



# Expanded Waste Service Proposal

Community Presentation  
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# Agenda

- Denver's current waste service
- Denver's climate future
- Proposal
- Discussion

# Denver's current waste service

- 180,000 customers (and growing)
  - Single family homes & apartments up to 7 units
- Paid for mostly by sales and property taxes
  - No charge for weekly trash pick up
  - No charge for recycling every-other-week
  - \$9.75/mo. for weekly compost pick up
- 74% of total waste goes to landfill



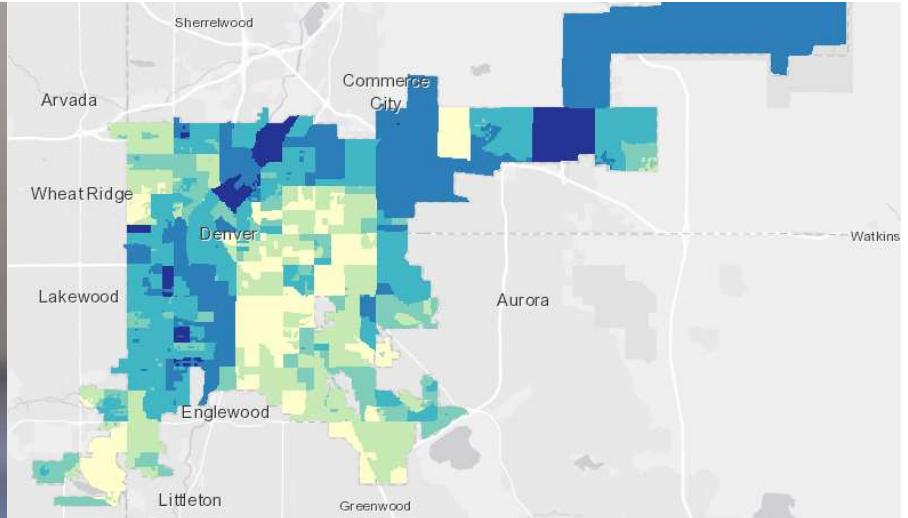
“If we can make a big enough cut in methane in the next decade, we’ll see public health benefits within the decade, and climate benefits within two decades.”

