



NYSAR³ Legislative Update

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NYSAR³ supports statewide policies aimed at capturing more materials for recycling-related industries, which help to create a vibrant state economy and job growth. Many of these materials, including plastics, food scraps, and electronics, were formerly considered “waste” and were headed for disposal, but are now the raw-materials for new products and materials and support tens of thousands of jobs throughout New York State.

Through our active Legislative Committee, NYSAR³ has provided support for multiple legislative efforts across the state. In 2016 and 2017, our priorities have included the following:

- [NYSAR³ Supports Statewide Paint Stewardship: A.1038 \(Stirpe\), Same-As S.881 \(O'Mara\)](#)

A statewide paint stewardship program would require the paint industry to provide convenient, year-long drop off of unwanted post-consumer paint in New York, reducing the role of government and the burden on taxpayers.

- [NYSAR³ Supports Statewide Organics Recovery: Part KK of the Governor's 2017-2018 Budget Bill](#)

A number of states, including Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, have already adopted organics diversion laws to reduce state and municipal management costs and encourage the utilization of this wasted resource.

- [NYSAR³ Supports Full Funding of the Environmental Protection Fund](#)

A \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) with

a \$14 million Municipal Recycling Line was again included within the proposed 2017-2018 state budget.

- [NYSAR³ Supports Requiring a Recycling Notice On Political Campaign Flyers: A8578-A \(Magnarelli\) / S7524-A \(Valesky\)](#)

A no-cost measure to increase recycling in NY State! And the first-of-its kind in the USA.

- [NYSAR³ Supports the Creation of a “New York Recycles” Issues License Plate \(A874\) with the revenues from plate sales going to the Solid Waste Account of the Environmental Protection Fund.](#)

- [NYSAR³ Supports the Need for E-waste Revisions](#)

While NYSAR³ supports the existing E-waste product stewardship program in New York State, there are certain issues that we believe need to be addressed or corrected, including requiring manufactures to provide year-long, convenient, no-cost drop off of eligible consumer electronics.

- [NYSAR³ Supports Increasing Textile Recovery](#)

Each year, 1.4 billion pounds of recyclable/reusable textiles are trashed in New York, with an economic loss of over \$100 million. NYSAR³ believes this materials stream is ripe for greater enhanced diversion.

If you would like to join NYSAR³'s legislative efforts, please contact Bodhi Piedmont-Fleischmann (Bodhi.PF@cornerstoneeg.com). The Legislative Committee has monthly conference calls and always welcomes additional input and energy!