



# 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.

In the first two years, trash dropped by more than half, and the town saved around \$47,000 in disposal fees.

**IN THE PROGRAM'S FIRST TWO YEARS, THE TOWN SAW:**

**56%**

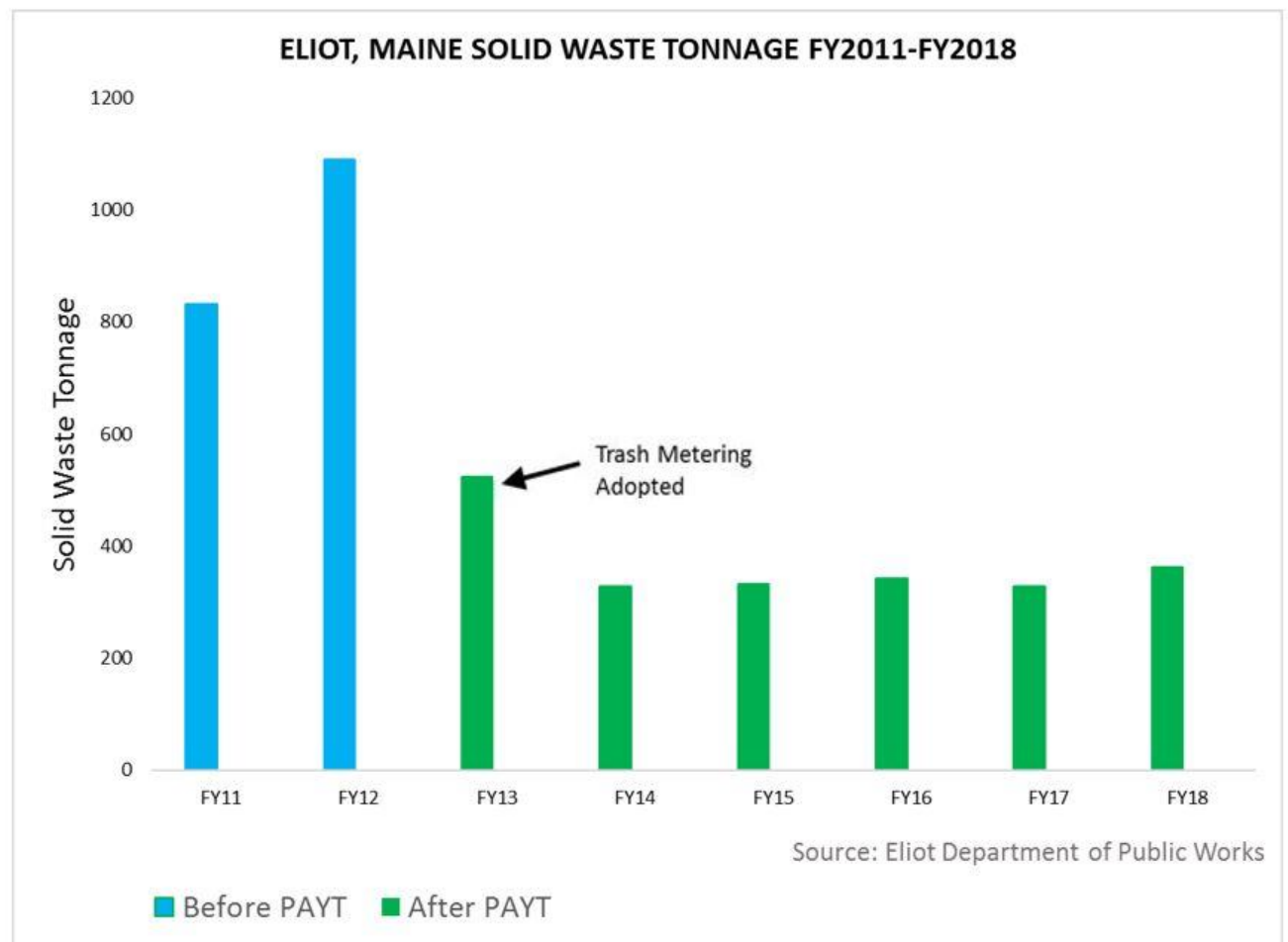
decrease in solid waste tonnage

**\$47,000**

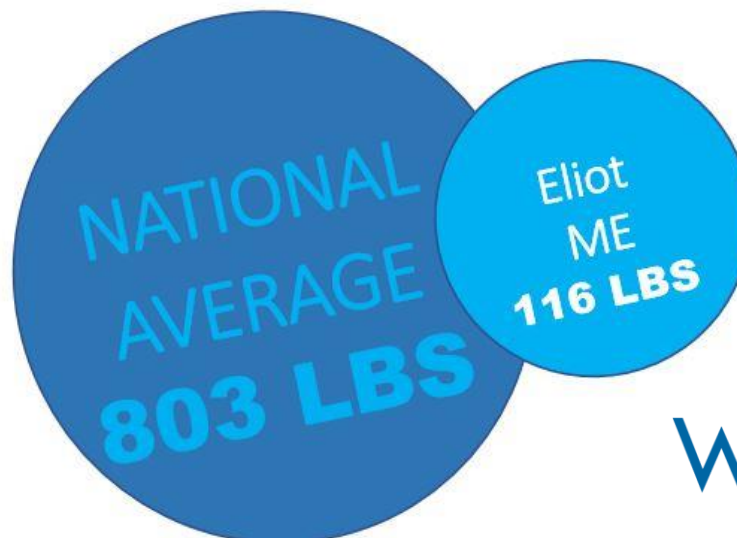
in disposal savings

**\$140,000**

decrease in transfer station annual operating budget



## ANNUAL POUNDS OF TRASH PER CAPITA 2017



**6,200**  
POPULATION

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

BAG-BASED PAYT AT THE TRANSFER STATION