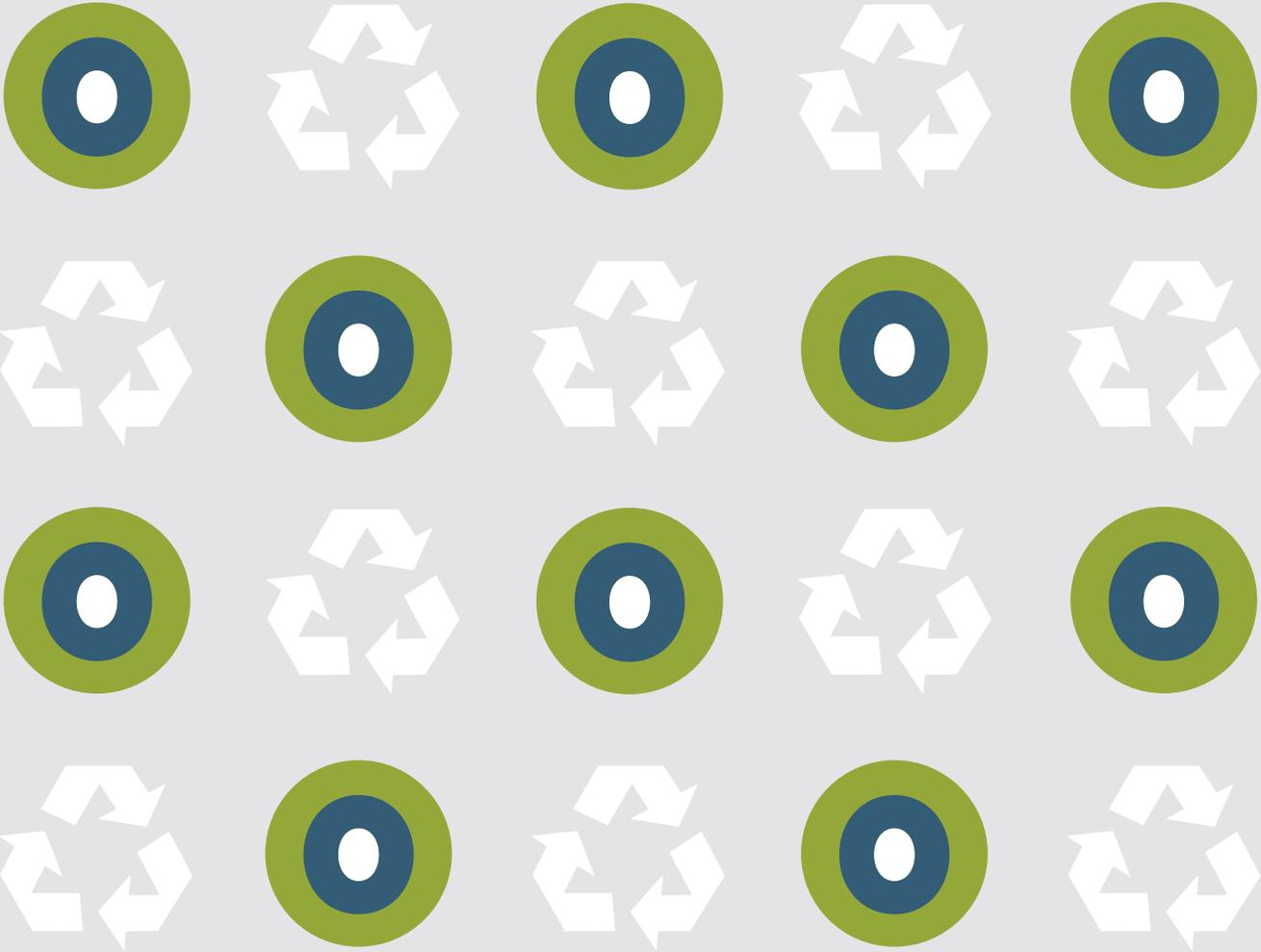


ReWorks

Year In Review 2024



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.

Programs

Summary of programs

ReWorks offers the following programs within Summit County to provide and encourage the use of available avenues for the diversion of materials from landfills. These programs not only offer solutions for managing materials but also provide invaluable outreach and education, increasing awareness of the many ways choices made by individuals and institutions can impact materials management and reduce materials sent to landfills.

1. Materials Management Consultations for Businesses

ReWorks offers materials management consultations to Summit County businesses and institutions looking for guidance regarding best practices for managing materials currently disposed of through their trash. In 2024 ReWorks received inquiries from 14 businesses. 4 site visits were made by ReWorks and 4 businesses received assistance to find resources for managing their materials. 3 businesses were started on ReWorks' Commercial Single Stream Recycling Program. These efforts resulted in a 50% success rate through implementing recycling or waste reduction practices through ReWorks technical support provided through this service.

