

**Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council**

# **Sanitation Study**



**January 30, 2018**

**Important Note:** These slides were presented as part of a presentation to the Board of Trustees and Public on January 30, 2018. A link to the video of this meeting can be found on the CAC page on [scarsdale.com](http://scarsdale.com). This presentation provides only a high level overview of the Sanitation Study and is meant to accompany the video presentation. Please see the full CAC Sanitation Study, available on the CAC page of [scarsdale.com](http://scarsdale.com), for the complete sanitation study.

# Scarsdale CAC Sanitation Study

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- **Purpose of the study**

- Review sanitation services and operations
- Provide actionable recommendations to the Board

- **Scope**

- Sanitation services (what is collected and how)
- Not reviewing policies or personnel

- **Guiding principles**

- Provide high level of services
- Increase recycling
- Reduce amount of waste going into the trash
- Operationally feasible
- Financially sound

# Recommendations

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- Weekly commingled and paper recycling pickup
- Weekly food scraps pickup
- Furniture donation container

## Changes

- Commingled to curb
- Holiday weeks
- NO changes to trash, bulk, yard waste or fall leaf pickup

## Costs

- Operating: \$13,000 - \$26,000
- Capital: \$3,500

# Process

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**Background  
Research**

- Scarsdale metrics
- Scarsdale services and operations
- Comparable municipalities

