

# SPU Waste Prevention Initiatives

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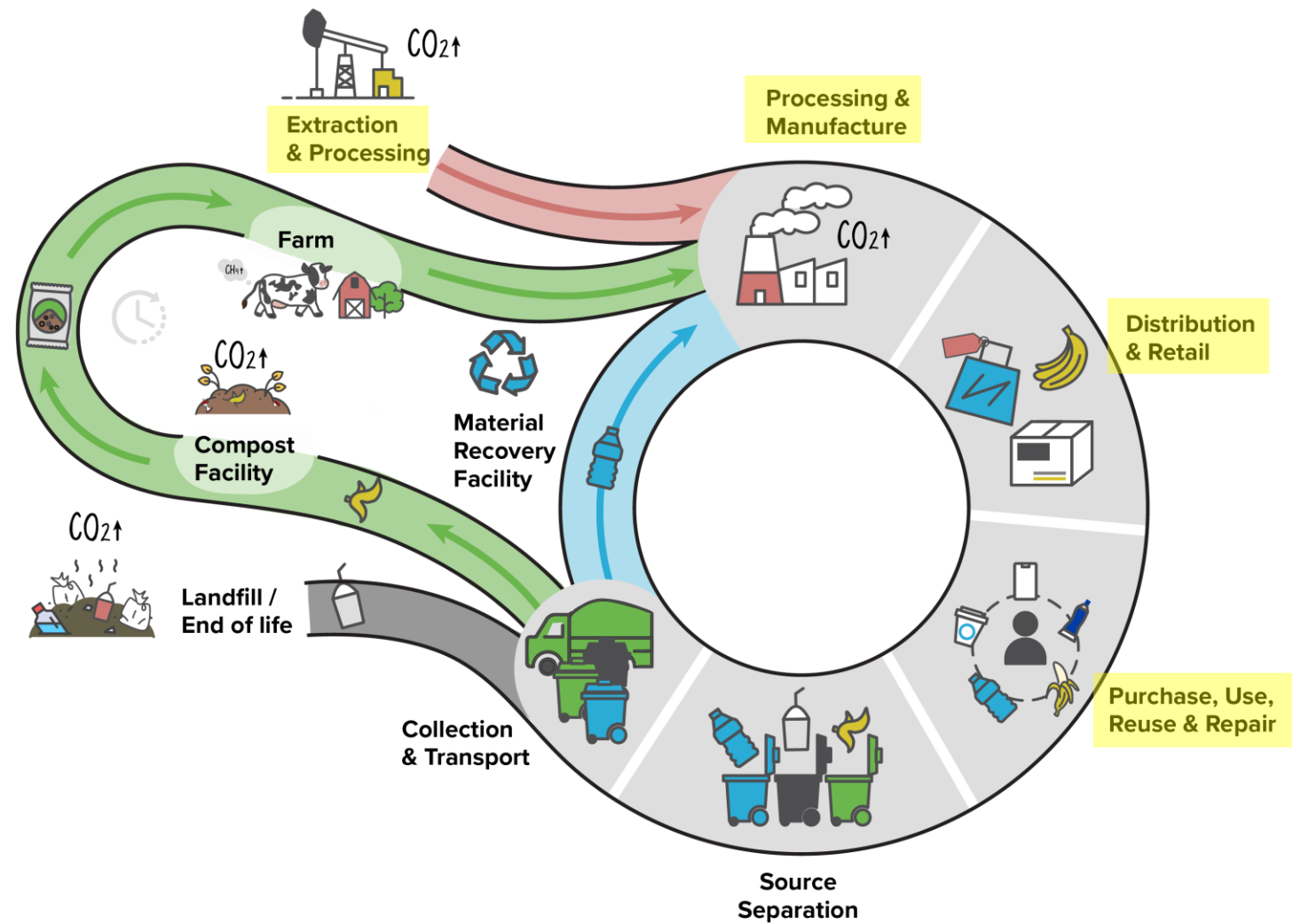
# What is Waste Prevention?

- Buying only what you need
- Making and buying products that last longer and can be reused and repaired
- Choosing repair and reuse
- Sharing, donating, or re-selling items so others can use them
- Choosing to buy used or surplus items



# Why prioritize Waste Prevention?

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduce pollution
- Conserve natural resources
- Save our customers money
- Reduce strain on waste management infrastructure



**SBP Focus On:  
Stewarding  
Environment & Health  
Strategy 3-Reduce  
materials and carbon  
pollution**

Leverage partnerships to prevent waste

Reduce the volume of single-use plastics

Respond to changing recycling markets

# Reuse Seattle

- Pilot to establish shared reuse infrastructure for reusable food, beverage and consumer product containers
- Researching opportunities to help businesses transition to reusables onsite



# Food Rescue

Grocery food rescue assessment, partnering with PCC Community Markets and Safeway Seattle stores to assess how their donation systems can be improved

