

# Contamination Reduction & Plastic Bag Recycling

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# Project Goals

- ▶ Reduce plastic bags in Mixed Recyclables
- ▶ Offer an additional service to residents









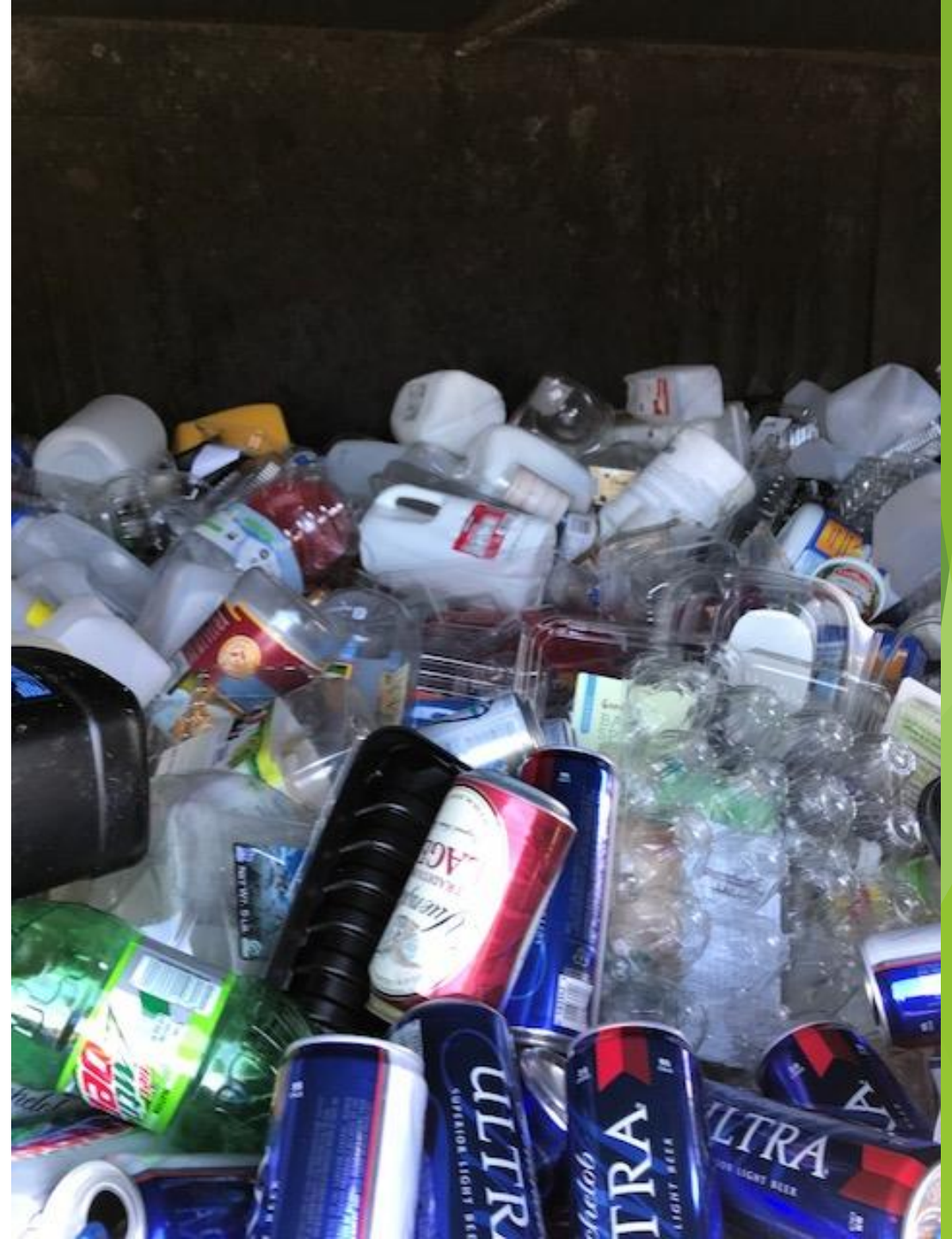


# Challenges

- ▶ New types of contamination
- ▶ Wish-cycling
- ▶ Does not address our curbside programs

# Results

- ▶ Initial-contamination
  - ▶ 6%
- ▶ Post-contamination
  - ▶ 4%
- ▶ Additional community interest





# Thank You

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