**Change Research  
and Evaluation**

- Research options
- Evaluated for Scarsdale

**Recommendation**

- Recommendations
- Implementation

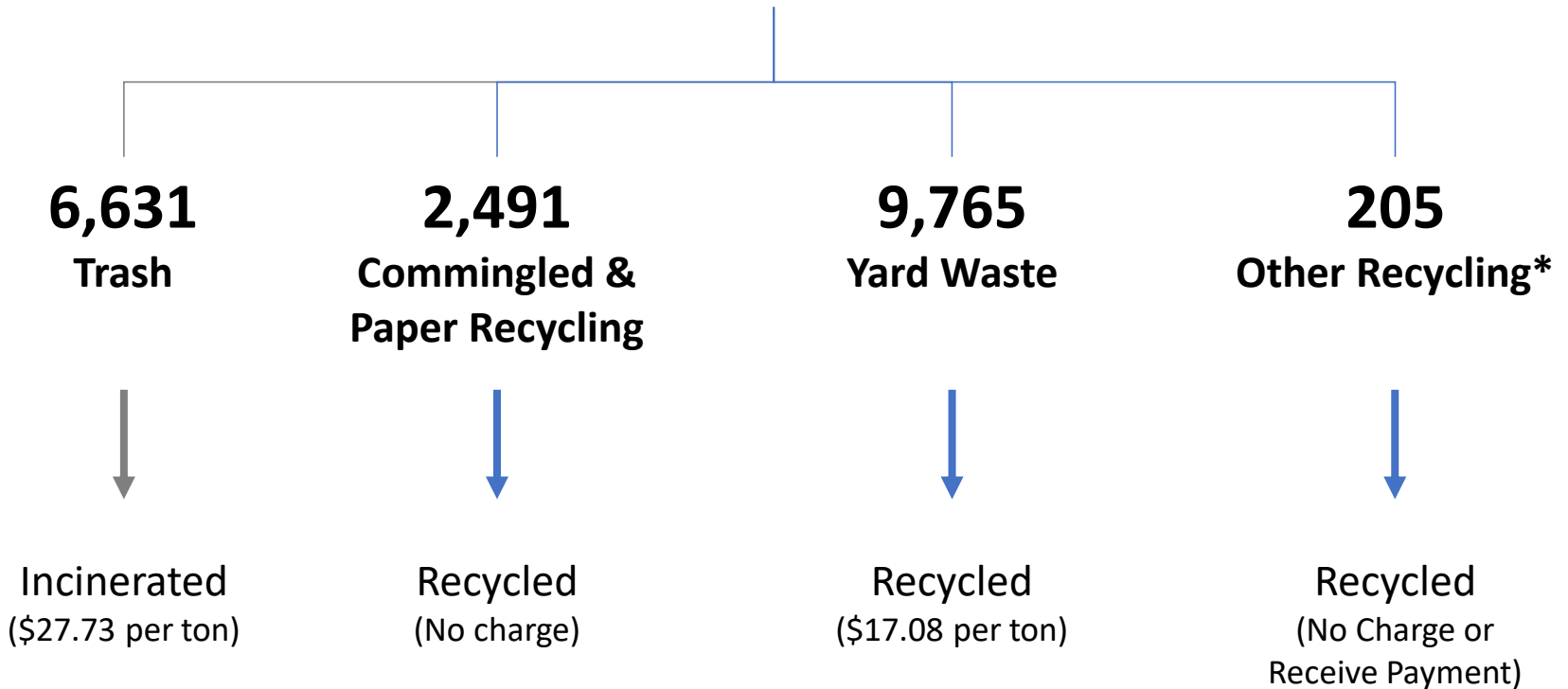
**Future Planning**

- Planning roadmap
- Process to further develop

# Sanitation by the numbers (2016 metrics)

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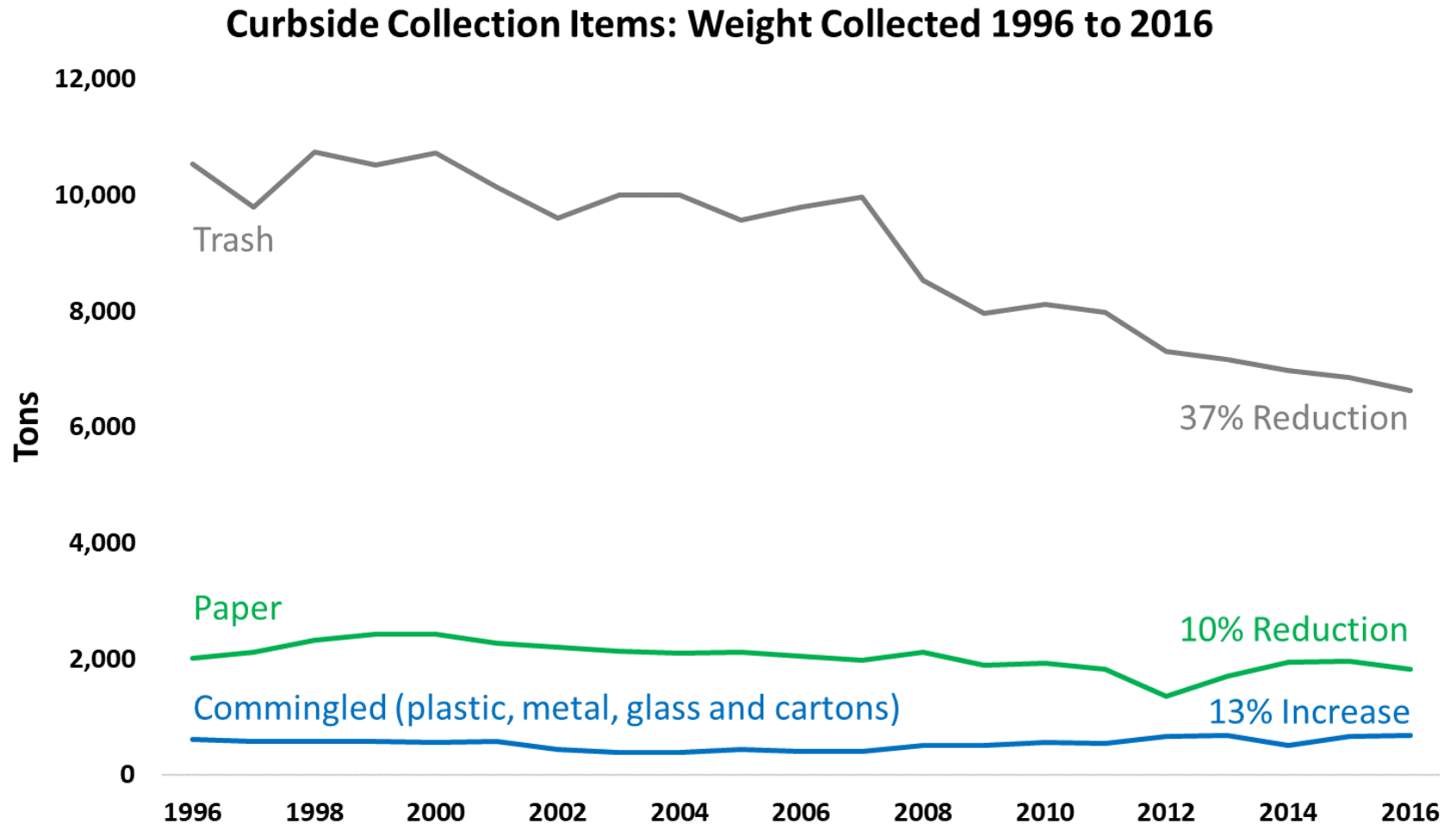
**19,092 tons disposed by residents**