3 BUSINESSES BEGAN THE COMMERCIAL SINGLE STREAM PROGRAM

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 2024 ReWorks collected an estimated 114 tons of material

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

114 ESTIMATED TONS OF CSS MATERIAL COLLECTED

3. Community Recycling Assistance Grant (CRAG)

ReWorks provides the opportunity for Summit County cities, villages and townships to access grant funds to support waste diversion efforts within their own community. In 2024, \$467,977 (per accrual basis accounting of 2024 grant cycle) in grants were paid to those municipalities that applied for funds.

Typically grant funds financially support the following types of services: Automatic curbside recycling, opt-in curbside recycling, residential leaf & yard waste drop off & curbside collection programs, maintenance, personnel, improvements and servicing of singly stream drop off recycling locations.

\$467,977 TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

4. Household Hazardous Waste Collections

ReWorks' 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection season was not only the 29th year ReWorks has provided this service to Summit County residents but also held our 1,000th HHW Collection. ReWorks remains dedicated to offering Summit County residents a safe option for managing household hazardous waste and diverting as much material as possible from our landfills. During the 2024 HHW season about 4,012 households were serviced during our 16 collections resulting in 89.16 tons of HHW being collected.

89.16 TONS OF HHW COLLECTED

5. Organics

In 2024, ReWorks funded and coordinated the collection of food scraps from the State of the County speech and a Harvest for Hunger event that resulted in .42 tons of food scraps being diverted from landfills. 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.

.42 TONS OF FOOD SCRAPS WERE DIVERTED FROM A LANDFILL

6. Scrap Tires

ReWorks collects scrap tires through several methods. During the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center's 2024 season, 2,979 scrap tires were collected and recycled. ReWorks also accepted 1,720 tires from Summit County Service Departments that picked up tires dumped along roadsides or generated at service garages. In 2024, the total tires collected by ReWorks was 4,699 which equaled 46.99 tons.

4,699 TIRES COLLECTED

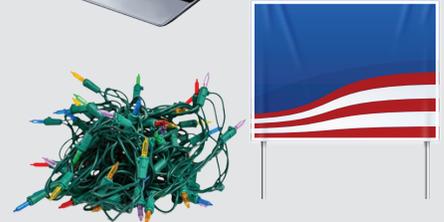
7. Recycling Days

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 2024, Recycling Days were held 8 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, campaign signs, and Styrofoam™

A total of 3.74 tons of material was recycled from 869 Summit County participants during our 12 days of 2024 ReWorks Recycling Days Events.

3.74 TONS OF MATERIAL WAS RECYCLED

RESULTS AT A GLANCE



Glass Bottles & Jars – **3,735 lbs.**

String Lights – **530 lbs.**

Cooking Oil – **490 gallons**

Electronics – **24,191 lbs.**

- CRT & Projection TVs: **14,255 lbs.**

- Flatscreen TVs: **9,302 lbs.**

- Laptops: **160 lbs.**

- Cell Phones, Tablets, VCR/DVD Players: **474 lbs.**

Campaign Signs – **1,861 lbs.**

- LDPE Poly Bags: **119 lbs.**

- Paperboard Signs: **472 lbs.**

- Coroplast Signs: **635 lbs.**

- Metal Frames: **635 lbs.**

Styrofoam (added in Fall): **1,346 lbs.**

Outreach and Recognition

Food Waste Reduction

In 2024 ReWorks continued messaging sharing the importance of Food Waste Reduction. We continued to provide education about food waste using USEPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy chart and promote simple steps individuals can take to reduce their food waste through our website, newsletters and social media. We participated in Food Waste Prevention Week, amplifying their outreach and sharing their resources across our platforms as well as promoting new opportunities for residents and businesses to get involved with food rescue efforts through a local chapter of Food Rescue US.

Newsletter

In 2024, the e-newsletter was distributed 10 times. The number of subscribers at the first newsletter distribution was 4,174 and grew to 4,670 by the final distribution, with an average open rate of 58.6% and 2,263 clicks.

