



2025 Zero Waste Program Report

RF Events

Number of Events: 22

Total Attendance: 19,894

Landfill diversion: 97.8%

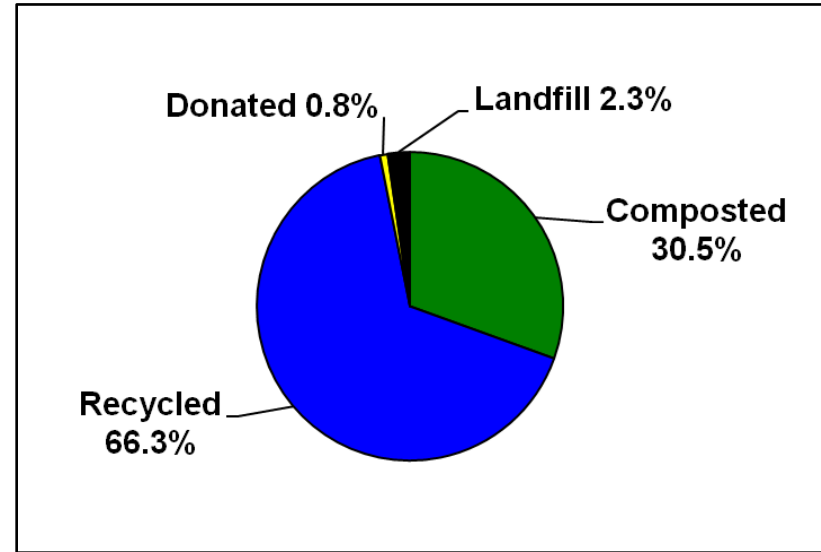
Composted	1,460 lbs.
Recycled & donated	3,449 lbs.
Landfill	112 lbs.
Total	5,021 lbs.

Significant Events

- Least total waste: The Legend, 27 lbs.
- Most total waste: Run Woodstock, 1,365 lbs.
- Greatest diversion: Scrumpy Skedaddle, 99.9%
- Least landfill (tie): The Legend, 2 ounces

Also Noteworthy

- 11 events with diversion rate 99% or better
- 9 events with 1 lb. landfill or less, 14 with 2 lbs. or less



Compost: food waste, napkins, compostable cups, plates, and utensils

Standard recycling: cardboard, water bottles, cans, glass bottles, waxed paper cups, paper, plastic containers

Special recycling: plastic bags/wrap, disposable gloves, race bibs, small plastics, party supplies, hand warmers, Gu & snack wrappers

Donated: Clothing, shoes, some leftover food

Landfill: tape, dog poop, dirty plastic bags, contaminated packaging

2025 Highlights

- Every event achieved landfill diversion rate of 95 percent or better.
- Increased earlier delivery of aid station bags is much appreciated by the HPR crew.
- Litter at some traditionally litter-heavy events (Liberty, Vines, Turkey Trot) was way down this year. Hope it continues!

Opportunities for Improvement

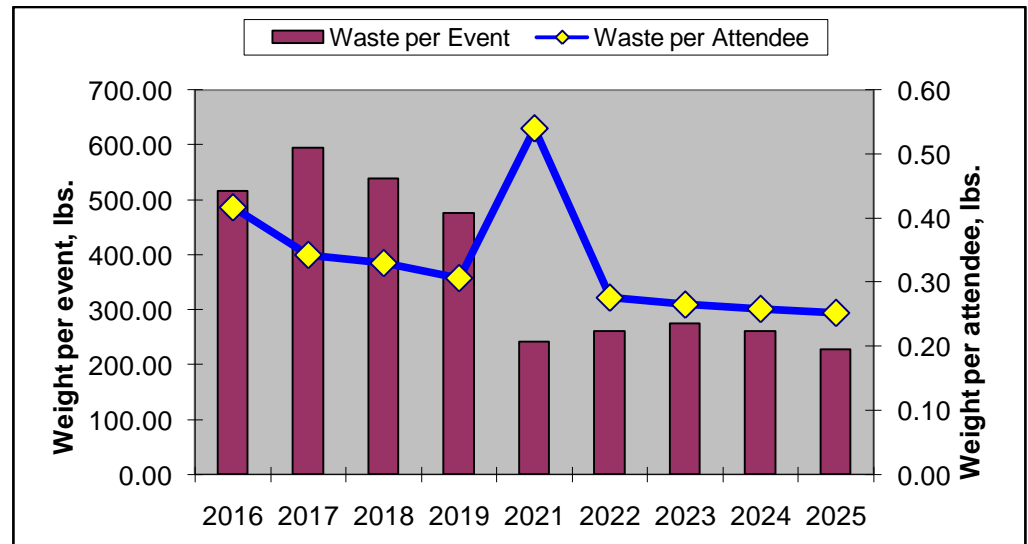
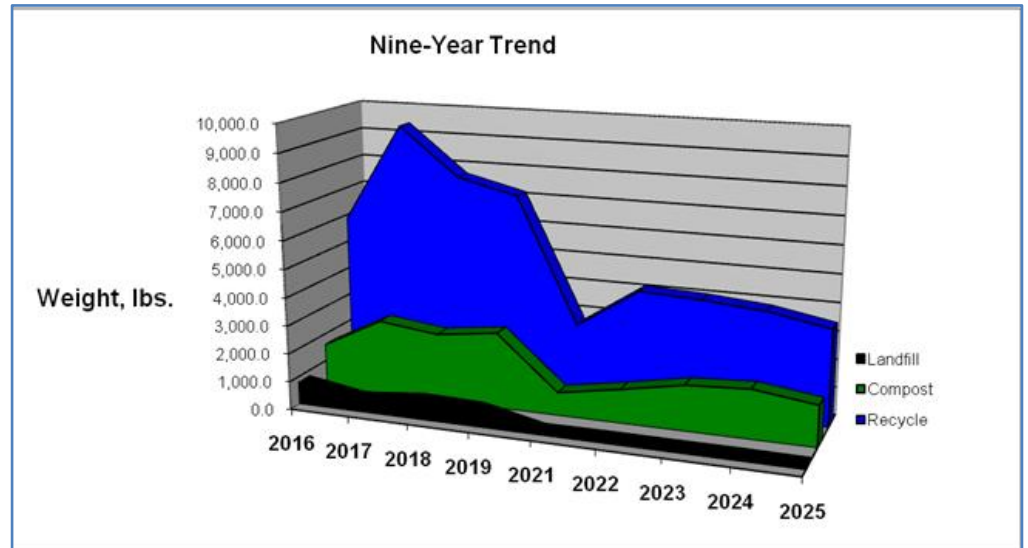
- Once again Chris Cakes dumped their unsortable waste on us at the end of Scrumpy.
- Disposable water bottles are still a PITA to manage. Just sayin’.
- We had a couple of food trucks think they had compostable services items that turned out not to be. I can update our food truck guide with more clear information.

Trend Analysis

Total waste dropped 12 percent from 2024. Compost, recycling, and landfill all decreased. Cardboard and mixed recycling continued their long-term trend lower, with their lowest non-pandemic annual totals.

With the same number of events (22), waste per event dropped. Attendance was lower than 2024, so waste per runner was basically flat.

Average waste per event and waste per attendee is stable the past four years. This implies that systemic change is needed to achieve further improvements,



2025 Waste Stream Totals by Event