**65% of residential waste from Scarsdale is recycled**

\*Other Recycling include Electronics, Textiles and Bulk Metal  
Food Scraps: 80 tons collected in 2017

# Historical metrics (by weight)



Recycling makes up an increased share of the waste stream

# What makes up trash

Resources

Items that are currently recyclable



Items that could be recyclable:

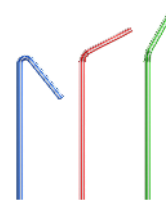


Items that could be donated



Trash

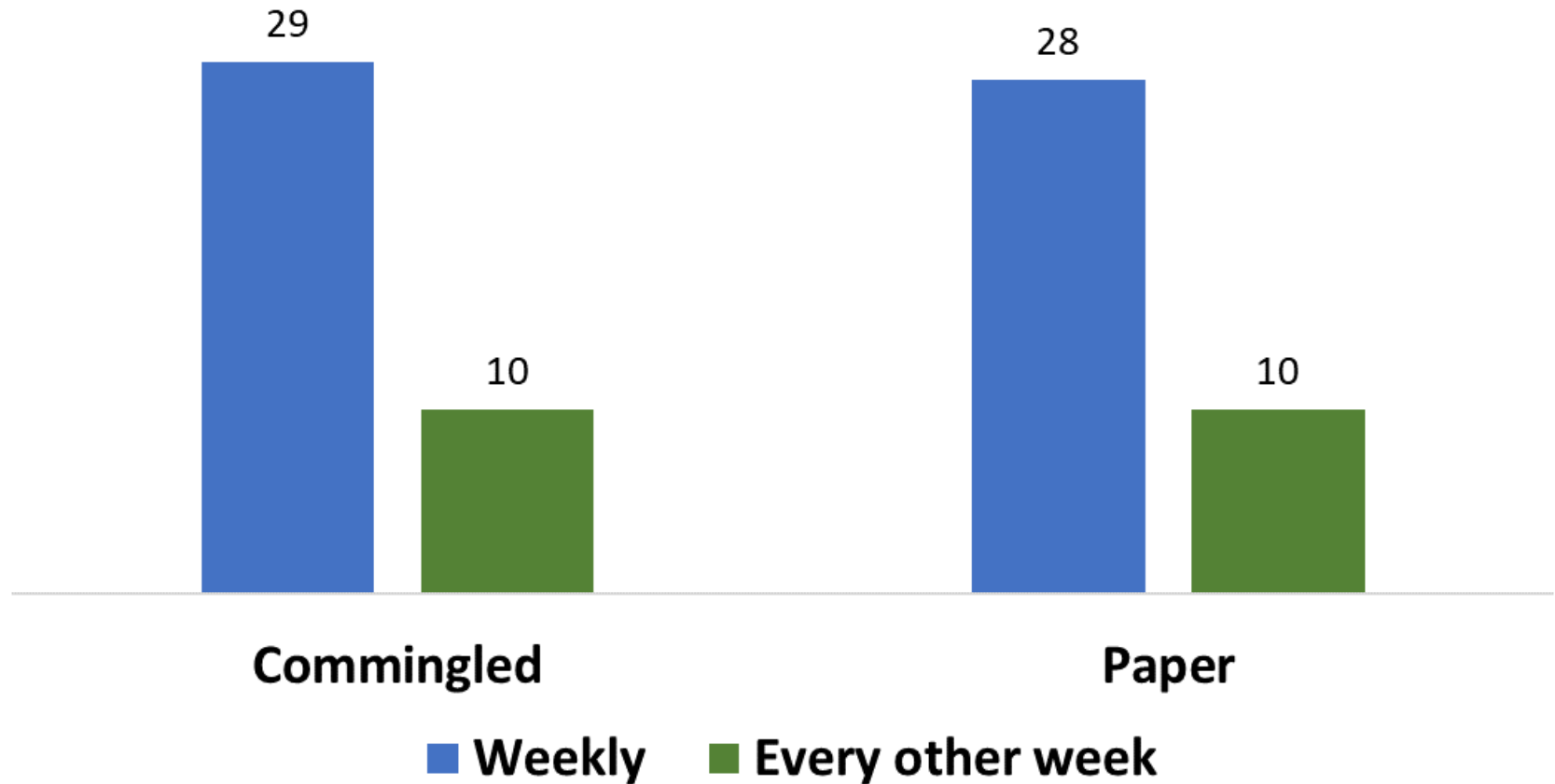
Items that are not recyclable or donatable



