

ReWorks | Year In Review | 2023



ReWorks

VISION STATEMENT

Summit County will be a “zero-waste” community through leadership, education and engagement.

MISSION STATEMENT

ReWorks provides solutions and leadership to empower our community, institutions, and businesses to develop and utilize environmentally sound, cost-effective recycling and waste management strategies.

CONSULTED
19
BUSINESSES ON
MATERIALS
MANAGEMENT
OPTIONS AND
6
BEGAN THE
COMMERCIAL
SINGLE STREAM
PROGRAM

1. Document Shredding and Recycling Events

In 2023, there were 19 inquiries from businesses for Materials Management Consultations. ReWorks made site visits to 14 of those businesses. ReWorks assisted 6 businesses with finding resources for managing materials, 2 businesses were connected with their city's recycling program and 6 businesses started on ReWorks Commercial Single Stream Program. This resulted in a 74% success rate to implement recycling or waste reduction practices through ReWorks technical support through this service.

Additionally in 2023 ReWorks conducted a recycling route audit with their hauler (Kimble) to assess participation and improve efficiencies in route mapping.

2. Commercial Single Stream Recycling Program (CSS)

This program provides recycling to the underserved smaller generators of recyclables that would otherwise have no option for this service. This program services the non-residential sectors (commercial, institutional, industrial, and multi-family units) that meet the program requirements. In 2023 ReWorks collected an estimated 113 tons of material.

ReWorks funds both the collection and provides training, materials, and technical support at no cost to the participants of this program.

3. Community Recycling Assistance Grant (CRAG)

In 2023, \$490,627.34 in grants were paid to those municipalities that applied for funds. Grant funds financially supported the following types of services: Automatic curbside recycling, Opt-In curbside recycling, Residential leaf & yard waste drop off & curbside side collection programs, Maintenance, personnel, improvements, and servicing of single stream drop off recycling locations.

4. Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center (HHWRC)

2023 marked ReWorks' 28th year operating our Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The facility's mission to divert materials from our landfills and provide safe recycling and disposal of household hazardous materials for Summit County residents remains the same. The 2023 season offered 18 HHW collections through which about 3,981 households were serviced and 94.15 tons of HHW were collected.

NEW: ReWorks also added embedded batteries and E-Cigarettes & vapes to our accepted materials list.

113
EST TONS OF
CSS MATERIAL
COLLECTED

\$490,627
TOTAL AMOUNT
OF GRANT FUNDS
AWARDED BY
COMMUNITY
RECYCLING
ASSISTANCE GRANT

94.15
TONS OF HHW
COLLECTED

Programs

continued

112,140
POUNDS OF PAPER &
1,860
POUNDS OF
CARDBOARD WERE
COLLECTED

5. Document Shredding and Recycling Events

In 2023, ReWorks continued hosting annual Document Shredding and Recycling events for Summit County residents and businesses. Collection events occurred May - October in 4 different locations -Akron, Green, Macedonia, and Stow. Through these events a total of 112,140 pounds of paper and 1,860 pounds of cardboard were collected from 1,720 participants.

840 lbs.
OF FOOD SCAPS
WERE DIVERTED
FROM A LANDFILL

6. Organics

In 2023, ReWorks funded and coordinated the collection of food scraps from the State of the County speech and the State of the City speech that resulted in diverting 840 lbs. of food scraps. ReWorks funded the collection, transportation and composting done by an OEPA Class II facility. Additionally, contact information for small scale, local food scrap collection vendors are included on the ReWorks website.

4,955
TIRES
COLLECTED

7. Scrap Tires

ReWorks collects scrap tires through several methods. During the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center's 2023 season, 3,359 scrap tires were collected and recycled. ReWorks also accepted 1,664 tires from Summit County Service Departments that picked up tires dumped along roadsides or generated at service garages.

In 2023, the total tires collected by Reworks was 4,955 which equaled 49.55 tons.

33,680
POUNDS OF
MATERIAL WAS
RECYCLED

8. Recycling Days

ReWorks Recycling Days is a program created to allow ReWorks to collect materials that are recyclable beyond the curbside cart. This program is currently hosted at ReWorks facility in Stow. It also serves as a pilot for the format of collection at the future Collection Center being built. In 2023, Recycling Days were held 6 days in the Spring and 4 days in the Fall. The materials collected were glass bottles and jars, string lights, cooking oil, CRT TVs, flatscreen TVs, laptops, cell phones, tablets, VCR/DVD players, gaming consoles, campaign signs, pumpkins, and Styrofoam™

A total of 33,608 pounds of material was recycled from 506 Summit County participants during our 10 days of 2023 ReWorks Recycling Days Events.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Glass Bottles & Jars – **3,060 lbs.**
String Lights – **200 lbs.**
Cooking Oil – **350 gallons**
Electronics – **27,587 lbs.**

343 CRT TVs – **17,127 lbs.**
259 Flatscreen TVs – **8,929 lbs.**
Laptops – **771 lbs.**
Cell Phones, Tablets, VCR/DVD Players
and Gaming Consoles – **760 lbs.**
Campaign Signs – **2,349 lbs.**

LDPE poly bags – **106 lbs.**
Paperboard Signs – **261 lbs.**
Coroplast Signs – **1,482 lbs.**
Metal Frames – **500 lbs.**
Pumpkins (added in Fall) – **80 lbs.**
Styrofoam (added in Fall) – **332 lbs.**

Outreach and Recognition

→ Food Waste Reduction

In 2023, we continued our message for Food Waste Reduction through ads and outreach promoting 5 steps to reducing food waste. The messaging was shared in 4 publications for \$630.34 and shared in a newsletter.

