

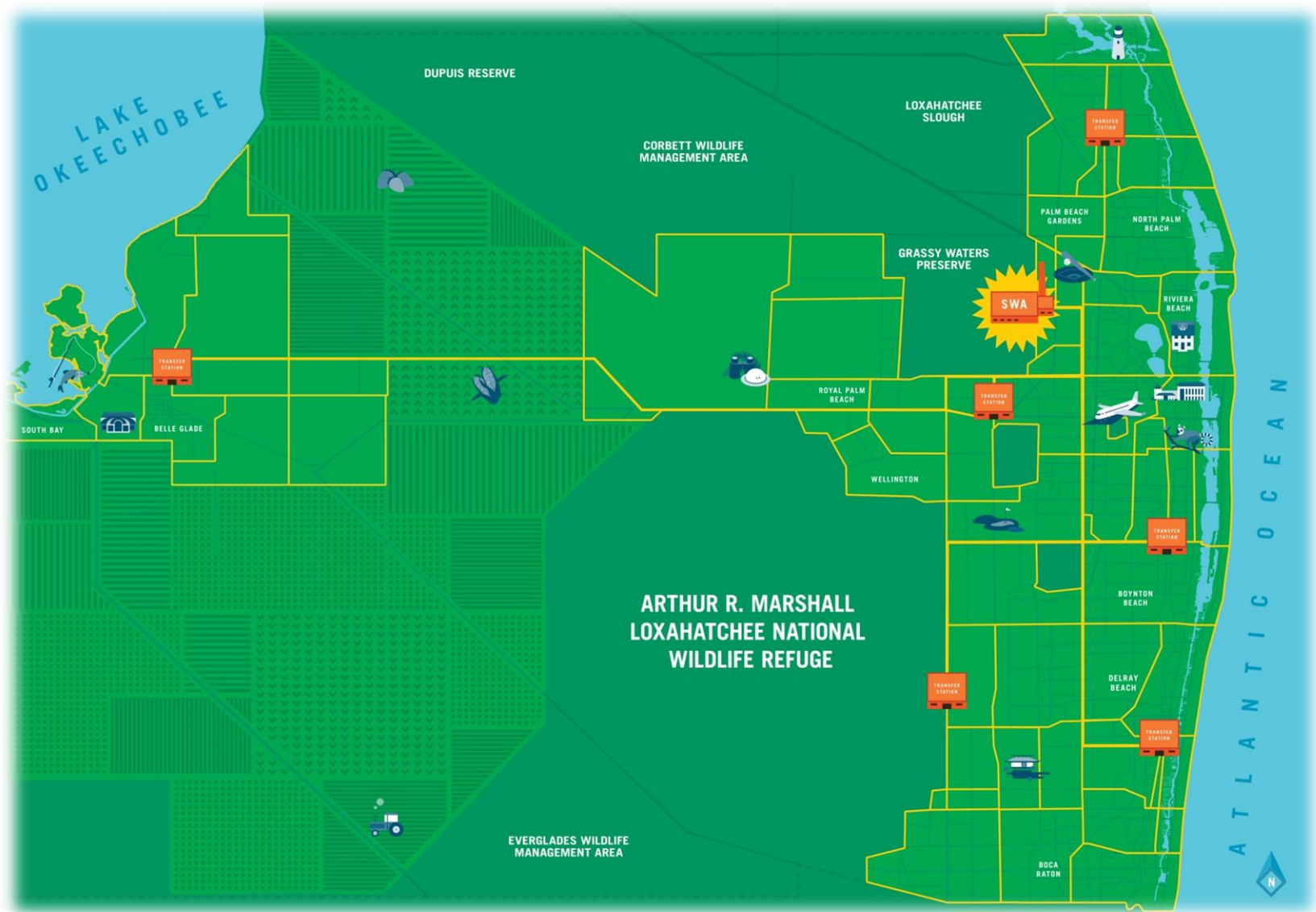
# Welcome to AWAY



Whether you throw it, recycle it, or flush it  
**AWAY**, we put your waste to work...

