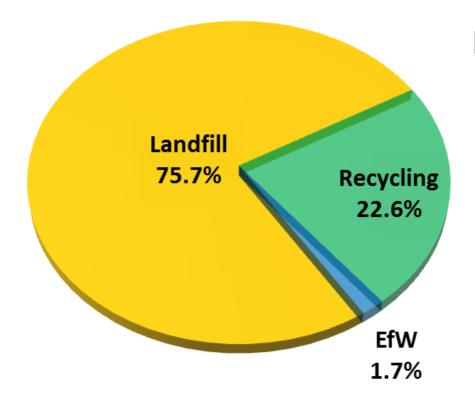


# Sustainable Waste Management The Role of Energy-from-Waste





#### **Ontario: Current Picture**



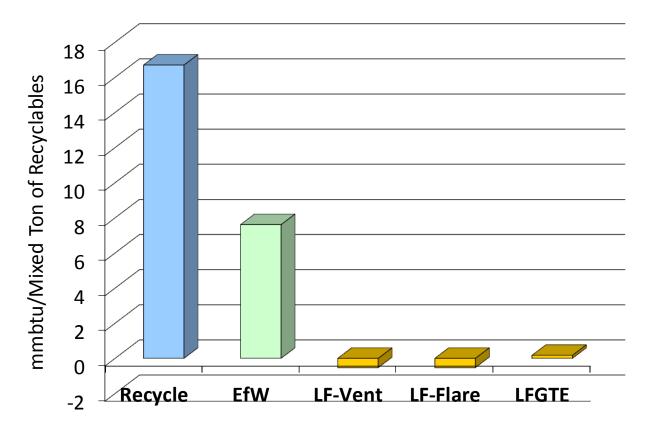
#### Landfilled & exported waste: A missed opportunity

- Additional truck traffic & fuel consumed
- Lost energy potential
- Greater GHG emissions from landfilling
- Lost economic benefit

**Source:** Statistics Canada (2008) Waste Management Industry Survey: Business and Government Sectors. EfW tonnage based on capacity of Algonquin & Elementa facilities



#### **Energy: Waste is a Valuable Resource**



Source: U.S. EPA Waste Reduction Model (WARM) Version 9 (October 2008)



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#### **The GHG Value of Recycling**

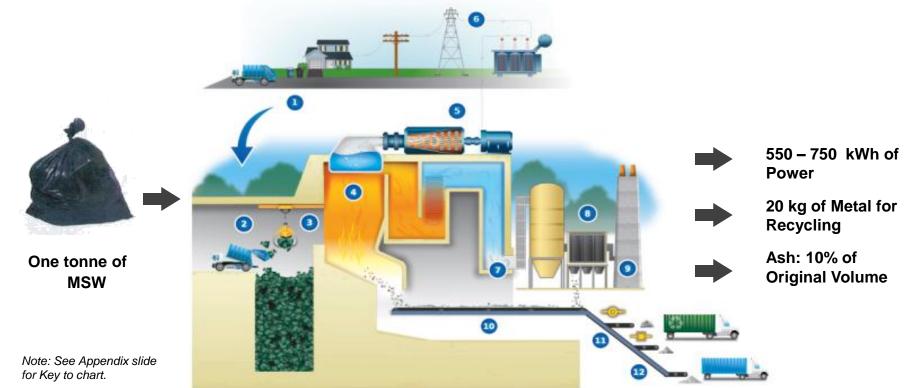
Recycle one ton of:	emissions (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e) by:
Aluminum	9.8 tons
Office Paper	4.4 tons
Newspaper	1.9 tons
Ferrous Metal	2.0 tons
HDPE	1.0 tons

Savings shown are relative to landfilling Source: USEPA, Waste Reduction Model (WARM version 12)



