

Recommended Priority Projects for Future EPA Recycling Infrastructure Grant – Georjean Adams DRAFT

1. Pilot creation of a Resource Recovery Park at Kea'au Transfer Station over a 5-year period. Begin by improving the Reuse Center. Acquire additional land to set up drop off stations for various materials beyond existing ones – cardboard and paper and food for composting, construction materials, textiles, segregated plastics, etc. Dedicate land for shredding, composting and distribution of compost. Set up a “fix it” station, including a tools library and educational opportunities on repair. Set up warehousing and processing space for reuse/recycling entrepreneurs. Alternate location: Hilo.
2. Enable transfer station recycling by small businesses (ISWMP top priority). In addition to code changes, a small fee/licensing program must be devised. Additional capabilities to be provided include: additional pick up of containers and/or containers and vehicles and labor needed to monitor and transport recyclables.
3. Equipment to aid distributed composting: home compost bins, shredders, larger in-vessel composters. Coordinate with private parties for collection and distribution of equipment and pre- and post-compost materials. County may need to help with setting up locations for large composters and shredders.
4. Explore grant partnerships with Waste Management and Hawaii Earth Resources to expand/enable their capabilities to do recycling.