# City of Saint Paul – Sustainable "To Go" Food Packaging Initiative

Partnerships: Successful approaches to reduce litter & waste (case studies)



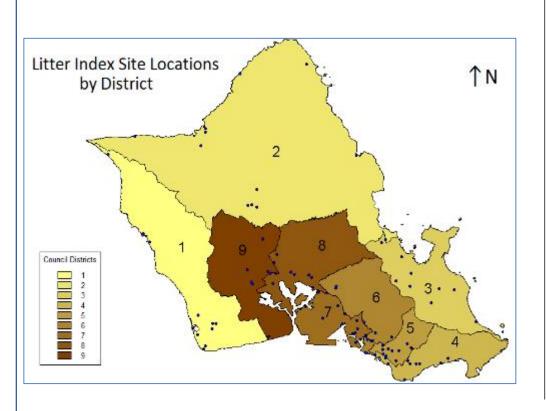
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## Partnership Case Studies — Litter & Waste Reduction Case Studies

- Partnership approach deals with litter/waste reduction for packaging without impacting specific products
- Industry/City Partnerships ACC experience
  - Honolulu (Oahu), Hawaii
  - Baltimore, MD
  - Los Angeles, CA
  - Moore Recycling/industry associations web resources for recycling

#### 2016 Activities

- Honolulu Implementing Litter Abatement Programs
  - 1. Kupu Intern Litter
  - 2. Litter Index Including Storm Drain Inlets
  - 3. Ala Moana Lidded Receptacles Pilot Program
  - 4. Environmental Court Training Focus on Litter and Stormwater Trash



# Site 9-1 Survey Type: Driving Survey Target: Lumiaina Street Starting Point: Lumiaina Street starting at 94-799 Paiwa Street Direction to travel: Southeast End Point: Largo Bldg. (Church) just past Pulelo St. Site Length: 0.5 miles GPS Coordinates: 21.401265, -158.008853 Road Type: Arterial Area Type: Commercial Google Streets link: Site 9-1 Street map of Site 9-1 start point

### Ala Moana Park – Lids make a difference to prevent blowing litter than becomes packaging waste in ocean

KHIB (Keep Hawaiian Islands Beautiful) and KAB (Keep America Beautiful) - KHIB, KAB and the William S. Richardson Law School in Honolulu is development and presenting enforcement training materials based on local ordinances and state laws related to litter, illegal dumping, marine debris and storm water trash. Training to law and code enforcement officials, prosecutors and justices will also explain how litter-related problems negatively impact Honolulu as a community as well as the vitality of its tourism industry.

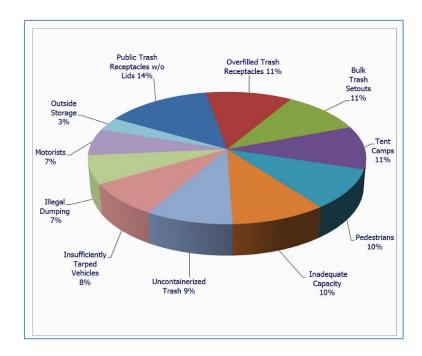
Local Hawaiian Restaurants - Hawaiian local restaurants play a special role in Hawaii culture. Led by Zippy's and several other local restaurants, with the guidance of ACC consultants, they have developed a local restaurant pledge based on *Aloha Aina* (Love of the Land), called "Malama 808" to take measures to prevent trash and litter from leaving their establishments. "Malama" is the Hawaiian word for "care for" or "take care of," and 808 is Hawaii's area code.

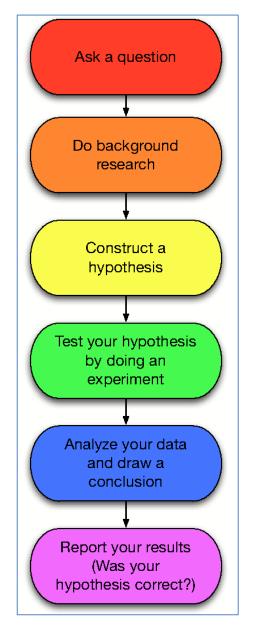
kupu, whose mission is to empower youth to serve their communities through characterbuilding, service learning, and environmental stewardship opportunities that encourage integrity (pono) with God (Ke Akua), self and others, is working with KHIB in an intern program to help foster positive litter prevention and education messages.

