



Advocating for Food Waste Reduction with Limited Resources

MIDWEST FOOD RECOVERY SUMMIT

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Outline

- ▶ YVSC Overview
- ▶ Background on local food waste reduction
- ▶ Food waste & recovery related projects
- ▶ Where do we go from here?
- ▶ Partnerships

Yampa Valley Sustainability Council

- ▶ The mission of YVSC is to be a resource and catalyst for building a sustainable community. We do this through education, programs and by building collaboration among individuals, organizations, businesses, and government.
- ▶ Programs
 - ▶ Waste Diversion
 - ▶ ReTree
 - ▶ Energy
 - ▶ Green Building
 - ▶ Talking Green
 - ▶ Sustainable Schools





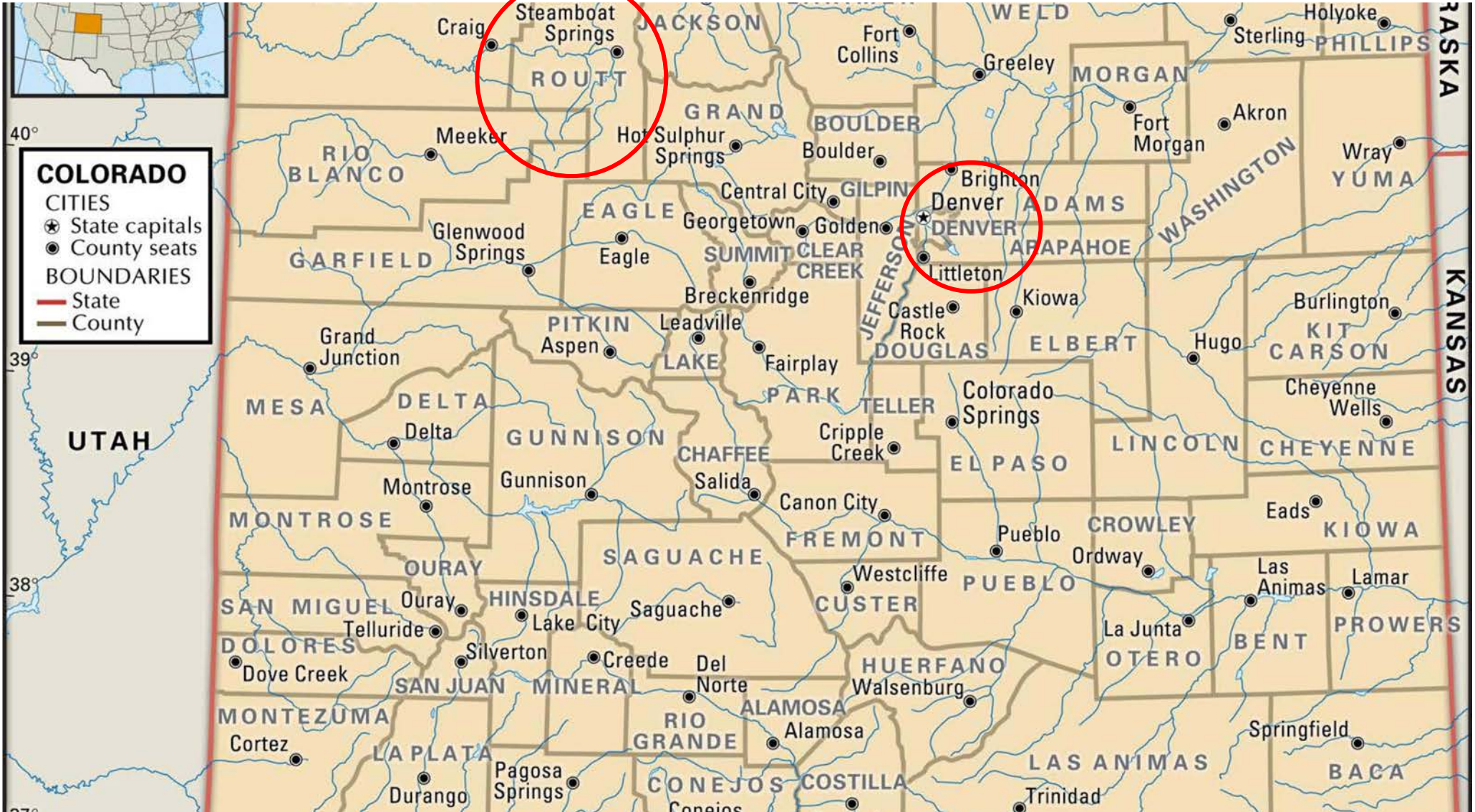
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CITIES

