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Innovation

envisioning + anticipating the needs
of the consumer of the future



about us



OWNING THE FUTURE

- Family-owned
- Black-woman owned



PROTECTING THE PLANET

- A Climate Positive company
- Carbon neutral
- Water neutral
- Zero Waste Platinum certified



MAKERS, MOVERS AND SHAKERS

- Primary US manufacturer
- USGBC LEED ZERO Certified
- Platinum-level WELL certified



PIONEERS IN SAFER CLEANING

- Over 90 Safer Choice certified products
- Affordable
- Plant-powered
- Leaping Bunny-certified
- 100% Vegan



Product Portfolio

LAUNDRY

Laundry Detergent
Liquid Original:
50, 100, 128oz
Free & Clear,
Magnolia & Lily,
Lavender,
Lemongrass



Laundry Detergent
Liquid Stain Fighting
Enzymes: 70oz
Free & Clear,
Magnolia & Lily,
Lavender



LAUNDRY

Laundry Detergent
Sheets Stain Fighting
Enzymes: 50ct, 64ct
Free & Clear,
Magnolia & Lily,
Lavender Vanilla



Laundry Detergent
Packs Stain
Fighting Enzymes:
40pks, 52pks
Free & Clear



OXO BRITE®
Multi-Purpose
Stain Remover
Powder: 3.6lbs
Free & Clear



Fabric Odor
Eliminator: 20oz
Magnolia & Lily
Lavender Vanilla
Lemongrass



DISHWASHING

Dish Soap: 25oz
Free & Clear, Grapefruit,
Bamboo Lemon, Lavender,
Apricot, Almond, Pear



Mother & Child:
16oz/64oz Refill
Grapefruit, Free & Clear

Dishwasher Gel: 40oz
Free & Clear, Lavender



Dishwasher
Rinse Aid: 8oz



Plastic-Free Dishwasher
Detergent Packs: 40pks
Free & Clear



CLEANERS & DISINFECTANTS

All Purpose
Cleaner: 22oz
Orange, Parsley



Value Refill
Pack: 80oz
Orange, Parsley

Window Cleaner Vinegar,
Stainless Steel Cleaner + Polish,
Furniture Cleaner + Polish Olive
Oil & Citrus, Bathroom Cleaner
Tea Tree: 22oz



Toilet Bowl Cleaner Cedar: 24oz
Surface Scrub Lemon: 17oz

Fruit + Veggie
Wash: 22oz
Conventional
Organic



Value Refill
Pack: 80oz
Conventional

One-Step
Disinfectant
Cleaner:
24 & 32oz
Fragrance Free



HAND SOAP

Hand Soap:
11.5, 17, 32oz Refill
Free & Clear, Lavender,
Lemongrass,
Orange Blossom



Value Refill Pack: 80oz
Free & Clear, Lavender

FOR PETS

Stain + Odor
Remover:
22, 128oz Refill
Lemon



Hypoallergenic
Shampoo: 17oz
Fragrance Free
Peppermint



Between Baths
Grooming: 22oz
Peppermint



Litter Box
Deodorizer: 22oz







OUTDOOR

Ice Melt:
6.5lbs



ECOS
Plant Powered Clean

What We Believe

	 WATER	 MATERIALS	 IMPACT FOCUS	 PLASTIC	 PRODUCTS	 SHIPPING
LEGACY MINDSET	Less Consumption	Recyclable	Environment	100% PCR	Sustainable	Carbon Offset
MODERN MINDSET	Closed Loop Systems	Circular	Planet & People	Plastic Free	Low Carbon	Carbon Neutral

Atom Economy

The efficient use of raw materials: each atom used contributes to the utility of the final product.