—Drew Shindell, Duke University, professor of Earth Science



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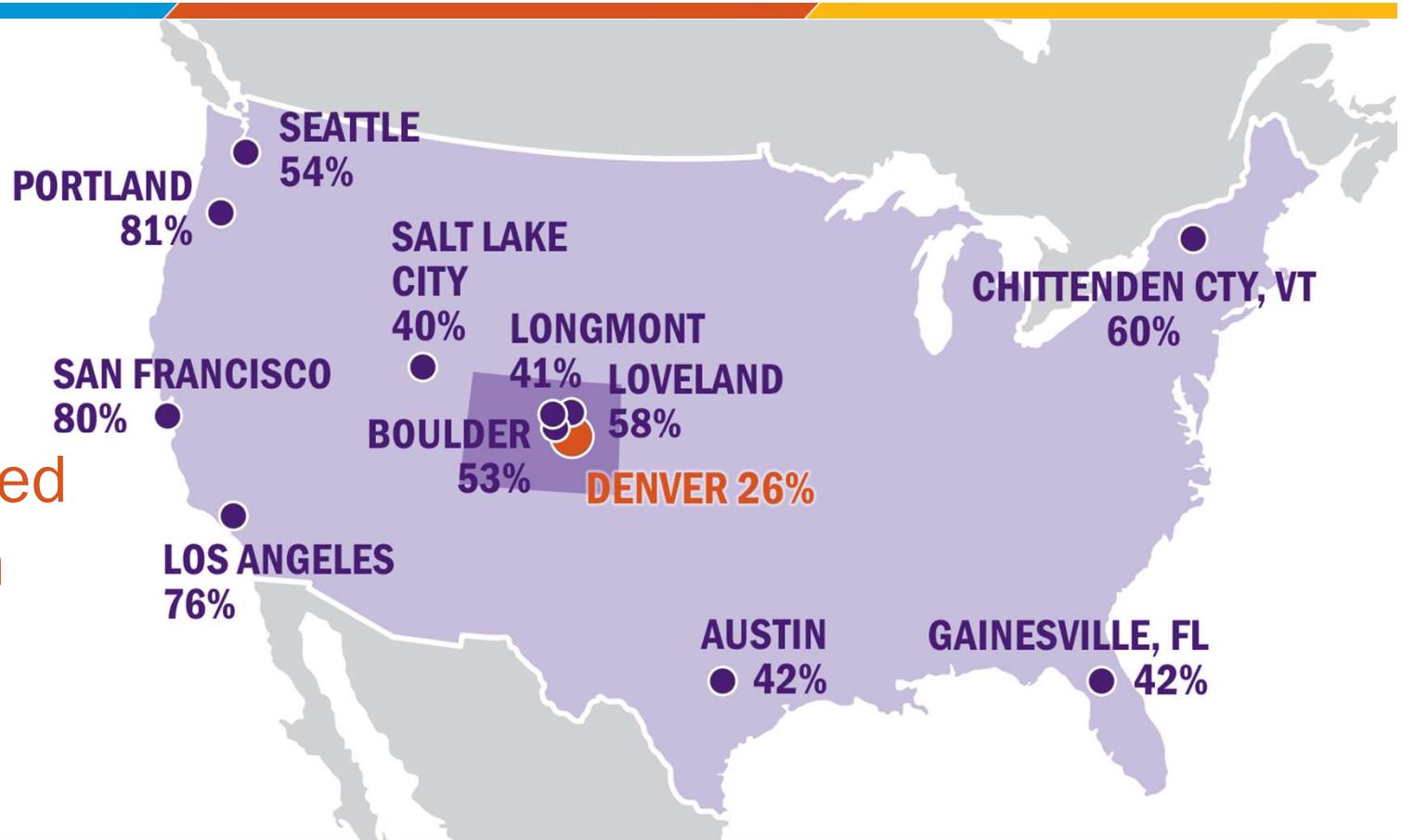
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# Long History of Discussions



Denver's  
recycling &  
composting  
rate compared  
to cities with  
trash fees



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# Proposal: Volume-Based Service Fee



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# Services Included

- Weekly recycling!\*
  - Weekly composting for all customers!
  - Weekly trash pick up
  - Extra trash days/large item pick-up
  - Cherry Creek drop-off center
  - Education and Outreach
  - Customer service
- Annual Programs
    - Leaf Drop
    - Treecycle
    - Mulch Give-away
    - Subsidized HHW pick up
    - Subsidized e-waste drop-off
    - Recycle Your Holiday Lights
    - Appliance recycling
    - Paint recycling
    - Great Denver Cleanup



\*Recycling, composting, and trash cost includes staff, trucks, carts, disposal fees, billing system



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# Cart Sizes & Proposed Monthly Rates



*holds 7-8 tall kitchen bags*



*holds 4-5 tall kitchen bags*



*holds 2-3 tall kitchen bags*

- Customers can mix & match different cart sizes for trash, recycling, and compost
- Fee is charged on the trash cart size only, recycling and compost carts are included

## Mix & Match Cart Sizes



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# Income-Qualified Instant Rebate

Eligibility = income + number of people in the house (Area Median Income)

- 30% AMI = 100% instant rebate
- 50% AMI = 75% instant rebate
- 60% AMI = 50% instant rebate

Renters will be eligible



# Denver Metro Trash Service Rates

	Monthly cost for Weekly Trash, Recycling & Compost		
	Small Trash Cart	Medium Trash Cart	Large Trash Cart
Hauler 1	\$21.15	\$27.55	\$33.95
Hauler 2	\$22.40	\$28.80	\$35.20
Hauler 3	\$23.85	\$31.20	\$38.55
Hauler 4	\$34.70	\$44.45	\$54.20