# Agenda

- How AWAY Works
- Industry and Nature Coexisting
- Dual-Stream Recycling
- Waste-to-Energy and Landfills
- Questions?



# How much solid waste do you throw away?

Approximately

1,400,000 people in Palm Beach County  
x 12\* pounds of solid waste per day per capita

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16,800,000 pounds of solid waste per  
day in Palm Beach County



*\* This number is representing the total amount of solid waste generated divided by the total population.*





# SWA Education Programs

## Classroom Lessons

- Grade-specific
- Meets Florida State Standards
- Hands-on Interactive Programs
- Available in Spanish
- **FREE!**



# SWA Education Programs

## Field Trip Experiences

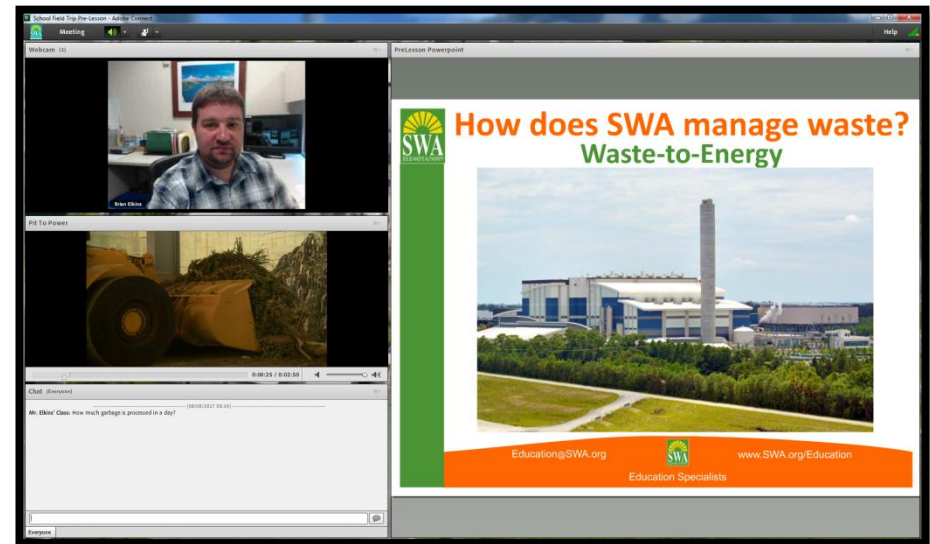




# SWA Education Programs

## Virtual Programs

- Adobe Connect (Webinars)
- Pre-Lessons
- Facebook Live



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## Field Trip Experiences

### Industry and Nature Coexist



# Industry and Nature Coexist



## SWA GREENWAY TRAIL SYSTEM

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County balances industry and nature for the betterment of our community.



**Hours**  
Seven days a week  
from dawn to dusk.

**Activities**  
Hiking  
Biking  
Photography  
Wildlife Viewing  
Geocaching

**Stay Safe**  
Stay on designated trails  
Bring drinking water and sunscreen  
Carry out all trash  
Leave the trail better than you found it  
Beware of venomous snakes and alligators  
No hunting, harassing or feeding wildlife  
No collecting of plants or animals

No pets or horses  
No firearms  
No campfires, swimming or fishing  
No alcoholic beverages  
No overnight parking  
No motorized vehicles



1.0 miles/ 1.6 kilometers



0.7 miles/ 1.1 kilometers



0.8 miles/ 1.3 kilometers



1.4 miles/ 2.3 kilometers

**Grassy Waters Preserve  
Owahee Trail connector**  
1.8 miles/ 2.8 kilometers

*Learn more about these native habitats with a trail guide and online resources.*