BENEFITS

- **Reduced Waste:** Maximizing yield, minimizing by-products
- **Enhanced Sustainability:** Fewer resources wasted, less environmental impact
- **Cost-Effective:** Utilizing materials efficiently can reduce costs

PHILOSOPHY

- Not just about quantity, but quality. Efficient reactions are both eco-friendly and economically viable
- Central to the principles of green chemistry, promoting a holistic approach to chemical processes


ONLY 6 INGREDIENTS

1. Water
2. Cocamidopropyl Betaine (plant-derived surfactant)
3. Sodium Coco-Sulfate (plant-derived surfactant)
4. Cocamidopropylamine Oxide (plant-derived surfactant)
5. Phenoxyethanol (preservative)
6. Methylisothiazolinone (preservative)



Pathway to Zero Waste

Multifaceted approach to packaging circularity



We must take the consumer on a journey, gradually removing water, compacting our formulas for more utility per ounce, and eventually removing water.



ECOS has strategically built a pathway for our portfolio, with options that are more concentrated, have less water, and ultimately no water.



Over time, we will compact our classic offering, while improving shipping efficiency, efficacy, and value, ushering the market forward



New materials with better circularity, like aluminum are being explored, while all remaining plastic migrates to PCR to ensure we reduce our reliance on virgin plastic production.



We are partnering with our suppliers to explore light weighting via biomimicry, chemical recycling, and watermarked bottles for AI-enabled smart sorting to create cleaner waste streams that have longer lifecycles.



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Consumer Journey

CONSUMER JOURNEY	PRODUCT EVOLUTION	MATERIAL INNOVATION	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
PHASE-OUT OF WATER	MORE CONCENTRATED FORMULAS	ALUMINUM AND PCR PLASTIC	SUPPLIER COLLABORATION FOR LONGER LIFECYCLES
ENHANCED UTILITY	COMPACT OFFERINGS WITH SUPERIOR VALUE	CIRCULARITY ENHANCEMENTS	INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

Pathway to Zero Waste

Multifaceted approach to packaging circularity

PLASTIC FOOTPRINT

Current virgin plastic footprint

No single use plastic

No plastic

CURRENT STATE: Enhanced PCR utilization, highest concentration in market.

INCREASED PCR
More Concentration
More Utility



ALUMINUM
Infinitely Recyclable



CIRCULAR PACKAGING



GRADUAL REMOVAL OF WATER:
Reducing water content to concentrate formulas.

INCREASED UTILITY PER OUNCE:
More effective products with less material.

EASE OF USE: Adapting dosage mechanisms for precision and simplicity. 5x more concentrated



COMPACTION

More Water

Less Water

No Water

FOAMING DISH SPRAY



ULTRA
CONCENTRATED
LAUNDRY



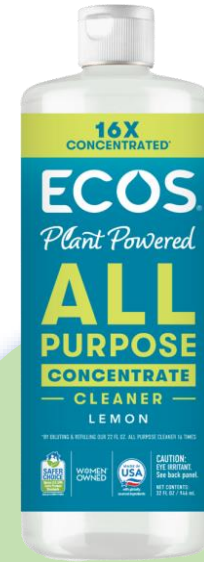
AUTODISH PACKS



PLASTIC FREE OXOBRITE



Dilutable Cleaner





THANK YOU



Questions?





Re:Dish Today to Reshape Tomorrow



Most Innovative Reuse Company
Food & Beverage
WINNER 2023



Fast Company's 2023
World Changing Ideas –
Food - FINALIST



Sustainable Packaging
Innovation Award 2023 -
Reuse/Refill - FINALIST



Best In Business List
2023 – Sustainability -
WINNER

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Climate change is no longer an idea. It is here.

Schools have a unique opportunity to drive the reuse economy forward by introducing circular principles that normalize environmentally-conscious behavior at scale.

1,000,000,000,000 single-use food service products are used each year in the United States.

The time to act is now.



Re:Dish = Reuse

Re:Dish is on a mission to make reuse mainstream.

We help schools transition to reusables.

We enable schools to outsource washing operations.

And we make it seamless.

