







City of Littleton: South Metro Waste Diversion Plan



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Agenda



The Why



Littleton Goals and Timeline



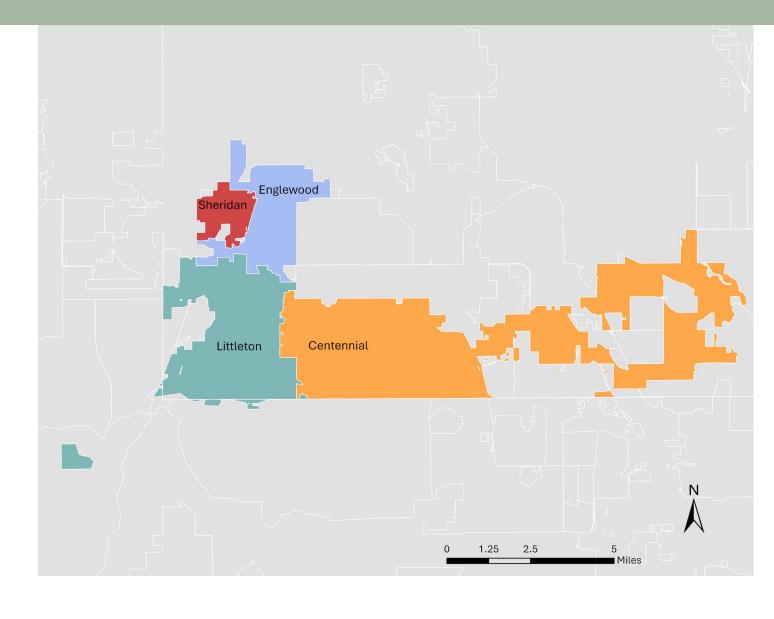
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Unpacking the Timelines



Next Steps













The Why

Mission of Project

The South Metro Region, including the cities of Centennial, Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan of Colorado, has set an ambitious goal of progressing to a system favoring equitable waste reduction and waste diversion strategies driven by data and best practices.

Plan Adoption by Resolution

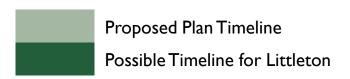
Provides a prioritized list of action items to focus efforts and a path for Littleton to become part of the solution for a circular economy.

90%

Littleton residents agree or strongly agree that they support efforts to increase recycling and composting.

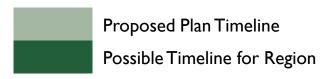


Waste Diversion Timeline



Littleton Specific Actions	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26	Q1- Q2 27	Q3- Q4 27	2028	2029	2030	203 I	2032 2	033+
I. Ongoing community outreach and engagement												_
2. Consider hauler licensing												
3. Consider an equal space ordinance												
4. Support transition to organized collection							_					
5. Implement yard debris compost curbside (single-family)							_					
6. Implement food scraps compost curbside (single-family)							_					
7. Leverage CO's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law												
8. Explore a construction & demolition (C&D) ordinance								_				
9. Explore adopting a universal recycling ordinance												

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I. Support and/or develop a regional recycling drop-off center within South Metro					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-
2. Work together regionally towards improving organic diversion access and supporting a large-scale organics processing infrastructure that accepts food scraps and other compostables										•	_	-
3. Support efforts to increase muti-family and commercial access to recycling / compost services			_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_



Unpacking the Timelines

- Waste hauling impacts everyone, so spending more time on outreach/education is key to success
 - More education leads to higher diversion rates from landfills
- Coordination regionally takes more time and strategic planning
- Exploring the adoption of hauler licensing in 2026 for a 2027 launch







Next Steps





Coordinate outreach and education, both as a city and alongside regional partners



Develop hauler licensing