



Cuyahoga County
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
CuyahogaRecycles.org

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Cleveland Heights Refuse Task Force



Topics

Overview of other communities' programs

Methods of collection for refuse and recycling

Service Costs

Current Challenges and Local Impacts



Cuyahoga County Service Providers

Public 1/3

vs.

Private 2/3



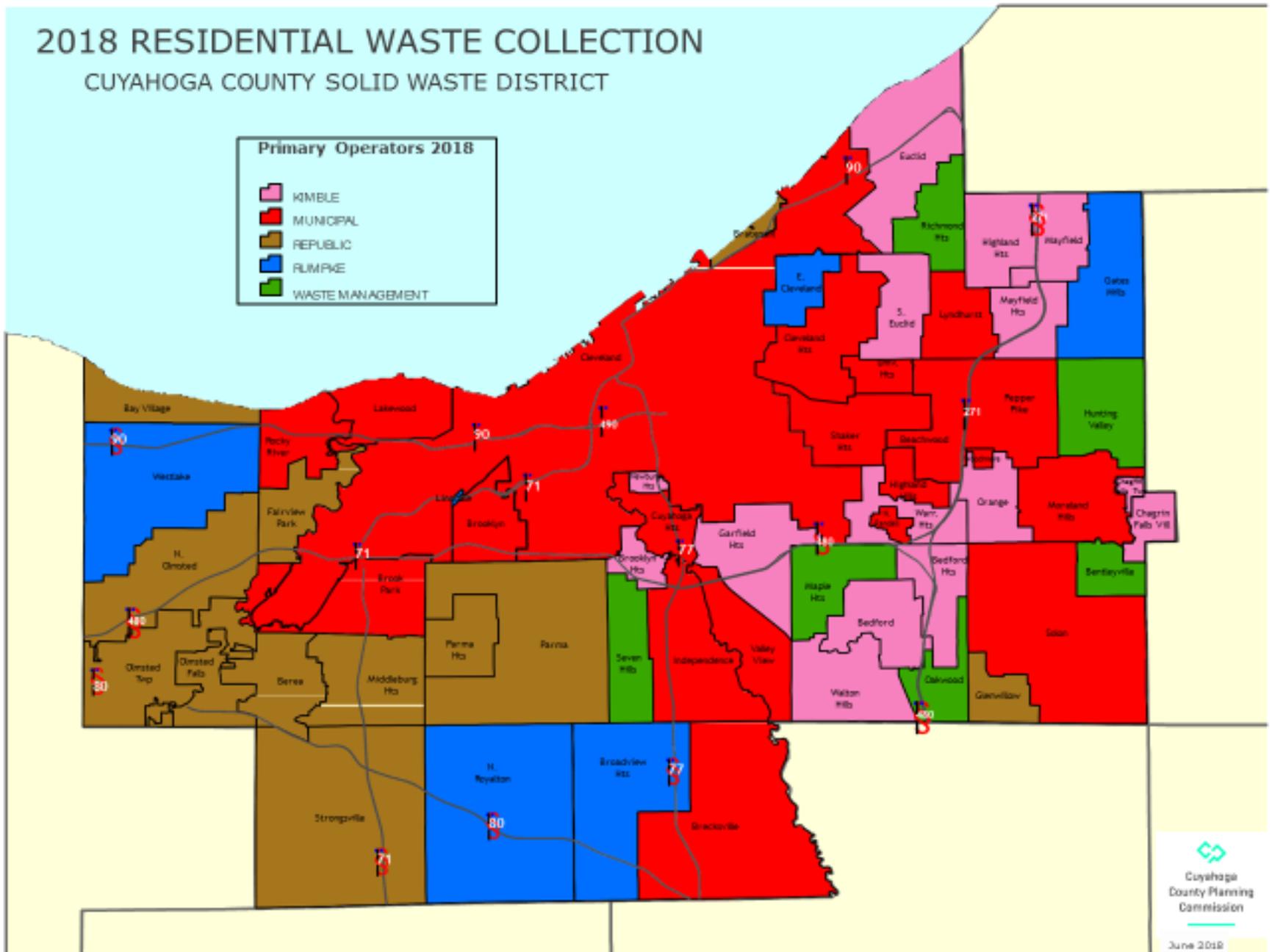
59 total cities

2018 RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION

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Primary Operators 2018

- KIMBLE
- MUNICIPAL
- REPUBLIC
- RUMPKE
- WASTE MANAGEMENT



Programs Funding

Community Pays All (General Fund) – **41**

or

Community Charges Residents - **18**

- Property tax assessment or
- Monthly charge (ranges from \$8.75 to \$16.00)
- Charges usually do not cover the full cost