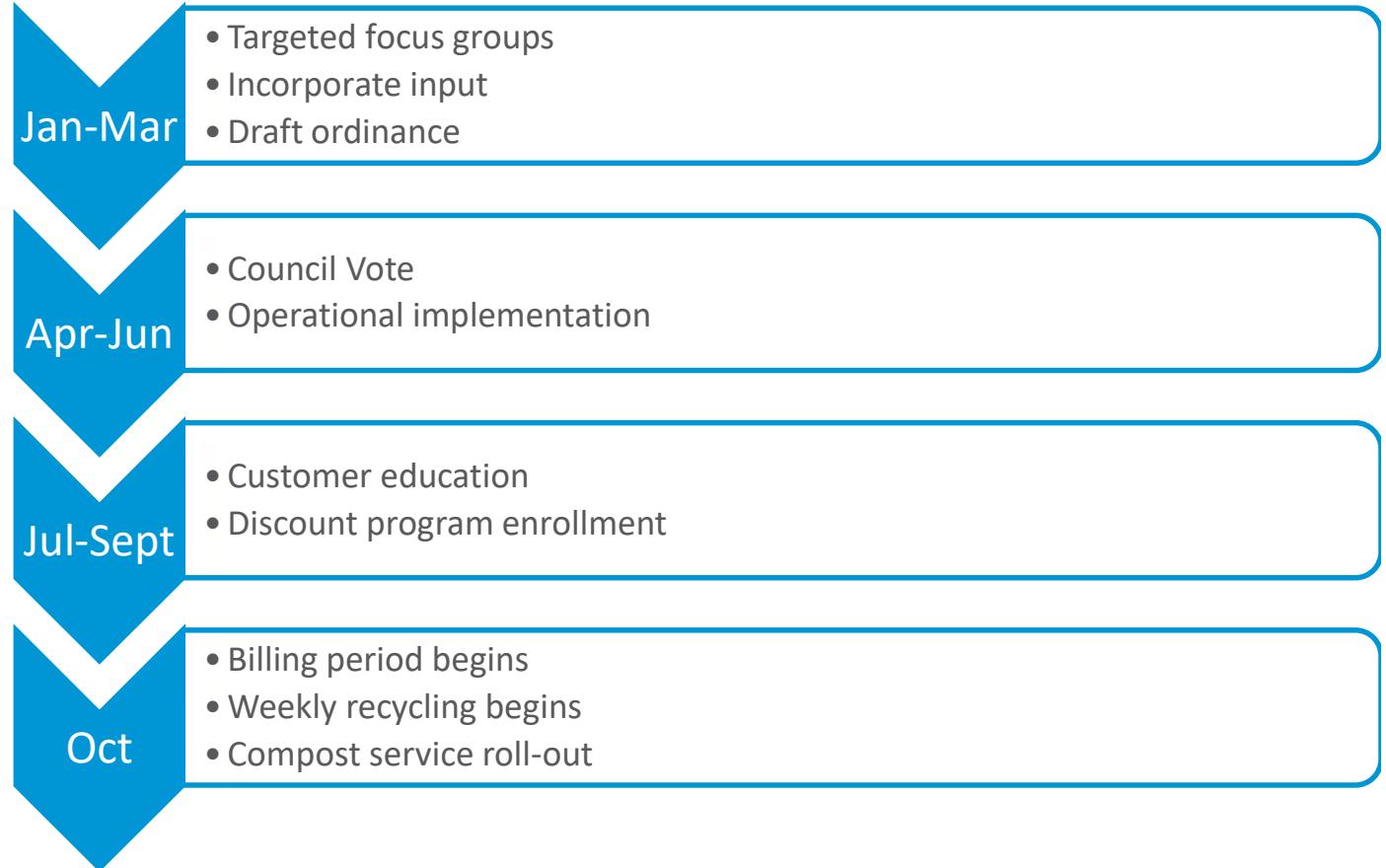
No other cities or haulers offer a discount program for low-income households



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# 2022 Estimated Timeline



# Discussion