



Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**

Office of Recovered Materials

Program Updates

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- 10-Year Plan Update
- Industry Recycling Study, Office of Cooperative Marketing for Recycling (SWIFR Round 2)
- Waste Characterization Study
- Grants Update
- Bureau and Division Change

10 Year Plan (Time-line)

- **November 2026:** TDEC publishes the State Plan
- **January 2027:** Regional Planning Grants open
- **April 2027:** Grant contracts with counties executed
- **June 2027:** New rules (Part 8 Legislative Changes) published prior to this date, TDEC will engage the regions on draft rules by holding a public hearing and public comment period to receive feedback
- **July 1, 2028:** Regions submit their Regional Plans to TDEC

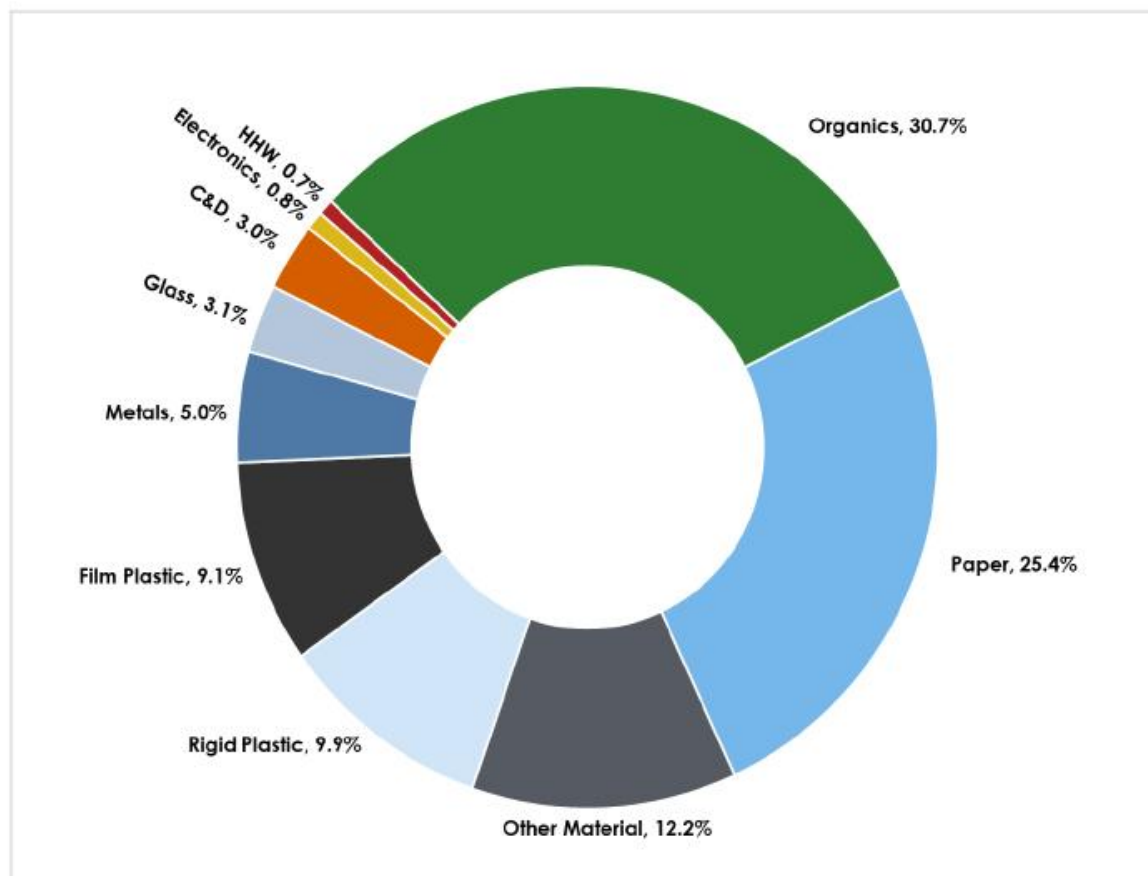
SWIFR Grant Update (Round 2 EPA Grant)

- EPA SWIFR Grant
- \$598,000 to use for promoting recycling and diversion
- Statewide Recycling Study for Diversion of Film and Packaging Materials
- Development of the Office of Cooperative Marketing for Recycling

Waste Characterization Study

- The TN Department of Environment & Conservation, Office of Recovered Material Program, received round one of the EPA SWIFR grant for a comprehensive statewide waste characterization study to provide a current baseline of the materials being disposed of, recycled, and managed statewide.

Exhibit 2. Statewide Overall MSW Composition Summary



Upcoming Workshops/Presentations

- **August 19-21** : TN Sustainability Conference
- **October 26- 28**: TN Solid Waste Director's Conference
- **November** TBA: 2025-2035 Solid Waste Plan How-To Training for Regions
- **November – February** TBA: Annual Progress Reporting(APR) Workshops

Materials Management Grants Program –FY25

- **FY25 Grants Awarded Totaling - \$6,982,021**
 - (2) \$15,900 - Education and Outreach
 - (4) \$320,100 - Organics Management
 - (2) \$100,000 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - (9) \$610,533 -Technical Assistance for Development Districts
 - (15) \$1,506,426 - Convenience Center
 - (15) \$247,287 - Used Automotive Fluid Recycling (Used Oil)
 - (36) \$3,657,760 - Recycling Equipment Grant
 - (4) \$524,015 - Recycling Rebates

