



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-017

Date: February 14, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: City of Fort Lauderdale Named Environmental Protection Agency's 2021 WasteWise Local Government – Partner of the Year

I am pleased to announce that the City of Fort Lauderdale has been selected as the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2021 National WasteWise Local Government Partner of the Year, in recognition of the City's waste reduction and diversion efforts. WasteWise is an extension of the EPA's sustainable materials management effort, which promotes the use and reuse of waste materials over their full life cycle. The EPA recognizes WasteWise partners who have demonstrated leadership in waste prevention and diversion.

The City's Curbside Electronics Pick-Up program was recognized by the EPA for its efforts to protect the environment from potentially dangerous electronic components that can pose serious risks to human and environmental health, as well as mining precious metals from these components that can be reused. The City's curbside electronics collections provided neighbors with a convenient alternative to recycle their electronics during the Covid-19 pandemic when drop-off events were significantly reduced, realizing a 14% increase in the recycling of these items over the previous year.

Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 highlights the City's commitment to both innovation and advancement in its solid waste programs under the Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community, and Objective 3: Effectively manage solid waste. This accomplishment reflects the sustained efforts of departments and divisions citywide to work toward this goal.

The City is listed as the EPA's WasteWise Local Government – Partner of the Year, along with the success story on the EPA webpage at www.epa.gov/smm/2021-wastewise-national-award-winners#Lauderdale. Additionally, more information about our Curbside Electronics Program can be accessed at www.fortlauderdale.gov/epickup.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Melissa Doyle, Program Manager of Solid Waste and Recycling, at mdoyle@fortlauderdale.gov.

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