# Industry and Nature Coexist

## ~SWA Greenway Trail System~



# Industry and Nature Coexist ~SWA Greenway Trail System~



Pine Flatwoods



# Industry and Nature Coexist ~SWA Greenway Trail System~



Cypress Hammock



# Industry and Nature Coexist ~SWA Greenway Trail System~



Marshland



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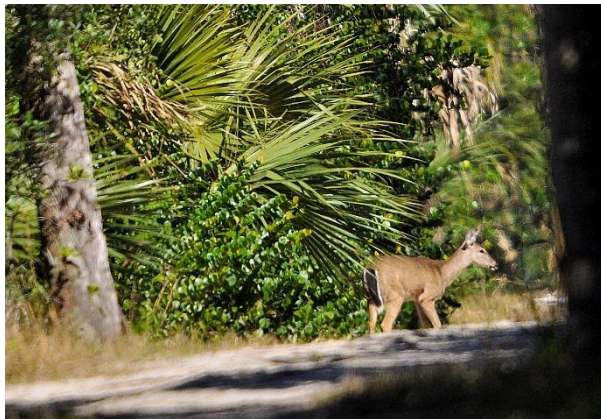


# Industry and Nature Coexist

### Biodiversity Data Sheet

**Instructions:** Tally all of the animals seen on the trail and describe any signs of animal life.

Type of Animal	Seen on trail	Evidence only
Birds 		
Mammals 		
Reptiles 		
Insects 		



Plants and people need clean natural resources for a healthy life.

### Plants in Their Habitat

**Instructions:** Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

**WORD BANK**  
water    sunlight    roots    leaves  
slash pine    nutrients    canopy    pine flatwoods

My tree is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
It grows in \_\_\_\_\_ habitat.

The \_\_\_\_\_  
absorb \_\_\_\_\_  
for energy. They  
grow all the way to  
the top of the \_\_\_\_\_.



The \_\_\_\_\_  
absorb \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
from the soil.

### Leaf Sketch

**Instructions:** Use your **magnifying glass** to draw a detailed picture of a leaf. Include all of the colors and shapes in the leaf.

My leaf is from a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Tree Ring Sketch

**Instructions:** Use your **magnifying glass** to draw a detailed picture of your tree cookie with its rings.

My tree cookie has \_\_\_\_\_ rings, so it is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.



### Solid Waste Authority

**Instructions:** Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

**WORD BANK**  
air    garbage    rain    ashes  
electricity    gallon



The SWA burns \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ at the Renewable Energy Facilities.



\_\_\_\_\_ is collected and stored for use in a 2 million \_\_\_\_\_ tank.



Pollution controls are used to clean the smoke and \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

# Industry and Nature Coexist

## Project Learning Tree Activity: Every Tree for Itself



# Managing the county's solid waste



## Recycle Right

-everyday-



### Blue Gets

-  Aluminum Cans
-  Drink Boxes
-  Glass Bottles / Jars
-  Milk / Juice Cartons
-  Plastic Bottles / Containers
-  Steel Cans



### PLEASE NO...

-  Foam Products
-  Light Bulbs
-  Napkins
-  Paper Coffee Cups
-  Paper Plates
-  Paper Towels
-  Plastic Bags
-  Plastic Utensils
-  Sharps

### Yellow Gets

-  All Cardboard
-  Dry Food / Tissue Boxes
-  Magazines / Newspapers / Catalogs
-  Paper Bags
-  School / Office Paper
-  Telephone Books
-  Unwanted Mail

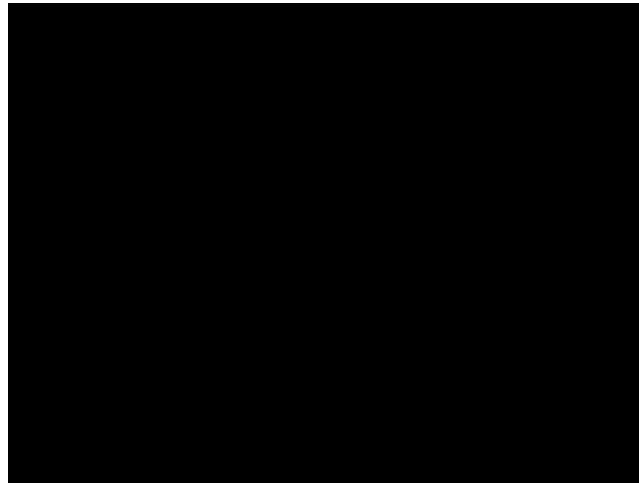


For Recycling Bins, Call 866-NEW-BINS  
(639-2467)



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## Field Trip Experiences

### Recycle *RIGHT!*





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# SWA Education Programs

## Field Trip Experiences

### Recycle *RIGHT!*



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### What's Up With Solid Waste?