Materials Management Grants Program – FY26

- **FY26 Grants Awarded Totaling \$8,583,659**
 - (18) \$4,509,340 – Waste Reduction
 - (5) \$403,563 - Organics Management
 - (8) \$651,580 –Technical Assistance for Development Districts
 - (9) \$1,071,577 – Convenience Center
 - (6) \$150,804 – Used Automotive Fluid Recycling (Used Oil)
 - (9) \$980,755 - Recycling Equipment Grant
 - (8) \$693, 540 - Recycling Rebates
 - (2) \$122,500 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - (14) \$5,000,000 - Hurricane Helene Grant (Federal Funds)

Materials Management Program Upcoming Grants

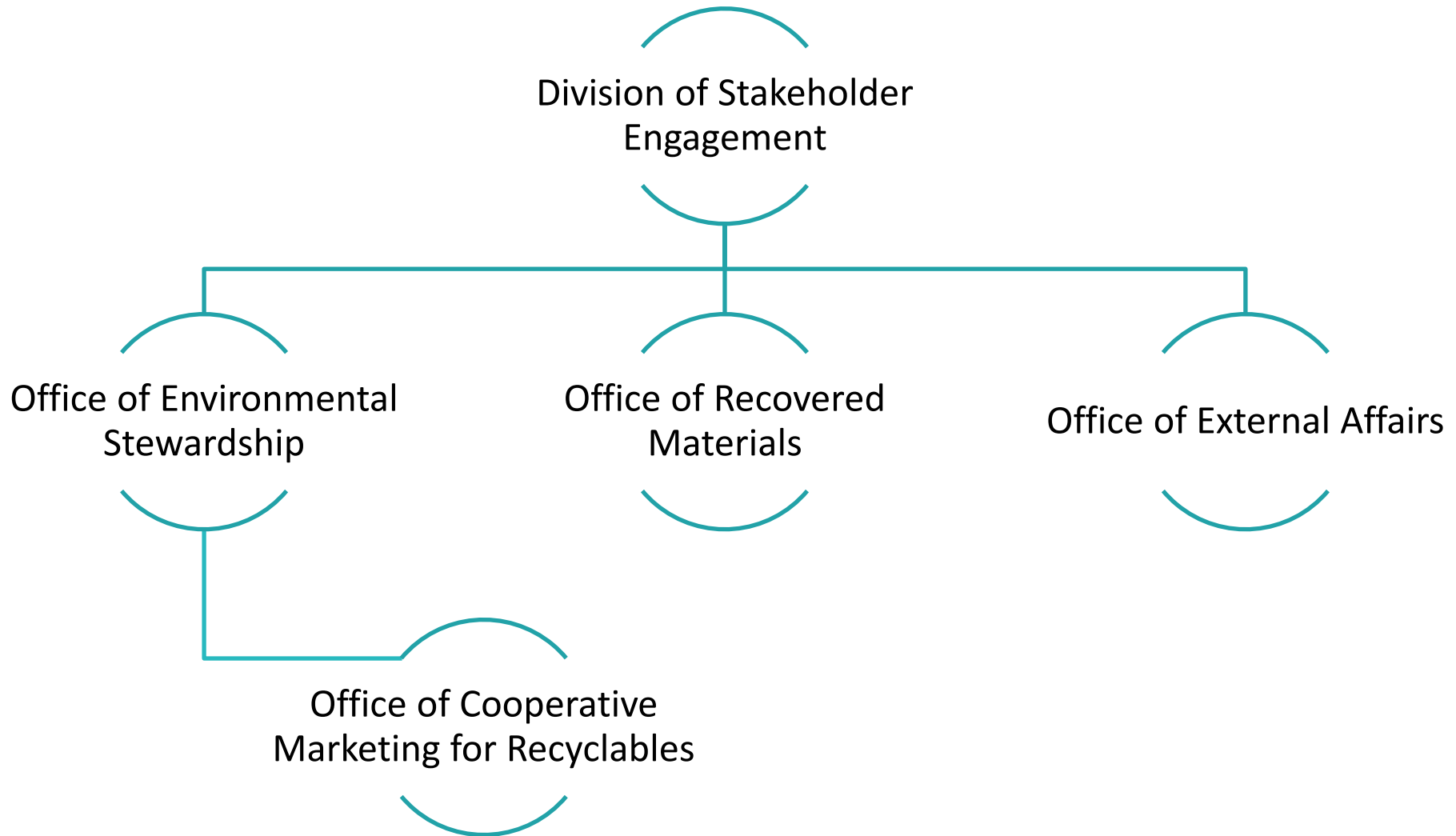
- **FY27 Grant openings:**

- Technical Assistance - March 2026
- Convenience Center - June 2026
- Used Oil – June 2026
- Recycling Equipment - September 2026
- Recycling Rebate - September 2026
- HHW - September 2026
- Solid Waste Planning Grant – January/February 2027

Bureau and Division Changes

- On August 1st 2026, the Materials Management Program(MMP) name will change to the Office of Recovered Materials (ORM) within the Bureau of Operations, Strategy, and Engagement (BOSE).
- The Office of Recovered Materials will be in the Division of Stakeholder Engagement.
- **Karen S. Simo**, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer
- **Tara Pedraza**, Director
- **Amber Greene**, Deputy Director of ORM

BOSE Division of Stakeholder Engagement





Questions?