→ Newsletter

In 2023, the e-newsletter was distributed 8 times. The number of subscribers at the first newsletter distribution was 3,850 and grew to 4,174 by the final distribution, with an average open rate of 62.65%.

→ Training/Presentations

While in-person presentations were available, many entities opted for virtual presentations. From June through November there were 3 virtual presentations that reached a total of 395+ viewers.

→ Website/Social Media

From August to December our Google Business sites had 33,271 views and 2,512 clicks (view website, get directions, call office.) Throughout the course of 2023 ReWorks' website had 151,827 page views and 39,118 users. 35 posts were made to Facebook which has 1.9k followers. In October we began utilizing Instagram resulting in 15 posts throughout the end of the year reaching 137 followers. Our Flickr and YouTube accounts are maintained and continue to be used for outreach as needed.

→ Tires from Summit County

1,664 tires from Summit County Service Departments that were picked up from roadsides or generated at service garages.

→ Radio

153 Days of radio spots sharing recycling information with Summit County Residents.

→ Phone Calls

1,893 phone calls answered by ReWorks staff providing information on ReWorks services, recycling, and materials management guidance.

→ OEPA Grant

In 2023, the 2021 Ohio EPA Market Development Grant for cooperating enterprise PK Crushing & Materials closed out. Acting as their government sponsor for this grant, ReWorks assisted PK Crushing receive \$200,000 grant dollars to help purchase a portable crusher.

A second Market Development Grant was awarded to ReWorks in the amount of \$1,280 by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") on behalf of RCR Waste Management LLC DbA Rubber City Reuse ("cooperating enterprise") for the year ending 2021. Rubber City Reuse notified the Authority in May of 2023 they would not pursue the grant, and the grant agreement was terminated

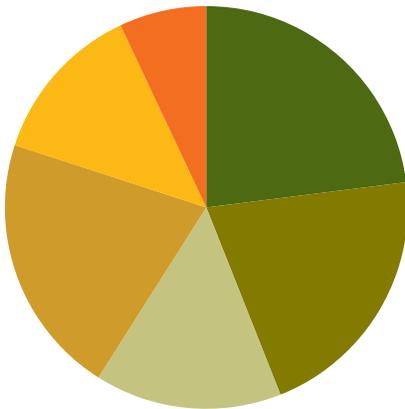
Financials

OPERATING EXPENSES 2023

Recycling Program and Education Services	\$	530,167
Community Recycling Assistance Grant	\$	490,627
Landfill Closure Fund	\$	349,528
Administration	\$	498,071
Construction of Admin & Collection Center	\$	310,956
Health Department	\$	155,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	2,334,349

** Does not include depreciation (Matches Audit)

** Does not include OEPA Pass through Grant Expenses

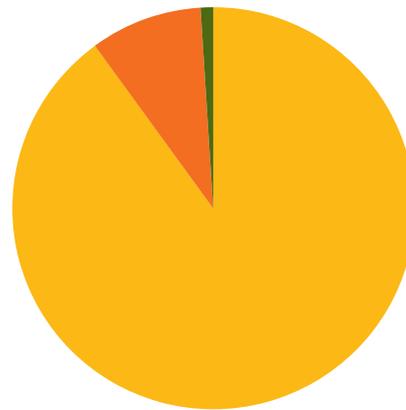


- Recycling Program and Education Services **23%**
- Community Recycling Assistance Grant **21%**
- Landfill Closure Fund **15%**
- Administration **21%**
- Construction of Admin & Collection Center **13%**
- Health Department **7%**

OPERATING REVENUES 2023

Generation Fees		2,338,206
Interest Income	\$	220,176
Other Income		3,243
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$	2,561,625

** Does not include OEPA Pass through Grant Expenses



- Generation Fees **91%**
- Interest Income **9%**
- Other Income **Less than 1%**



2023 Board of Trustees and Staff

ReWorks is governed by a Board of 15 trustees representing the:

- City of Akron
- County of Summit
- Cities of Summit County
- Summit County Public Health
- Trustees and Clerks Association of Summit County
- Villages of Summit County,
- Corporate and Citizens at Large

2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As of 12-31-2023

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County of Summit C.S.E.A.

Citizen alternate: Nicole Chavers

ReWorks STAFF

As of 12-31-2023

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Emily Butler – Education Promotion Specialist



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