



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

2,000,000

Tons of additional recycling

Savings of more than

\$10 million

in waste disposal savings

43%

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

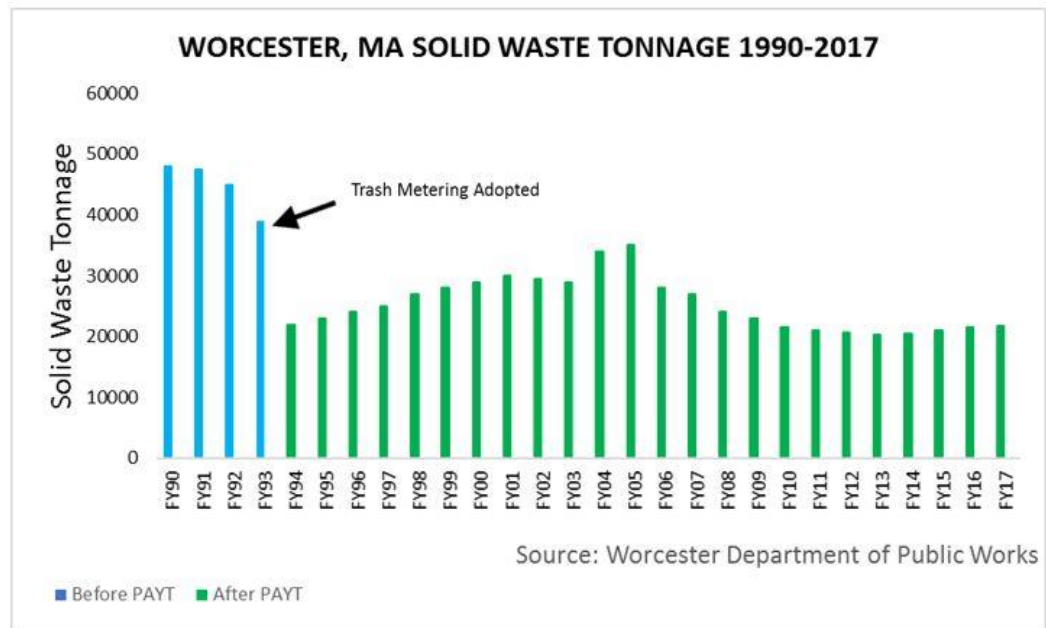
181,000

POPULATION

\$46,000

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

BAG-BASED PAYT WITH CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION



ANNUAL POUNDS OF TRASH PER CAPITA 2017