- ★ State capitals
- County seats

BOUNDARIES

- State
- County

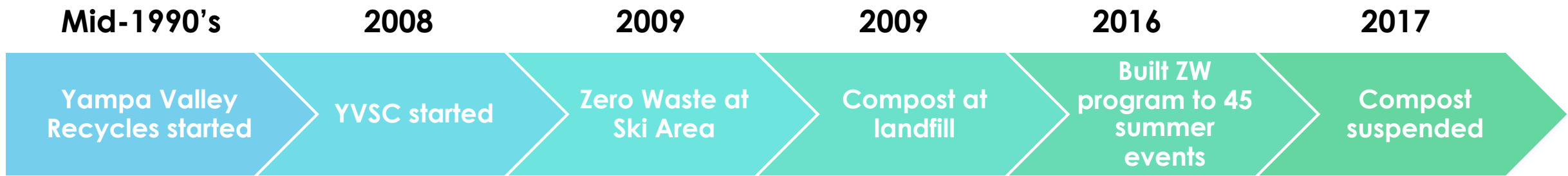


Compost Challenges

- ▶ Climate
- ▶ Bears
- ▶ Low tonnage
- ▶ Expectation is FREE!
- ▶ Tourist community



Background



School Food Challenge & Audit



Business Waste Assessments



Food Recovery



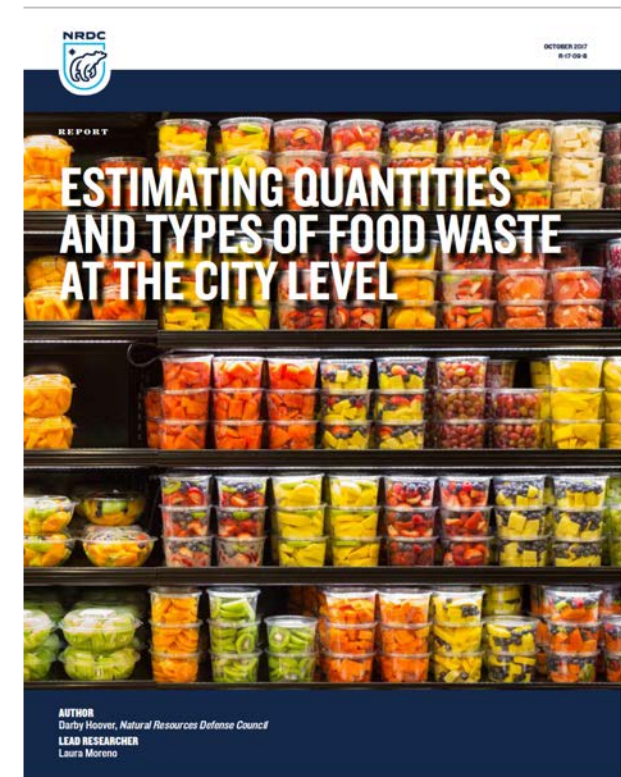
Food: Too Good to Waste Challenge

- ▶ Resources adapted from EPA
- ▶ 50 families
- ▶ Challenge with partnerships



Replicating NRDC Study

- ▶ “Estimating Quantities and Types of Food Waste at the City Level”
- ▶ In partnership with Master’s student from Western Colorado State University
- ▶ GOAL: Collect baseline food waste data for both residential and commercial sectors.

