

Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant

Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority FY23 Awardee

Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority (DWSWA) was awarded \$90,000 to purchase equipment to increase the amount of recycling processed at their existing recycling center. DWSWA provided a match of \$3,509 in staff time. Prior to the grant award, DWSWA did not have the capacity to accept certain types of plastics and faced contamination and sorting challenges. These challenges resulted in loads of materials unable to be processed and sent to the landfill.

Through funds provided by the RWD grant, DWSWA acquired an elevated sorting line for the recycling facility which allowed them to increase the types of plastics processed, reduced contamination, and improved sorting. In the first quarter of operation, DWSWA collected 211 tons of plastic compared to 136 tons collected in the previous quarter. The facility is now able to sort 320 pounds per day. DWSWA sold 64 tons of plastics for \$27,119 in the first quarter of 2024 as compared to \$11,626 in the first quarter of 2023.

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



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