



# CUTTING TRASH BY MORE THAN HALF

In an effort to reduce solid waste's tax burden on their residents, the town of Eliot, Maine, ran a six-month pay-as-you-throw trial in September 2013. Town leaders were pleased with the outcome, and chose to continue the program on an ongoing basis.

WITHIN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE PROGRAM, THE TOWN SAW:

**56%**

decrease in solid waste tonnage

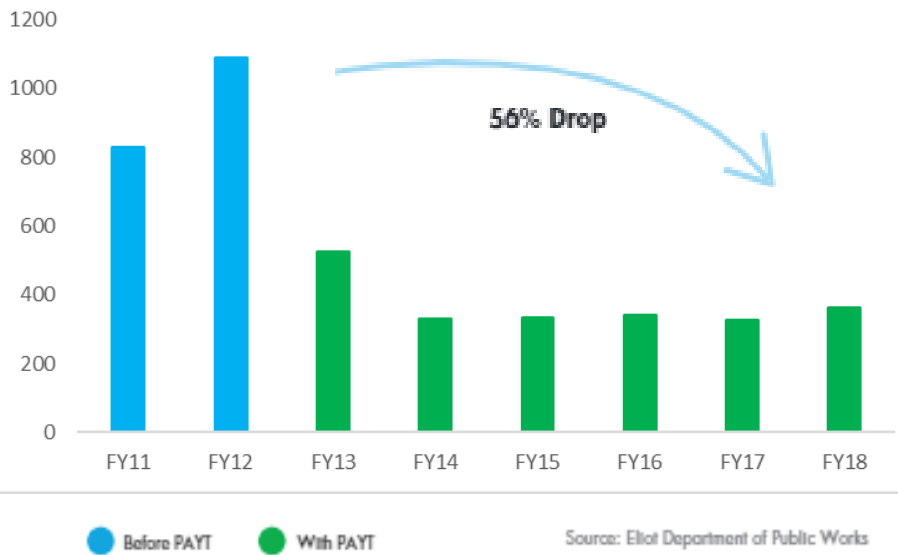
**\$47,000**

In disposal savings

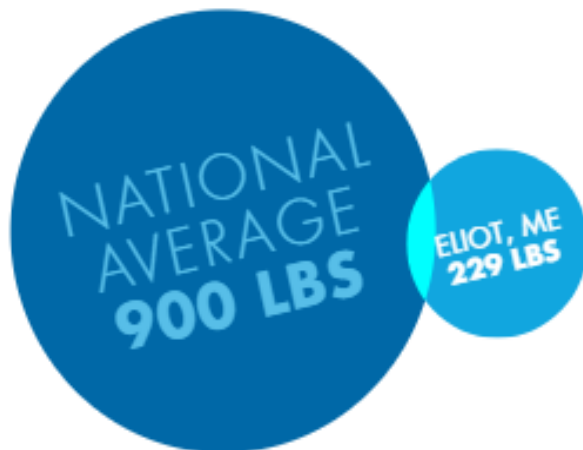
**\$140,000**

decrease in transfer station operating budget

ELIOT, MAINE SOLID WASTE TONNAGE FYY2011-FY2018



## ANNUAL POUNDS OF TRASH PER CAPITA



**6,200**  
POPULATION

**\$78,000**  
MEDIAN INCOME/  
HOUSEHOLD

**BAG-BASED PAYT AT THE  
TRANSFER STATION**