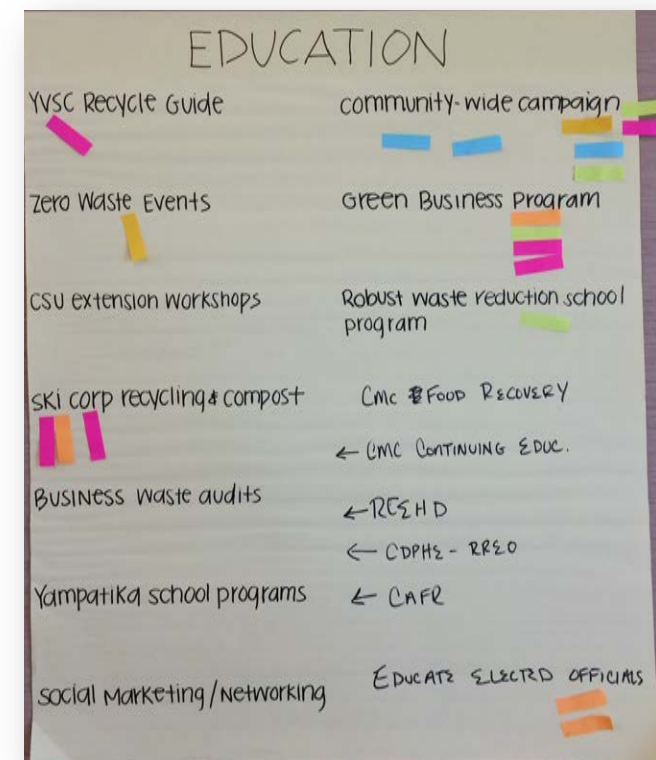
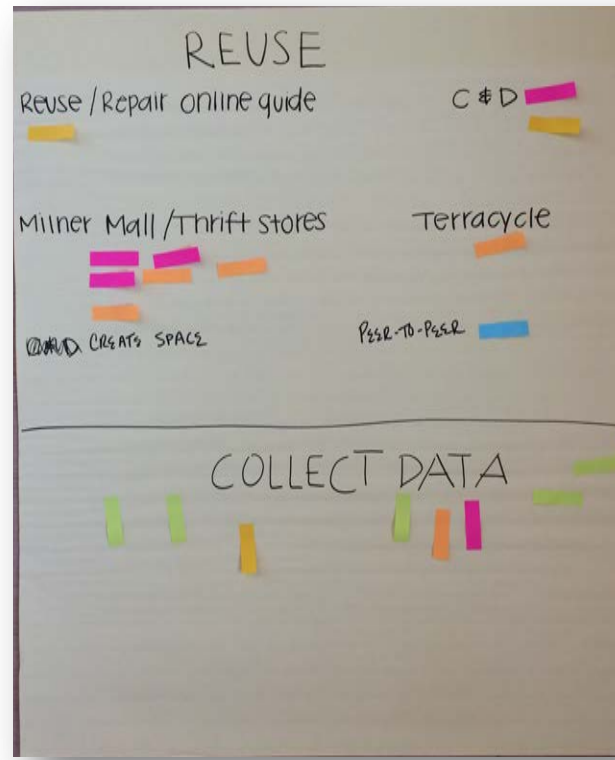


Source: NRDC, October 2017.

Earth Cubes



Strategic Plan



Strategic Plan Priorities



Curbside Recycling



Organics Recycling



Businesses



Construction & Demolition



Transfer Station



Education/Events

Partnerships

- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Business waste assessments
- ▶ Food Rescue
 - ▶ Local Food Bank
 - ▶ 10 participating restaurants
- ▶ Community participants in Food Waste Challenge
- ▶ Western Colorado State University
- ▶ Earth Cubes
- ▶ Materials Management Working Group
- ▶ NW Colorado Food Coalition
- ▶ Local ranchers/farmers
- ▶ NW Colorado Regional Waste Diversion Study
- ▶ EPA Region 8

Thank you!

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