A significant portion of waste that ends up in the trash could be recycled or donated

# How often is recycling picked up

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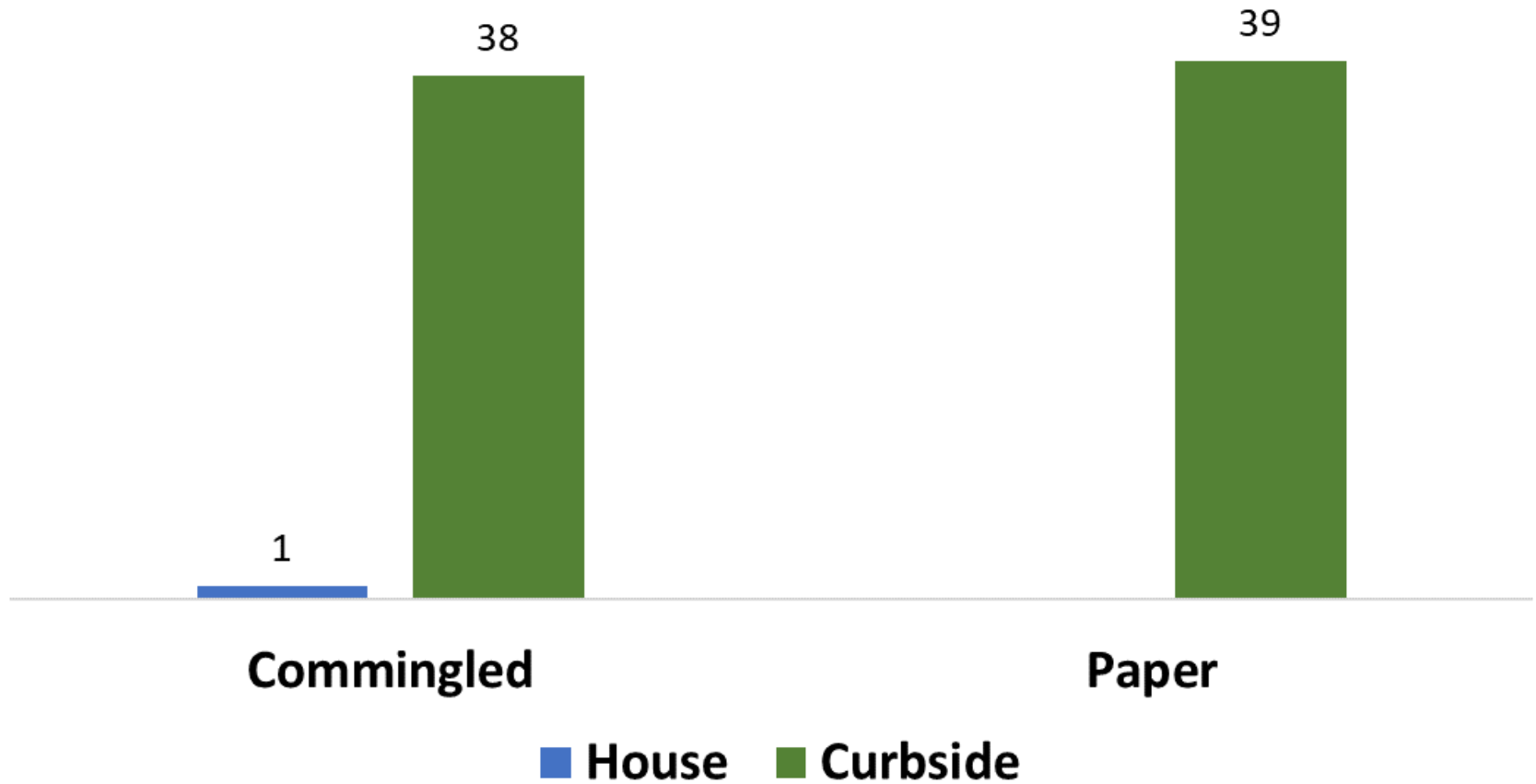
**28 of the 39 other municipalities provide weekly recycling pickup**

