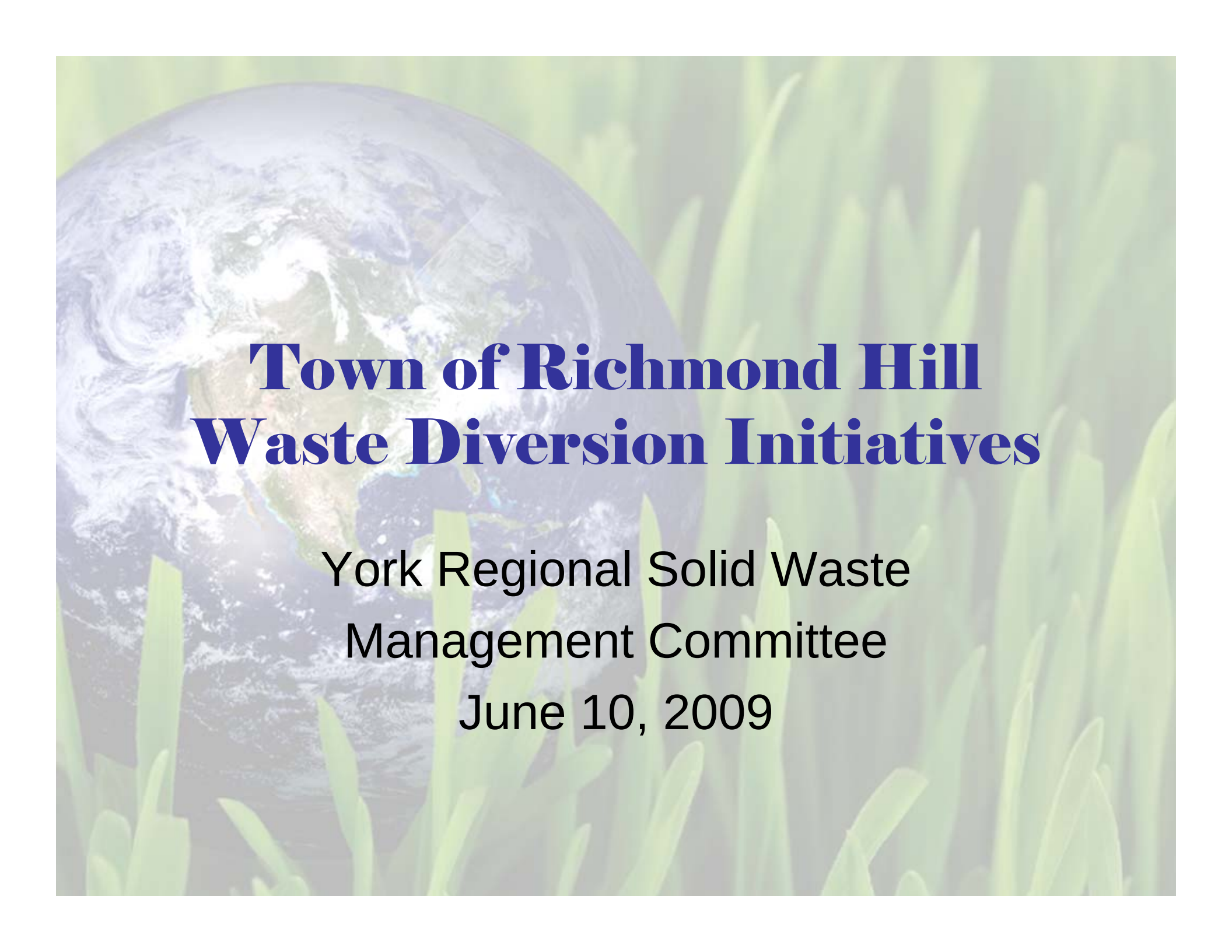


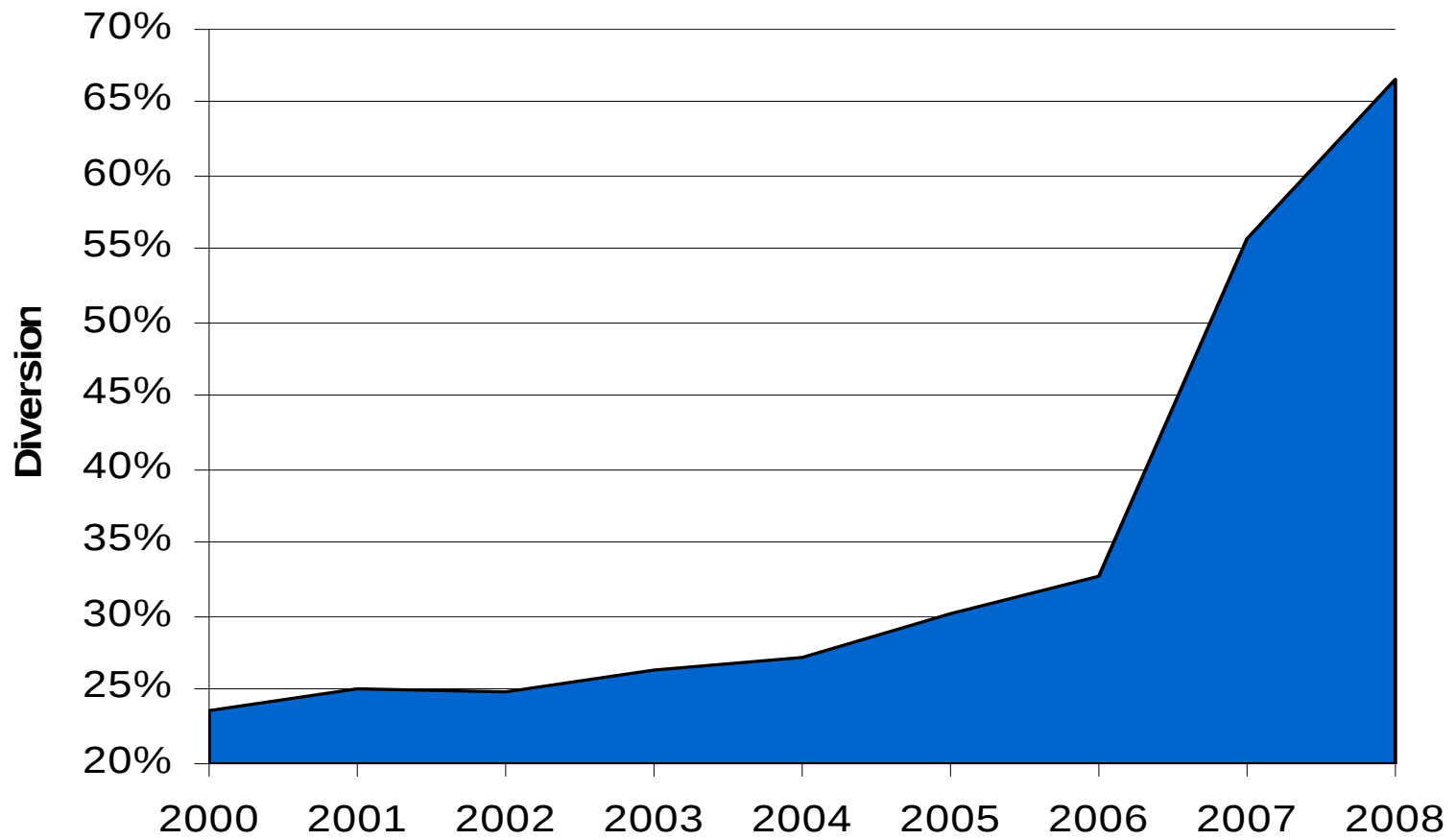
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Town of Richmond Hill Waste Diversion Initiatives

York Regional Solid Waste
Management Committee
June 10, 2009

A Waste Diversion Success

Richmond Hill Curbside Waste Diversion



Richmond Hill's Efforts to Maximize Diversion

- Our systematic approach:
 - “Convenience Drives Diversion”
 - Comingled Blue Box
 - Weekly Collection
 - Green Bin, An Overnight Success
- Recycling
 - New Collection Processes
 - Anti-litter



Richmond Hill's Efforts to Maximize Diversion

- **By-Law Enforcement**
 - New waste management By-law
 - Ticket based enforcement
 - Waste Staff 'deputized'
- **User pay system**
- **Bulky material collected with waste**
- **Free Appliance/Scrap Metal Collection**



Richmond Hill's Efforts to Maximize Diversion

- **Expanding Organics**
 - Municipal Buildings
 - Multi-residential Pilot
 - Tri-sorter technology (currently in 3 buildings)
- **Ongoing Analysis**
 - Daily participation studies
 - Annual Waste Audits
 - Curbside
 - Municipal Buildings



Waste Diversion In Multi-Residential Buildings

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Markham manages zero tax hike

BY KEELY GRASSER
Staff Writer

Mission accomplished. The Town of Markham has passed a no-increase budget for 2009.