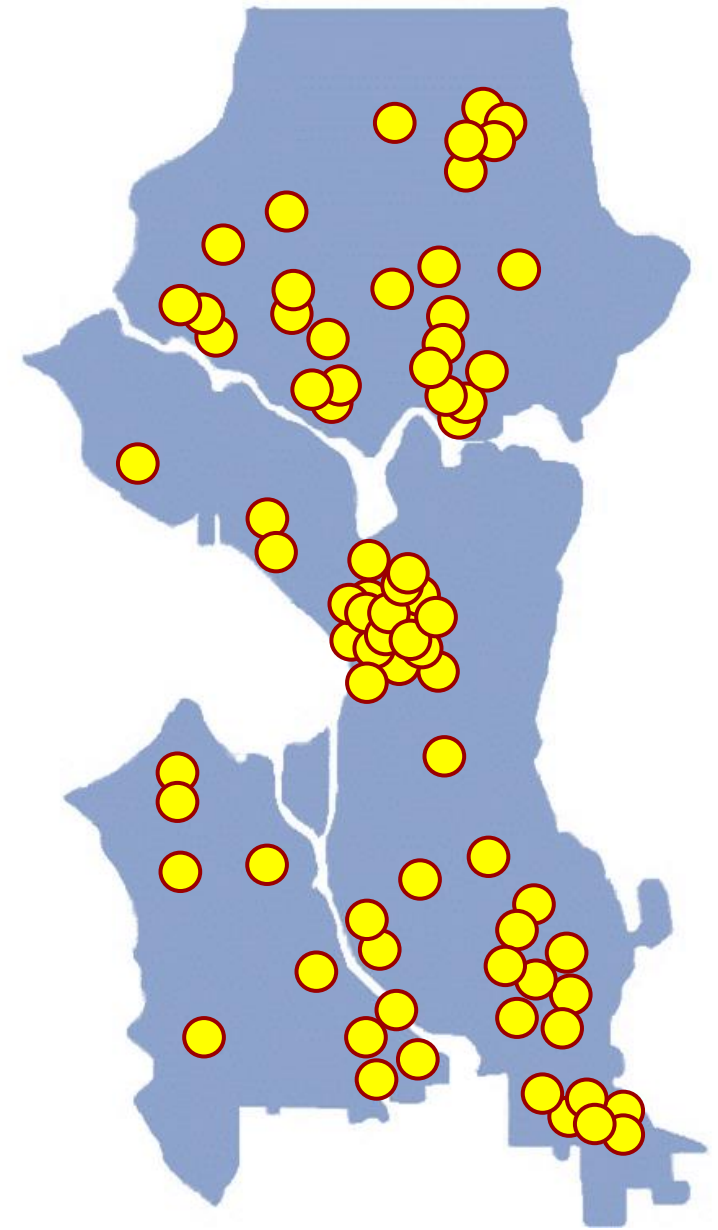
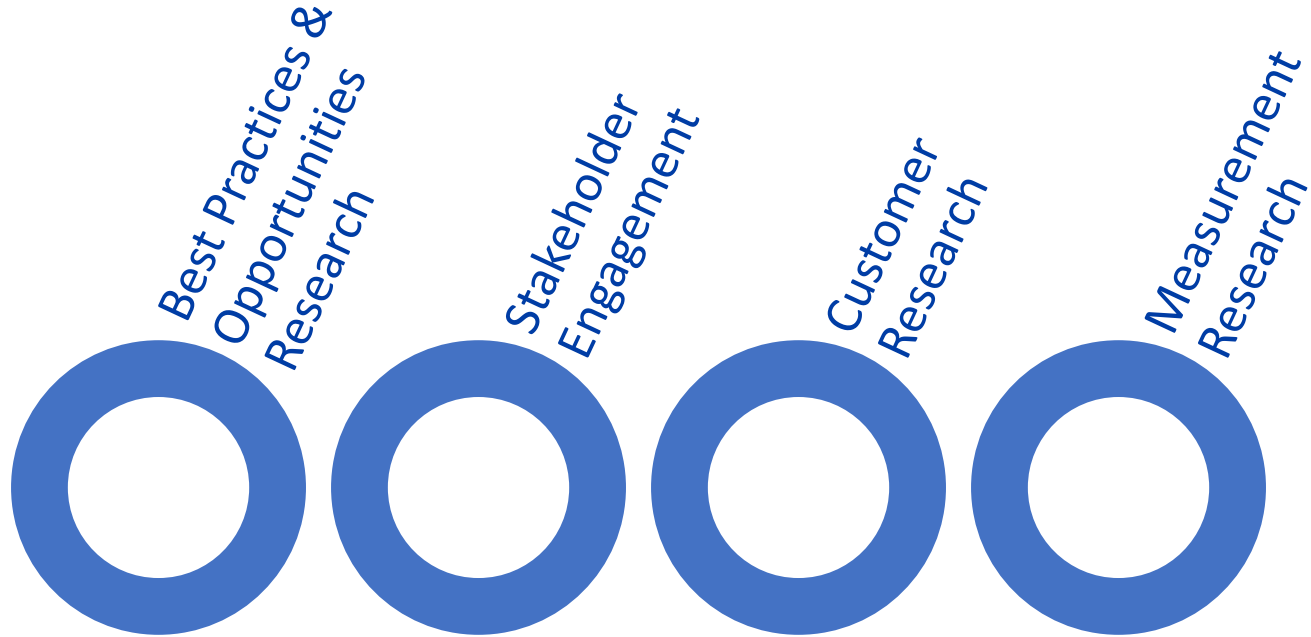


# Waste-Free Community Grants

- 4 grant cycles (2018-2023)
- 89 applications
- \$566,500 awarded
- 36 grant awards total (21 new/in progress)
- Consumer food waste prevention, food rescue, single-use plastics, textile upcycling and reuse, repair, youth education, lumber salvage, diapers, business prevention and reuse



# Waste Prevention Planning





# Ways to Engage in Planning Efforts

- Website
- Listserv
- Stakeholder Engagement





# Looking Ahead for Waste Prevention (2021-2026)

- **Put research recommendations into action (2022+):** reuse infrastructure, commercial onsite reusables, food rescue
- **Continue supporting grant projects:** current awards (2021-23), next grant cycle (2023-25)
- **Community outreach campaigns (2021-22):** consumer food waste prevention media campaign, State bag ban education for businesses
- **Strategic planning:** research and recommendations (2022-23), planning for priority programs and policies (2024-26)



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