

Letter of Support for Upgrading the Statewide C&D Recycling Program

Dear Division of Facilities Development & Management,

We commend your leadership and implementation of the statewide construction & demolition recycling program. The standards set to reduce, reuse, salvage, and recycle construction & demolition debris has helped the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration minimize project costs and negative impacts on the environment for all Wisconsinites. From the years 2010 to 2018, the program has:

- Diverted 296,812 tons of material from the landfill
 - *Equivalent to adding 12.8 days to the life of all Wisconsin landfills.*
- Reduced total disposal total costs by \$7.35 million
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by 224,890 MT CO₂e
 - *Equivalent to removing 51,557 cars off the road annually*
- Saved the material industry 2,078 billion BTU's of energy through recycling processes
 - *Equivalent to power 18,885 homes annually*
- Saved 265,000 trees and 109 million gal. of water through recycling wood & cardboard

Given the proven impact, we support WasteCap Resource Solutions' and your efforts to enhance the program. Specifically, we hope you enact the following upgrades:

1. Update Specifications for Required Projects
 - a. Increase the landfill diversion percentage from 50% to 75% per project
 - b. Lower the capital budget threshold from \$5 million to \$3 million
2. Increase Project Management Oversight
3. Switch the software from WasteCap TRACE to Re-Trac Connect
 - a. Utilize WasteCap Resource Solutions' exclusive partnership
 - b. Enable the Resource Directory feature to increase transparency for approved haulers, processors, and end-destinations