Note: The Town of Greenburgh is increasing recycling pickup from bi-weekly to weekly in Summer 2018



# Where is recycling picked up

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Curbside pickup of recyclables is standard in Westchester

# Options and evaluation

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- Increase Recycling
  - Operational Changes
  - Accept Additional Items
  - Policy Changes
  - Education
- Reduce Trash
  - Operational Changes
  - Policy Changes
  - Education
- Increase On-Site Recycling of Yard Waste
  - Operational Changes
  - Policy Changes
  - Education

**Evaluated each option and determined which made most sense for Scarsdale**

# Why each recommendation

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## Why Weekly Recycling

- Storage
- Handling
- Weekly convenience
- Increase recycling and reduce trash
- No tipping fees

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## Why Curbside Food Scrap Recycling

- Weekly convenience
- Increase in participation
- Largest percentage of trash
- Increase recycling and reduce trash

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## Why Furniture Collection

- Convenience
- Supporting those in need
- Increase recycling and reduce trash
- No tipping fees

**These recommendations will increase services, increase recycling and reduce trash**

# Updates

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**Recommendations can be implemented separately**

- Food Scrap pickup and weekly recycling can be implemented as stand-alone changes
- CAC continues to recommend both be implemented together

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**Village to offer recycling bin**



- Wheeled
- Sturdy
- Attached lid
- Sold at cost

# Additional Proposal from the CAC

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**The CAC is proposing the following exemption for residents physically unable to bring recycling to the curb:**

- Village to provide exemption for those physically unable to bring recycling to the curb
- Under the exemption, residents would be able to have recyclables picked up back of driveway / near the house
- Exemption applies to both Commingled AND Paper recyclables

# Additional Information and Questions

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- For further details, please see the full CAC Sanitation Study which is available on the CAC page of [scarsdale.com](http://scarsdale.com).
- For any questions or feedback, the CAC can be reached through the email link on the CAC page of [scarsdale.com](http://scarsdale.com)

**CAC Webpage:** [scarsdale.com](http://scarsdale.com) -> Government -> Boards and Councils -> Conservation Advisory Council

**Recycling Guide:** [www.scarsdale.com/172/Recycling](http://www.scarsdale.com/172/Recycling)