1. Document the amount of beads originally in the graduated cylinder in milliliters (mL).  
\_\_\_\_\_ mL
2. Use the graduated cylinders to fill each labeled container with the correct amount of beads (mL) listed in this table below:

Type of Solid Waste Management	Amount of Beads (mL)
Renewable Energy Facilities/Combustion	340
Recycling	430
Biosolids	50
Landfill	180
Home Hazardous Waste	0

3. Calculate the actual percentages for each category of solid waste below:

Table 2: Approximate percentages of solid waste in Palm Beach County for the year 2016.

Type of Solid Waste Management	Percentage of Solid Waste (%) Amount of beads/100mL
Renewable Energy Facilities/Combustion	$340/1000 = 0.34 \times 100 = 34\%$
Recycling	
Biosolids	
Landfill	
Home Hazardous Waste	

# Managing the county's solid waste ~Waste-to-Energy~



Burns post-recycled solid waste to create energy



# Managing the county's solid waste

## ~Waste-to-Energy~



# SWA Education Programs

## Field Trip Experiences

### Renewable Energy



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### Renewable Energy

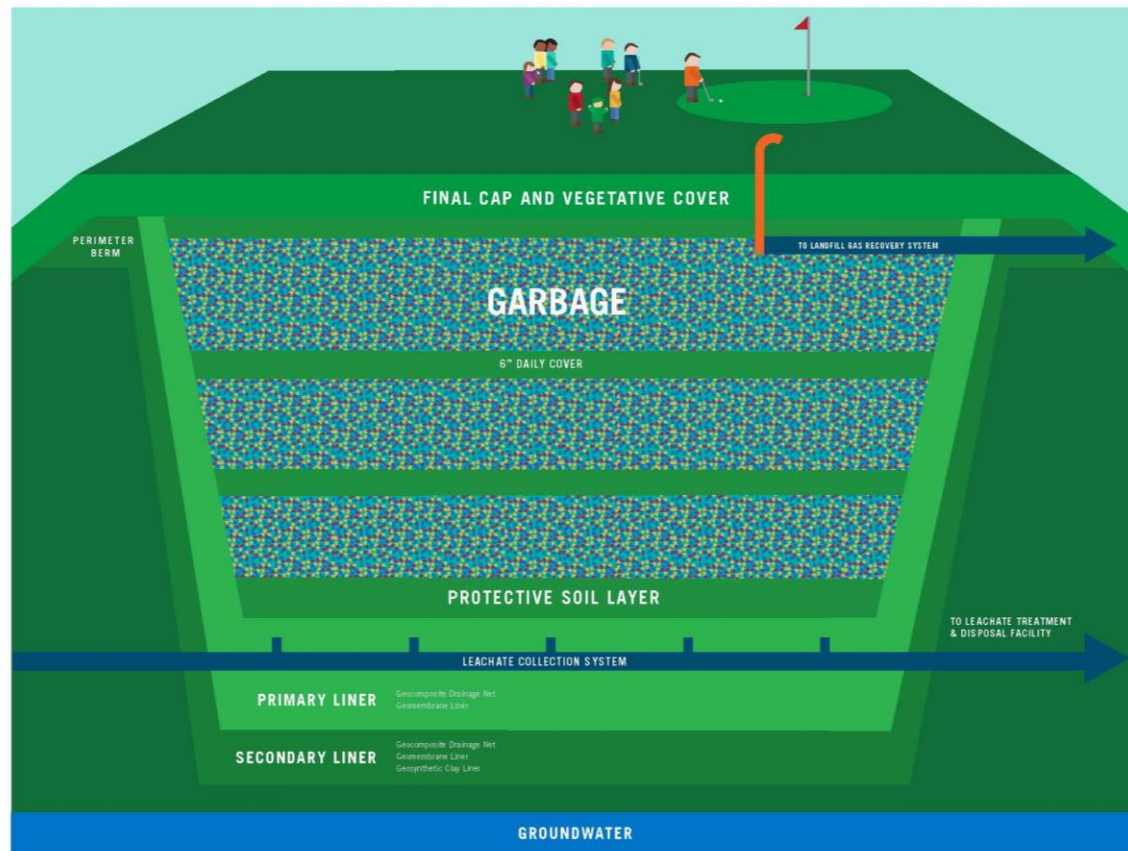


# Managing the county's solid waste ~Landfill~



**Last resort for solid waste disposal**

# Managing the county's solid waste ~Landfill~



Last resort for solid waste disposal



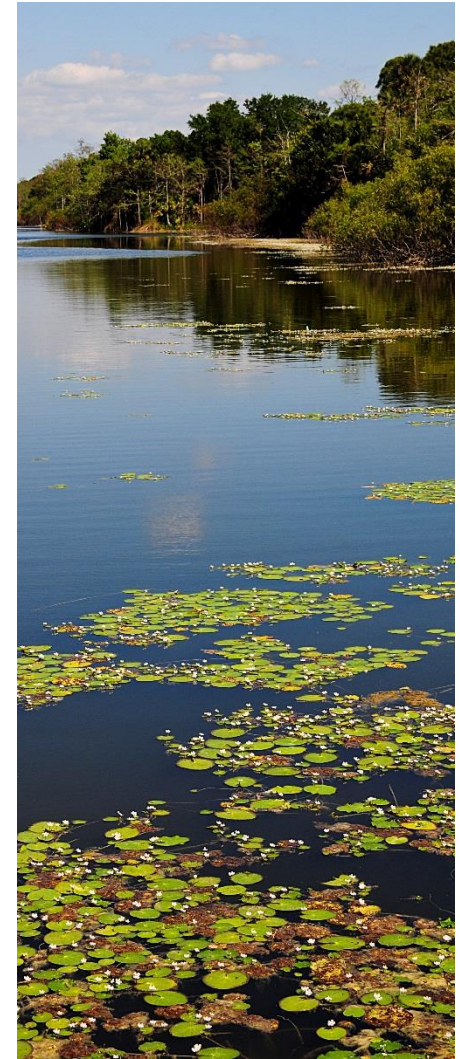
# What makes a landfill sanitary?



# What happens to a landfill when it's full?



# What happens to a landfill when it's full?



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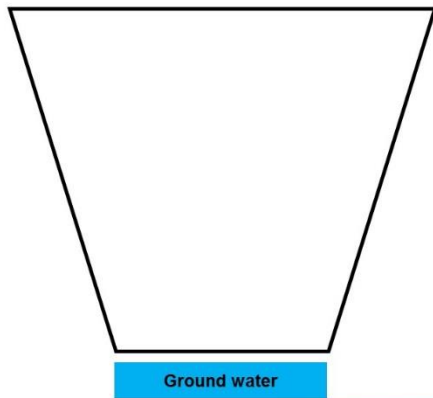
## Edible Landfill



SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY of Palm Beach County  
**Middle School: 3R Ambassador Program**  
 Student Sheet

### Edible Landfill: Breakfast Edition

A modern landfill is made up of many layers to contain garbage and prevent leakage into soil or ground water. Using the provided materials, create your own edible landfill and try to prevent the leachate from seeping through the protective liner. Then draw a diagram of your landfill.



- Landfill cap: prevents odor, insect and rodent problems
- Soil layer: used to cover daily garbage and ashes
- Leachate: natural byproduct of decomposing garbage
- Methane flare: burns off harmful methane from garbage decomposing
- Garbage & ashes layer: added daily from communities
- Gravel layer: prevents liquid from seeping out
- Leachate pipe: collects leachate
- Sand layer: prevents liquid from seeping out
- Plastic liner: prevents leachate from escaping into the ground
- Soil layer: lines the bottom of the landfill



# Education Programs

## 3R Ambassador Program



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIDcFY0DF1U>

# SWA Education Programs

## SWA ReTeach Waste Program



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvDgTsh\\_7MM&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvDgTsh_7MM&t=4s)



# Questions?

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# What can you do?

