

Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant

City of Powder Springs

FY23 Awardee

The City of Powder Springs was awarded \$116,050 to improve the city's recycling facility. Prior to receiving the grant, the city only operated a residential recycling program that cost the city over \$100,000 annually with a 10-15% success rate. Through funds provided by the RWD grant, the City of Powder Springs purchased a forklift, recycling bins, and baler for the city's drop-off recycling center to improve operations and increase recycling. The city provided a match of \$105,608 for a truck retrofit and construction of the recycling center.

The City of Powder Spring's recycling center opened in May 2023 and receives drop-offs from the public every weekend. Since opening the drop-off center, the city has cut their recycling costs in half, and participation in recycling has nearly quadrupled. The city collected 65 tons of recyclable materials in the first seven months of operation, including cardboard, paper, plastics, glass, aluminum, steel cans, and scrap steel. Revenue is further expected to triple once the vertical baler is in full operation.

The success of the drop-off recycling center has prompted other departments and community organizations to implement recycling programs of their own.

To learn more about the RWD Grant, visit <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-and> or contact swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov