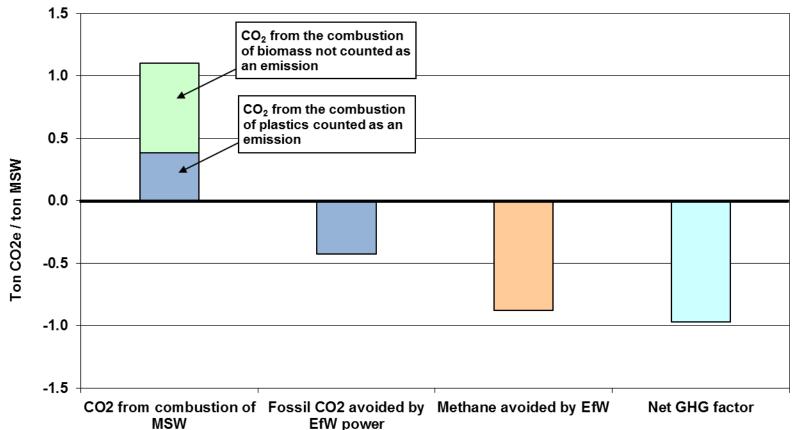
#### **Energy-from-Waste Process**

- Municipalities and others pay us to dispose of waste
- Technologically advanced facilities combust waste at high temperatures
- Resulting steam used to produce electricity for sale or sold directly
- Metals are retrieved from the process and sold to recyclers





#### The GHG Value of EfW



"... MSW combustors actually reduce the amount of GHGs in the atmosphere compared to landfilling. The savings are estimated to be about 1.0 ton of GHGs saved per ton of MSW combusted."



#### **New Focus on Methane Reduction**

#### Scientific community calls for separate regulation

"...short- and medium-lived sources (black carbon, tropospheric ozone, and methane) must be regulated separately and dynamically" Jackson, S., Parallel Pursuit of Near-Term and Long-Term Climate Mitigation Science (2009) **326**: 526-527

"The case for developing parallel policy initiatives for near- and shortterm climate mitigation is compelling."

> Weaver, A., Toward the Second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol Science (2011) **332**: 795-796

#### **Climate and Clean Air Coalition**

- Announced by U.S. Sec. of State Clinton in 2012
- Focus on black carbon, HFCs, and methane

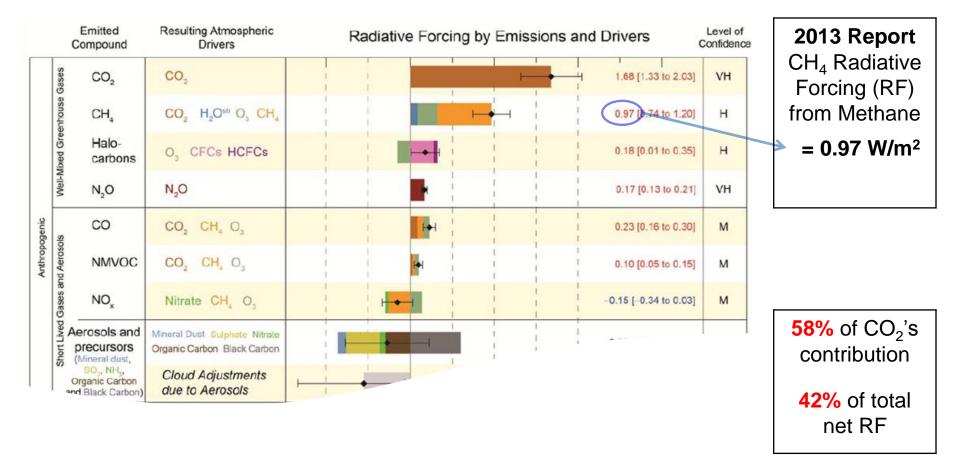
#### White House Methane Strategy – March 2014

Focus on Landfills, Natural Gas & Oil Production & Distribution, Coal Mines, and Agriculture





# Why? Methane bigger contributor than previously thought: 2013 versus 2007 IPCC reports





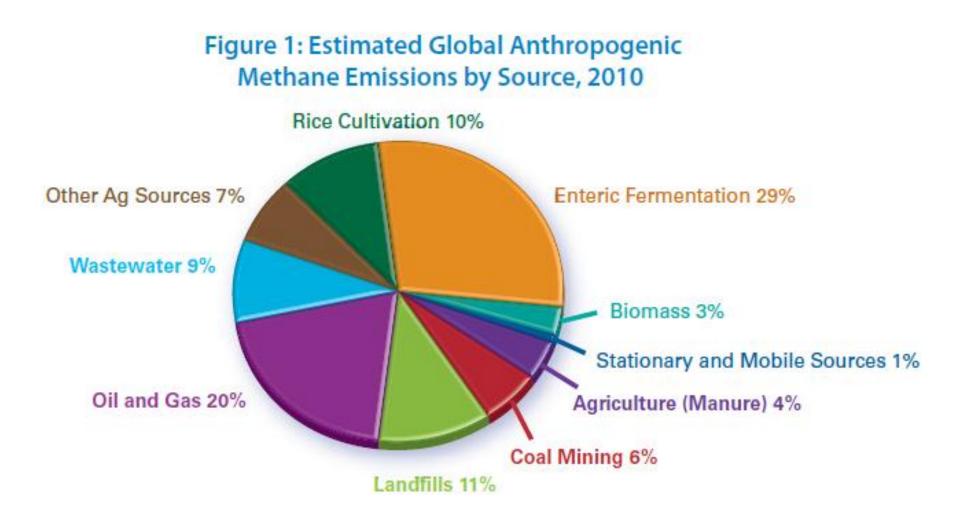
#### **Increasing Trend in Methane GWP**

Source	Year	GWP	Time Horizon (years)
IPCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assessment	1995	21	100
IPCC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Assessment	2001	23	100
IPCC 4 <sup>th</sup> Assessment	2007	25	100
Shindell et al.	2009	34	100
IPCC 5 <sup>th</sup> Assessment	2013	28 / 34	100

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Many still refer to the 17-year old GWP of 21



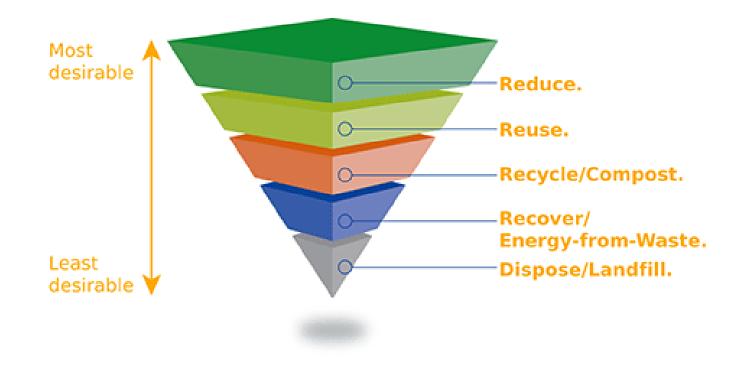


USEPA's Global Anthropogenic Emissions of Non-CO2 Greenhouse Gases



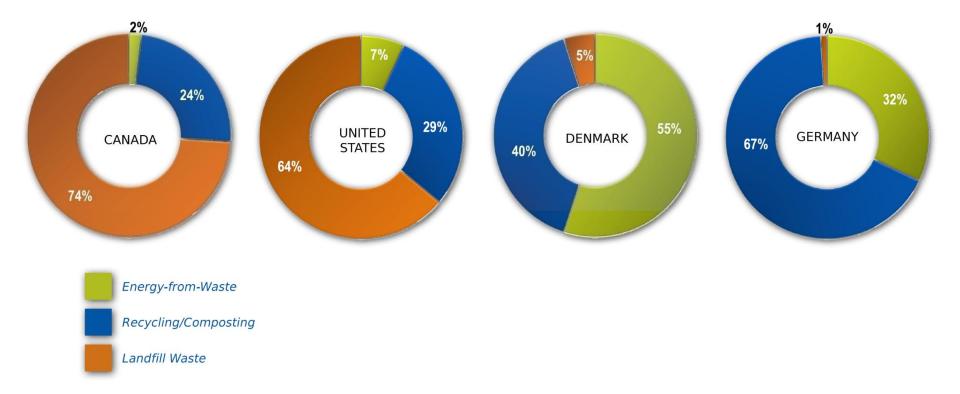
#### **Solid Waste Management Hierarchy**

The European Union and the U.S. EPA have both concluded that following the waste management hierarchy generally maximizes energy savings and minimizes greenhouse gas emissions.

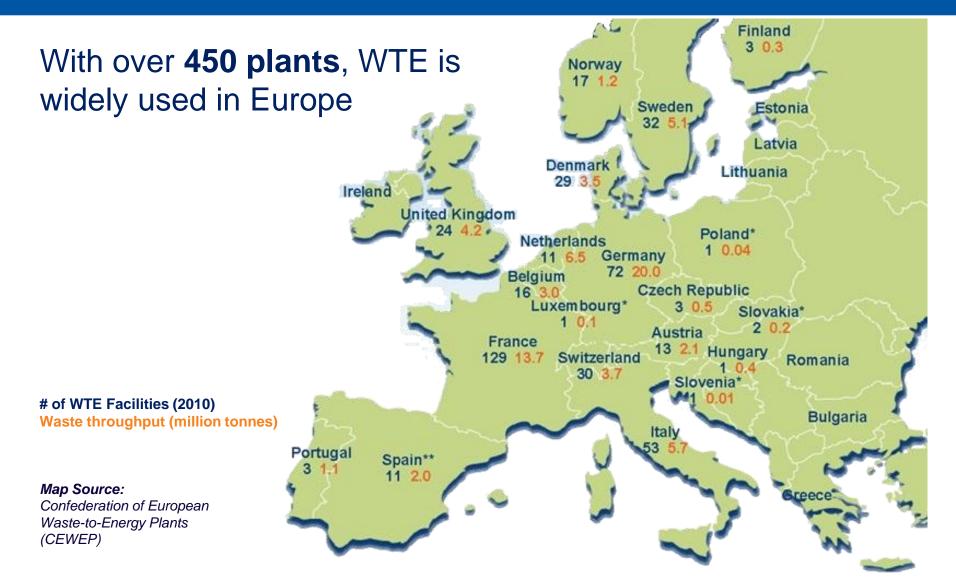




# So How Do We Stack Up?



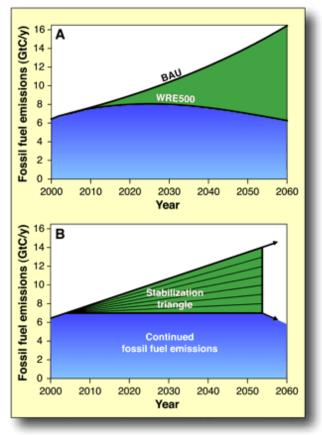






#### **Putting the Benefits into Perspective**

- 2004 Science article by Drs. Pacala and Socolow (Princeton University) introduced the concept of the stabilization triangle
- 7 gigaton of carbon per year (7 GtC/yr) reduction needed by 2054 versus BAU
- Subdivided into 7 manageable wedges of 1 GtC/yr each
- Seven wedges together would stabilize world-wide greenhouse gas emissions at today's emission rate



S. Pacala et al., Science 305, 968 -972 (2004)



# So, What If We All Followed the Hierarchy?

#### The Waste "Wedge"

The billion metric tonnes of carbon avoided is the equivalent of:

