CARE Conference 2013

City of Los Angeles

Sanitation Department of Public Works

A New Day?

Carpet Recycling & Sustainability
“Commercial” Waste

- Everything except single family homes
- Business, multi-family, churches, film studios…
- Everyone who generates post-consumer carpet except…
- DIY Home owners – bulky item pickup
- 38 Million #/carpet year
311 Carpet Stores in City of LA
< 5% Served by Collectors
Small Stores, Little Parking
City of LA Existing System

Choice of **150** Commercial Haulers

aka “The Wild West”

Limited Recycling,
High Chance of Dirty Carpet
Used Carpet Flow in California

Collection Options:
1. Trailers at Retailers & Installers/Private Haulers
2. Trailers at Demolition Sites
3. Drop off Locations
4. Transfer Stations
5. MRF’s
6. W-T-E Facility in Commerce
Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
Save Money? Landfill Cheaper
150 to 11 Exclusive Franchises

- “Clean Air, Good Jobs, Recycling for All”
- Developing RFP Now
- Big Prize …
  Social Engineering
  (e.g. Clean Trucks, Clean up MRF’s)
- Opportunities of Carpet Recycling …
Concept: City of LA RFP Goals

- Call out Carpet as a Special Waste (like E-waste)
- Require proposer to specifically address how they will handle carpet including...
- Source segregation
- One year + out
- Need short term solutions now (Small biz drop off)…

recycle
The possibilities are endless.
Additional Opportunity

City of Los Angeles as end user of reclaimed carpet resources
Program could be model for other government partners
Summary

- City of LA: 38 million pounds of carpet/year
- Most stores small
- New system will create collection infrastructure
- Potential for sustainability model
- Per request of City of LA meeting being set up in May with Bob Peoples