Training/Presentations

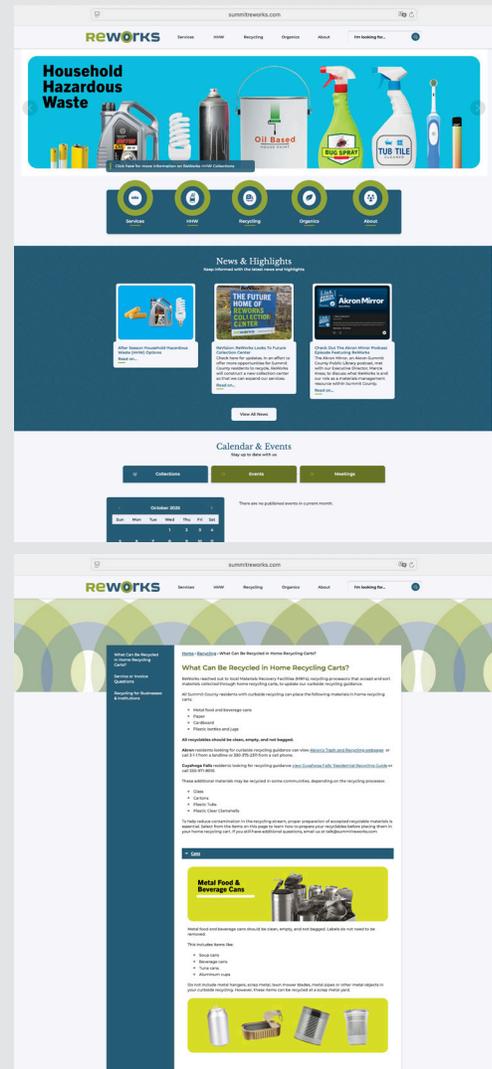
In 2024 ReWorks gave 8 presentations with over 247 participants. The groups who requested and received presentations were Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Falls Library, Summit County Public Board of Health, Bethany UCC, Township Association of Summit County, Stow Women's Club, Young at Heart Club (Queen of Heaven Church), and Firestone Veterans.

Google Business & Social Media

Google Business: 33,271 views, 2,512 clicks

Facebook: 1.9k followers, 35 posts

Instagram: 171 followers, 37 posts



Website Redesign

ReWorks website was redesigned and updated in 2024. The redesign focused on increasing visual cues for users and creating more points of access to commonly utilized pages from our homepage. We now have an interactive banner that changes along with collections and campaigns that are upcoming or ongoing and allow users to open the corresponding pages of our website just by clicking. In addition to our banner, we have a more prominent calendar, highlighting collections, events, and meetings, as well as Audio Eye, software that will allow users to adjust the look of our webpages to accommodate a variety of needs.

Website: 39,118 views, 151,827 clicks.



ReVision: ReWorks Looks To Future Collection Center

To offer more opportunities for Summit County residents to recycle, ReWorks began constructing a new collection center in 2024 to expand our services. The new facility will be located on the same parcel as the current Collection Center and is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

Once the new collection center opens, ReWorks will start collecting materials that are recyclable beyond home recycling carts from Summit County residents and businesses in addition to continuing our seasonal Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Other Materials - an expansion of Recycling Days Collections.

The proposed facility plan calls for a 9,800 square feet building with 5,700 square feet enclosed. Hasenstab Architects, Inc. is the project architect and engineer, and construction will be completed by Seitz Builder, Inc.



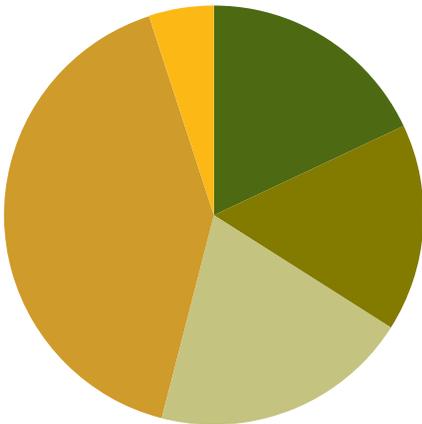
Architectural rendering of ReWorks new Collection Center

Financials

OPERATING EXPENSES 2024

Recycling Program and Education Services	\$	529,388
Community Recycling Assistance Grant	\$	467,977
Administration	\$	605,024
Construction of Admin & Collection Center	\$	1,234,317
Health Department	\$	155,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	2,991,707

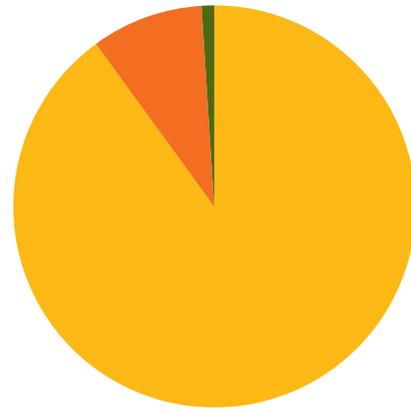
** Does not include depreciation (Matches Audit)



- Recycling Program and Education Services **18%**
- Community Recycling Assistance Grant **16%**
- Administration **20%**
- Construction of Admin & Collection Center **41%**
- Health Department **5%**

OPERATING REVENUES 2024

Generation Fees	\$	2,355,460
Interest Income	\$	230,604
Other Income	\$	3,565
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$	2,589,629



- Generation Fees **91%**
- Interest Income **8%**
- Other Income **Less than 1%**



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