Cuyahoga County Collection Methods

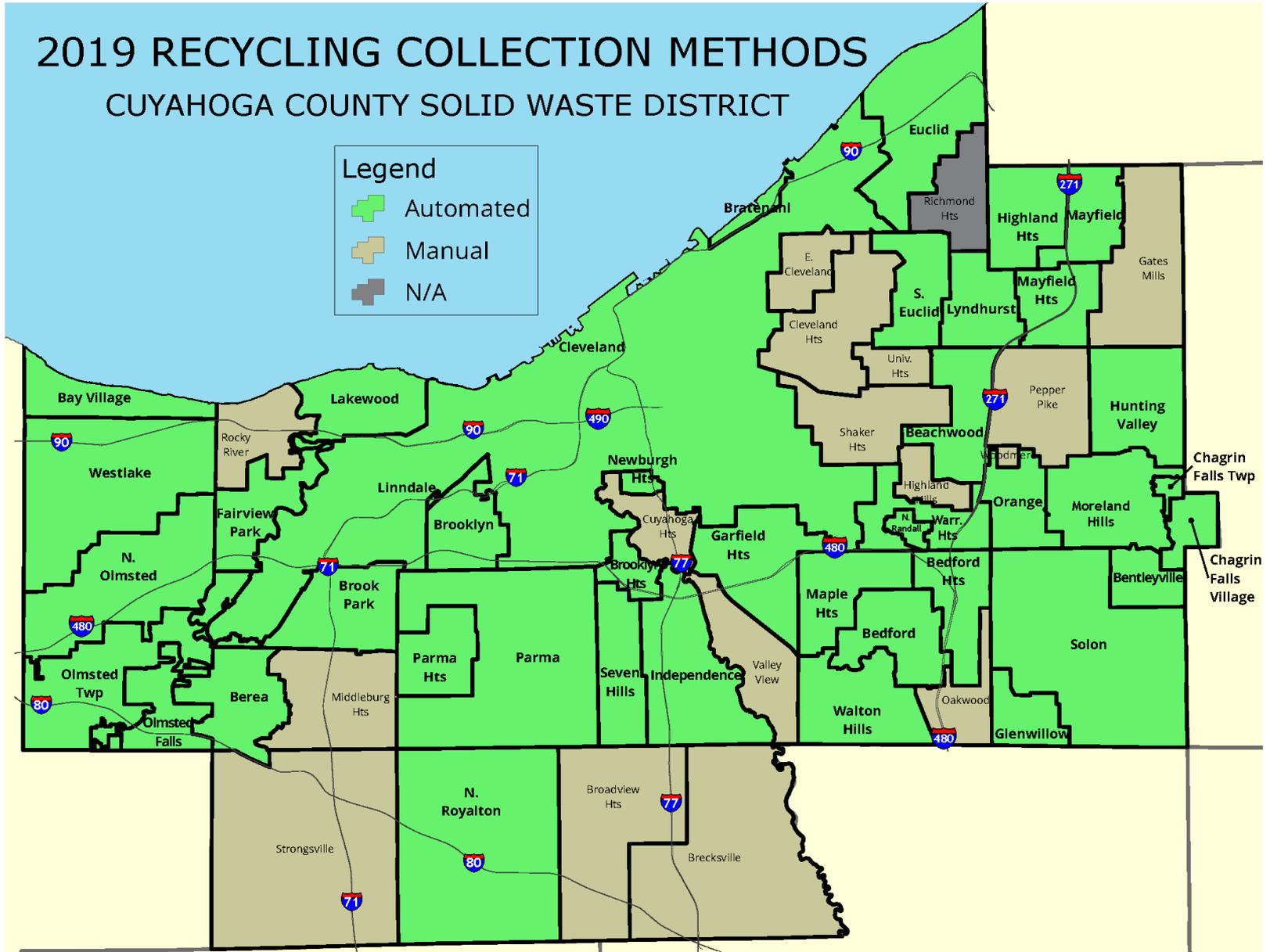
Manual Collection	16 communities 89,877 homes
Automated Collection	43 communities 380,267 homes
Curbside Recycling (Single Stream)	58 communities

2019 RECYCLING COLLECTION METHODS

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Legend

-  Automated
-  Manual
-  N/A



Automated Collection



Automated Collection - Carts

Trash Cart

96 or 64 gallon



Recycle Cart

64 gallon



Automated Collection – Benefits



- Best Industry Practice
- Reduced worker injury and comp claims
- Better for aging workforce
- Cleaner community – less litter
- Increase in recycling collection
- More efficient collection

Cost for Service (private hauler)

Waste & Recycling Collection

\$9.96 - \$13.76 per household/month

+

Waste Disposal

\$39 - \$44 per ton

+

Recycling Processing Fee

\$45 - \$80/ton

Total Cost Range = \$14.69 - \$18.10 per hh/mo (private hauler price)

All In

Current Challenges - National

- Contaminated curbside recycling
- Restricted recycling markets – China
National Sword
- Lower commodity values due to excess
global surplus

Current Challenges - Local

The MRF Dilemma

- Flooded domestic markets
- Lower commodity prices
- Up to 25% contamination incoming loads = higher processing costs
- Communities asked to share cost

Material Recovery Facilities



Recycling in Cuyahoga County

- Combine these items at the curb
- Place items loose – not bagged – in your cart or bin



CANS



CARTONS



GLASS



PAPER & BOXES



PLASTIC BOTTLES
& CONTAINERS



Local Impacts

Higher recycler processing costs means higher costs for communities

Possible restrictions in what can be recycled curbside

Possible program adjustments – community based decisions

More landfilled material



What's Needed

New Markets

Producer Responsibility

**New Focus On “Waste
Minimization”**

Patience – stay the course



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Thank you!

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the leading resource in Cuyahoga County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

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