"I think it really does speak to the economic times," Mayor Frank Scarpitti said.

It comes after more than a year of working towards the no-increase target.

At a Wednesday press conference, Mr. Scarpitti explained how the town adopted a corporate financial review, which it calls the E3 initiative, a year ago.

It had staff reviewing services to find ways to become more efficient and increase revenues.

E3 initiatives will save the town \$2.9 million in 2009, budget chief and Councillor Dan Horschik said.

Part of this comes from staff cuts. Mr. Scarpitti said he was unable to immediately give a number of positions reduced, but said personnel savings for 2009 will equal \$1.4 million.

E3 has brought about \$1.5 million in non-staff cuts and \$1.6 million in revenue increases.

Revenue increases include hikes in some user fees, including library fines and parking tickets, as well as through selling more advertising space. Mr. Scarpitti said this could include selling ads in recreation guides, as well as looking at more opportunities in town facilities, like community centres.

He emphasized the town is not reducing services.

In fact, Mr. Scarpitti said, some may see increases in service as the town adds services to accommodate growth.

Mr. Horschik presented some budget highlights.

See THORNHILL SEWER WORK page 9.

Apartment dwellers avid recyclers



Enthusiastic recycler Wendy Soddien won the 'recycler of the month' award for February along with a blue T-shirt prize at her 40 Balf Blvd apartment building. She flips newspapers into the building's large recycling bin, as John Poyner, building superintendent looks on in amusement. He sits on the building's green team to promote and encourage recycling, and the effort is working.

Green team from Richmond Hill building even award 'recycler of month'

BY ADAM MC LEAN
Staff Writer

When you talk to John Poyner, superintendent of 40 Balf Blvd, he will tell you straight off the bat, there exists this public conception that apartment buildings fall a little short when it comes to their recycling efforts.

While this reputation may be true at some buildings, Mr. Poyner is adamant that's not the case within the walls of 40 Balf Blvd.

Rather, recycling for the residents within his building's 130 suites has become a way of life, not to mention an opportunity for bragging rights through a little friendly competition.

In 2005, Mr. Poyner, assistant superintendent Katherine Arias and residents from the building's board of directors, thought they could collectively do more for the environment. Rather than toss all household waste down the convenient garbage chute located on every floor, they took it upon themselves to establish a building-wide recycling program.

By preparing quarterly recycling newsletters, recycling pamphlets and even holding recycling seminars with assistance from the Town of Richmond Hill, the recycling bug quickly caught on at 40 Balf Blvd.

Now Mr. Poyner and his staff regularly find residents making the trek down to parking level 1, as early as 8 a.m. to sort and deposit their recyclables.

"For years we have been trying to educate people here to the importance of this and get them in the habit of recycling. Fortunately the vast majority of the residents have followed our lead," Mr. Poyner explained in between friendly greetings of "How are ya doin' today hun!"

See WASTE CUT IN HALF page 5.

Provide Tools to residents to aid participation

- Specialize Containers
- New Collection Methods
- Focused Promotional Material
- Meetings with Residents
- Workshops with Building Managers



Fundamental Collection Change

Cart Collection



Front End Bin Collection



Objective:

- Higher Diversion
- Added Convenience



75% of multi residential buildings have converted.