Commercial Harbor (implementing EPA and Hawaii Department of Health/HDOH) ERP will coordinate with KHIB to develop materials for and conduct a workshop to educate harbor tenants on and help them implement best practices for reducing harbor litter and storm water trash that can become marine debris. This training and promoting tenant's participation in the Adopt-a-Harbor program will show that the Harbor and its tenants are making good faith efforts to comply with the HDOT Consent Decree of 2014.

# Importance of Good Litter Science







#### Baltimore, MD Partnership - 2013







- Baltimore city wanted to adopt zero waste policy by banning visible littered products
- ACC and City discussed positive solution approach
- City asked to get neighborhoods engaged to take litter ownership (packaging)
- ACC sponsored "Clean Community Competition" -\$24,000 in award money to winners
- Mayor/City/community benefited
- Waste Management sponsored similar event continuity now

#### Los Angeles City and County Partnership to address zero waste – recycling promotion efforts

- City of L.A. sought education for "New to the Blue" recycling program – ACC contributed \$250,000 to help citizens with identification of plastics
- Litter (packaging) prevention programs. For 10 years, ACC has sponsored Friends of the L.A. River (FoLAR) and the L.A. Conservation Fund (education group) to collect, measure and clean up L.A. River – measuring how much waste reduced year by year
- ACC teamed with California Restaurant Association (CRA) to promote "Rinse and Recycle" program with restaurants to recycle polystyrene and other plastics foodservice. Over a thousand restaurants put posters and education materials to encourage customers who take home food Packaging to "rinse and recycle"

#### LA Conservation Corps and ACC

The Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council is proud of our decade-long history of promoting recycling and environmental responsibility to youth in the Los Angeles region



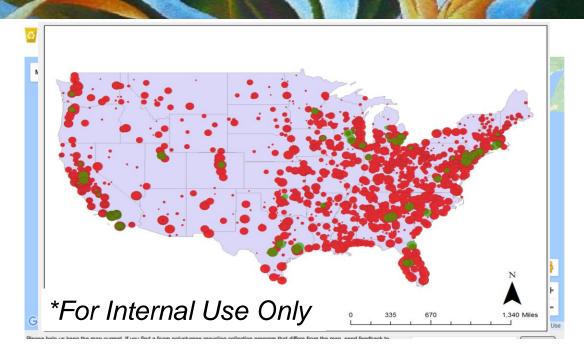




We are especially proud to have supported the LA Conservation Corps River Corp program since its inception to help teach responsible consumer behavior toward the environment through education and clean up.

Thank you for all you do!

# Availability of Recycling Study Update: Material Specific Update



- Add material specific drop-offs to availability study
- Original study did not capture them
- Very common for foam PS recycling



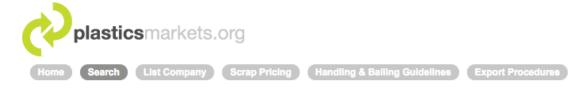
# Foam PS Map and Webpage



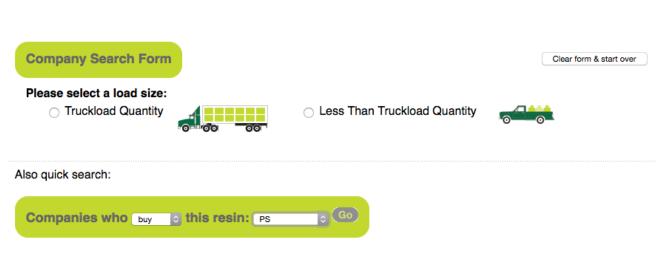
- Regularly Updated
- Add new locations quarterly (489 locations)
- Immediately remove bad locations
- Spot-check website links regularly



#### Foam PS listings: PlasticsMarkets.org



- Plastics Markets:
  - -9 suppliers
  - -19 buyers





#### **Questions and Answers**