



A LONG-RUNNING SUCCESS STORY IN A LARGE CITY

In 1993, Worcester's municipal budget crisis forced the City to adopt a bag-based PAYT waste reduction and recycling program.

In the first week, Worcester's recycling rate shot from 2% to 38%, and their solid waste volume dropped 47% between the year before the program and the year after.

RESULTS OF OVER 20 YEARS OF PAYT IN WORCESTER:

400,000

tons of trash diverted

200,000

tons of additional recycling

Savings of more than

\$10 million

in waste disposal costs

43%

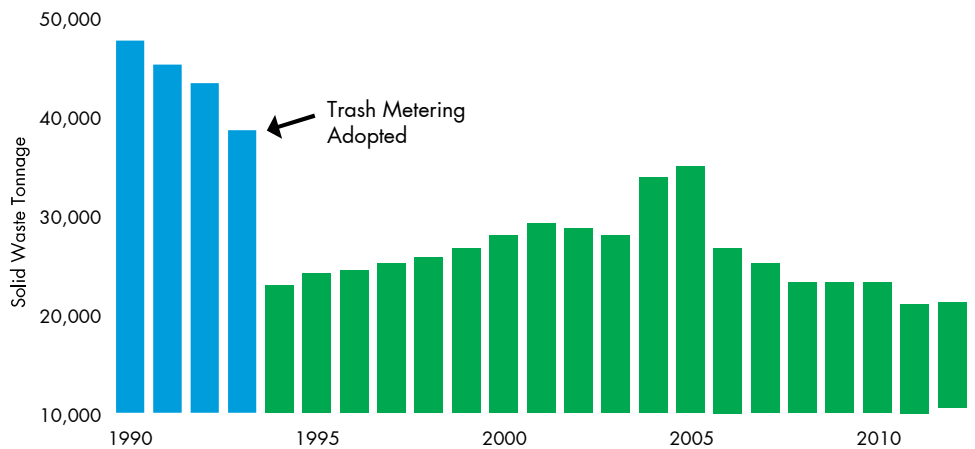
recycling rate, among the best in MA and far higher than the statewide average of 30%

181,000
POPULATION

\$46,000
MEDIAN INCOME/HOUSEHOLD

BAG-BASED PAYT WITH CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

WORCESTER, MASS., SOLID WASTE VOLUME, 1990 - 2012



Source: Worcester Department of Public Works

ANNUAL POUNDS OF TRASH PER CAPITA