- Closing 1000 large coal-fired power plants
- Building 2 million 1MW wind machines
- Doubling our nuclear power plant capacity

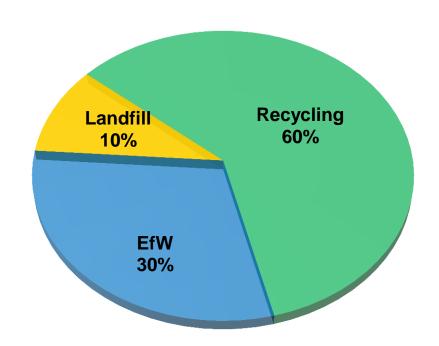




#### **Ontario: The Potential**

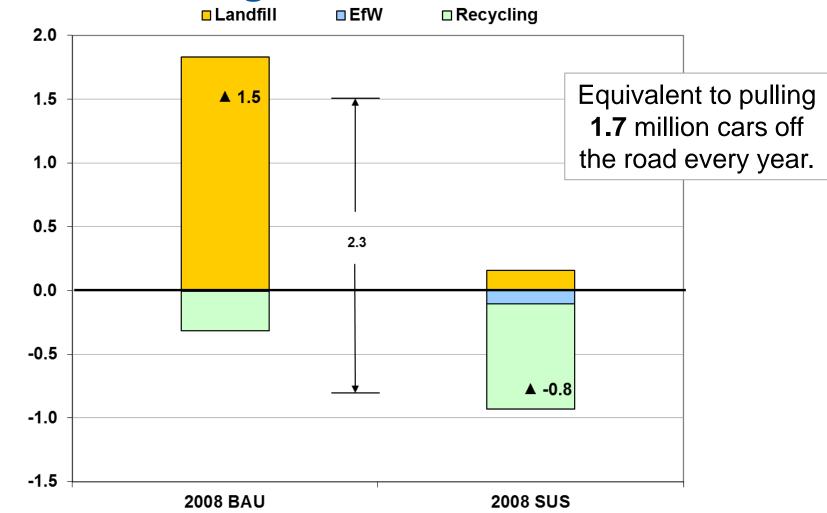
How much GHGs and energy could we save if:

- We achieved recycling goal of 60%?
- Increased EfW to 30%?
- And only landfilled 10%?





