

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 of Hawai'i and Hawaiian Earth Recycling to expand/enable their capabilities to do recycling.