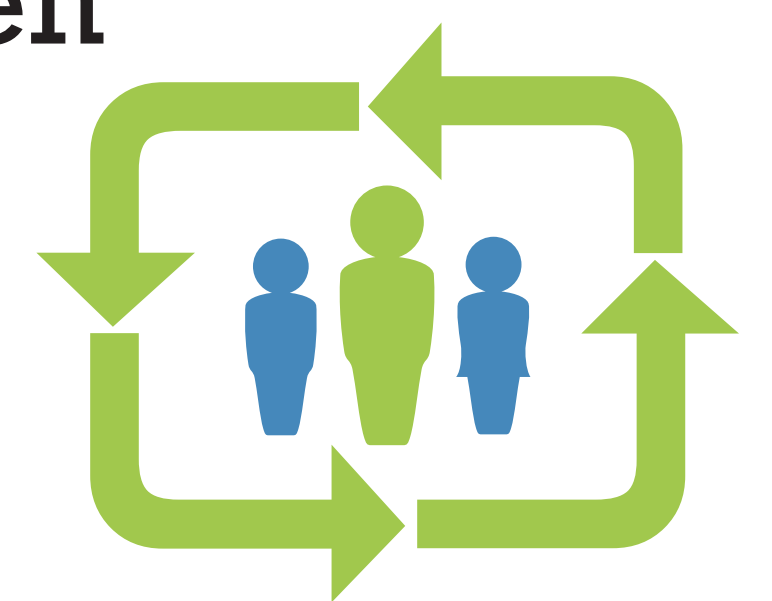


Bag based
program

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS?

Most HRM residents have gotten used to the sorting system

Single stream recycling can increase participation



RECYCLING



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OUR OPTIONS:



OPTION 1: **ALL RECYCLABLES MIXED TOGETHER IN** **ONE BAG** (PLASTIC, GLASS, CANS, PAPER, CARDBOARD) **INSTEAD OF CURRENT 2-BAG SYSTEM**

BENEFITS

- ▶ Easier sorting – no decisions for which bag
- ▶ Favorable to cart based/automated collection which can reduce costs

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Higher contamination rates (material that has to be disposed at landfill) which can lead to lower market value of material
- ▶ Potential increased cost to sort material at facility
- ▶ Can be seen as 'step backwards'



OPTION 2: INTRODUCE BLUE CARTS **INSTEAD OF BLUE BAGS (INCLUDING SPLIT** **CART OPTION FOR EXISTING 2-STREAM** **RECYCLING)**

BENEFITS

- ▶ Less indoor storage required
- ▶ Eliminates need for bags

IMPLICATIONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Requires purchase of cart (and maintenance)
- ▶ Requires storage of additional cart