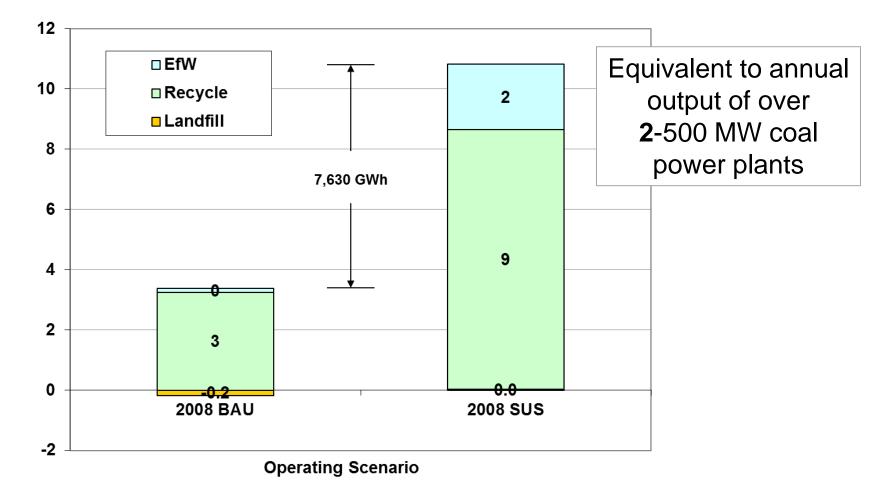
# **Ontario "Wedge"**





#### **Ontario "Wedge": Energy Savings**

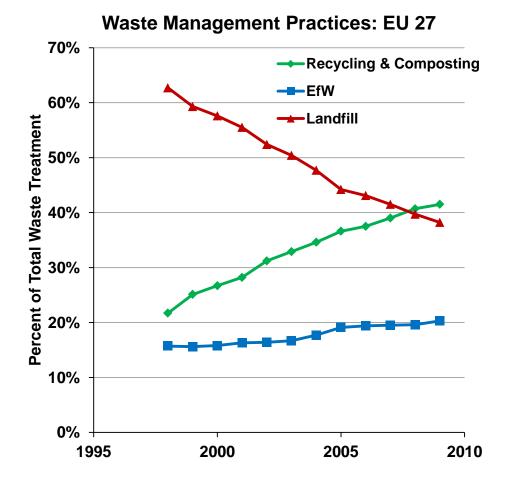
Energy Savings - Equivalent Generated Electricity (000 GWh)



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#### **EfW: Compatible With Recycling**



- In the EU, recycling and Energy Recovery have grown together because of policies that minimize landfills.
- The European Environment Agency says "there is no evidence to support" the argument that "incineration of waste with energy recovery hinders the development of recycling."



# **Policy Tools: How Do We Get There?**

- Learn from the EU Success
- Beyond the 3 R's: Embrace the Full Waste Hierarchy
  - Energy Recovery
- Discourage Landfilling: The Least Preferable Practice
  - Landfill levies
  - Biodegradable waste bans
- Preferential electricity rates / Feed in Tariff
  - WTE should be eligible
  - LFGTE, a less preferable process, is currently in
- Accurate carbon / carbon offset policy



#### **Implementing the Landfill Directive**

Comparison of European Landfill & EfW Levies with Recycling Rates €120 80% LF - Median Levy 70% €100 EfW - Median Levy andfill Ban in Place Recycling Rate 60% €80 50% 40% €60 30% €40 20%

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\* Ireland landfill tax set to increase to €50 / t beginning Sept. 2011

Hungary Republic Portugal France Finland reland talk Spain

Levy Applied (£ / t)

€20

Recycling Rate, 2009

10%

0%



#### Summary

- Ontario's current waste management represents a missed energy, GHG mitigation, and economic opportunity
- Ontario can achieve significant energy savings and GHG emissions reductions through implementation of the full waste hierarchy (4Rs)
- Ontario can learn through the experience of the EU
- Durham and York have blazed a path others may follow



#### **Durham York Energy Centre**



Artist's Rendering - DYEC Visitor's Centre

- Publicly-owned facility
- 140,000 TPY EFW Facility
- Two 218 TPD Martin® combustion units w/ VLN™
- 17.5 MW electrical generating capability (11,000-14,000 homes)
- Most stringent emission standards
- Completion targeted for Q4 of 2014





DYEC Aerial, March 25, 2014



## **THANK YOU**

Preliminary Architectural Renderings of EfW Facility





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#### **Keys and information**

# Energy-from-Waste

- Post-recycled municipal solid waste is picked up at your home or business.
- Waste is delivered and temporarily stored in a bunker. We maintain the building around the tipping and bunker area under negative pressure and use this air in the combustion process to control odor.
- The waste is fed into a combustion chamber and burned at extremely high temperatures in a self-sustaining process.
- Heat from combustion boils water to create steam.

- The steam turns a turbine-driven generator to produce electricity, or may sometimes be used directly for heating or industrial processes.
- Electricity is distributed to the grid and used to power homes and businesses.
- State-of-the-art air pollution control equipment is used to cool, collect, and clean combustion gases. This equipment operates under stringent state and federal standards.
- We control emissions of particulate matter primarily through a baghouse (fabric filter).

- Emissions and other operating criteria are continuously monitored to ensure compliance with state and federal standards.
- Residual material from the combustion process is collected for processing and metals extraction.
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals are extracted for recycling.
- Remaining residual materials are beneficially reused or disposed of in a landfill.