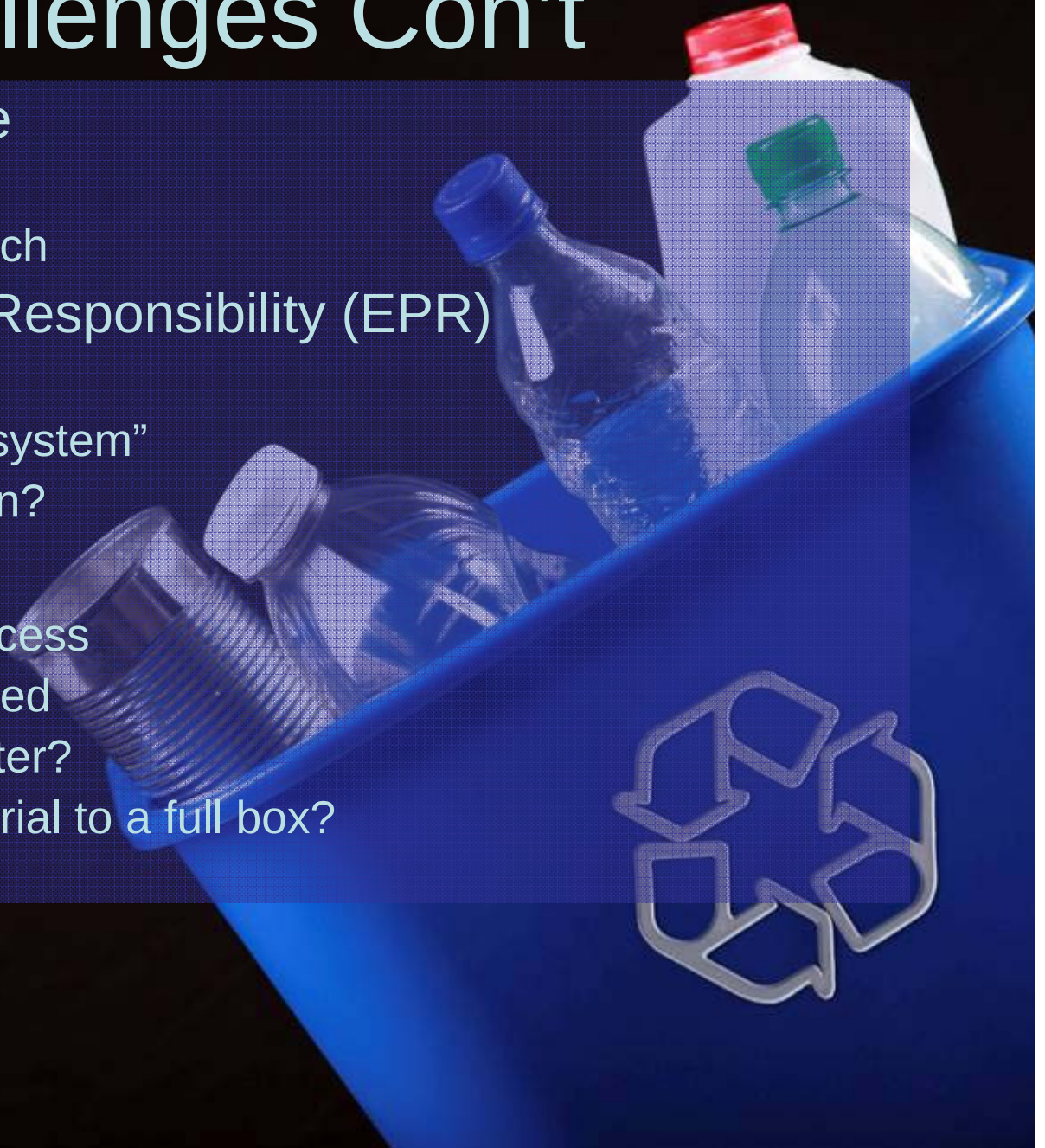


Future Challenges

- **Joint Waste Management Strategy**
 - Working together for a common goal
- **Fostering Partnerships**
 - Region and Area Municipalities
 - Local retailers
 - Multi-residential building managers/owners
- **Organics**
 - Public spaces
 - Multi-residential buildings
- **Community Environmental Centres**
 - One stop convenience
 - Value to the community
 - Reuse opportunities

Future Challenges Con't

- Evaluation of change
 - Impact to collection
 - “total system” approach
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - What will this mean?
 - Impacts to our “total system”
 - It's coming...but when?
- Blue Box
 - Victim of it's own success
 - Does not meet it's need
 - How do we control litter?
 - How do we add material to a full box?





Thank You