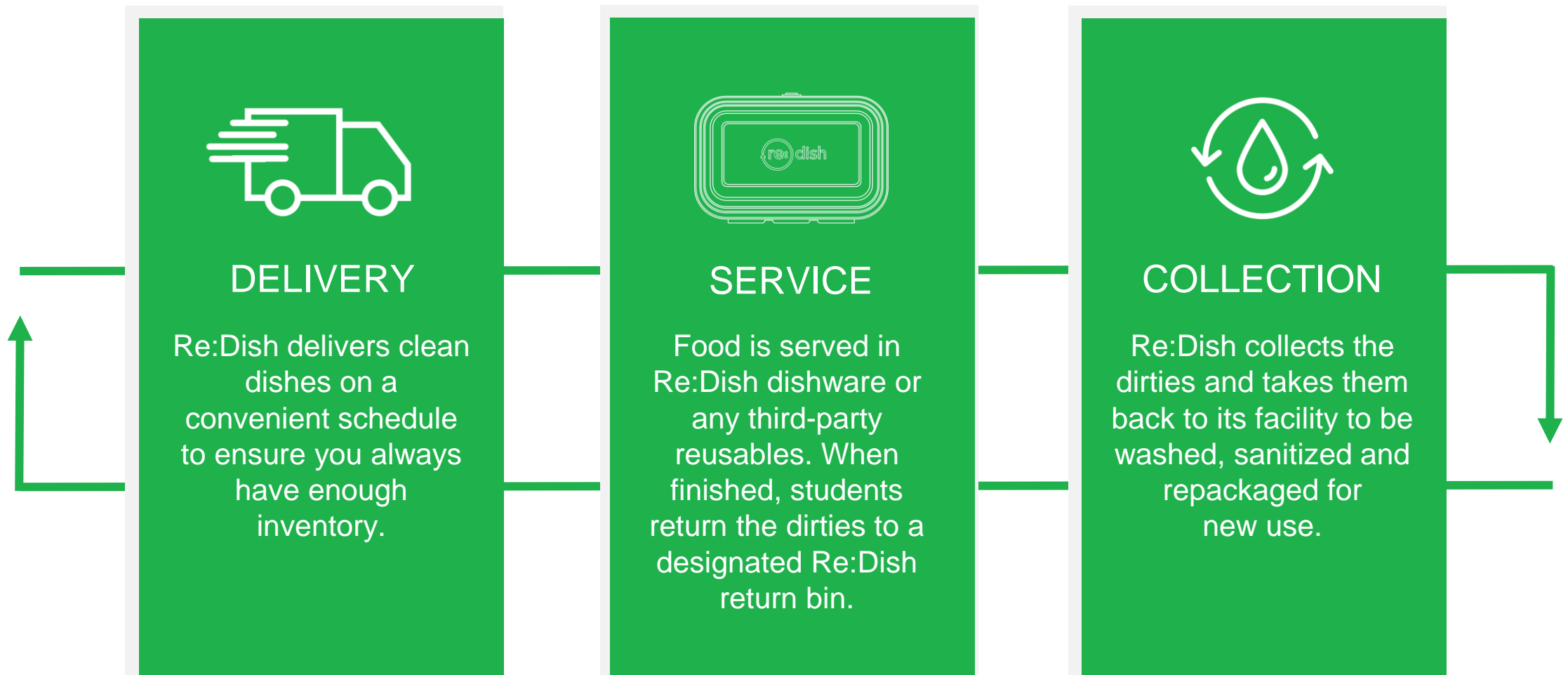
Re:Dish is singularly focused on the software and infrastructure to make reuse scalable. We offer our tracking and washing services to schools serving food on single-use disposables or washing reusables in-house.

We also offer a full-service reusable container program that helps schools reach their ESG goals by eliminating single-use waste in foodservice operations.

- Established in 2020
- WBE & WBENC-certified
- Facilities in Brooklyn, NY & Philadelphia, PA
- Launching in Boston in Q3 2024

How the Re:Dish Reusable Program Works

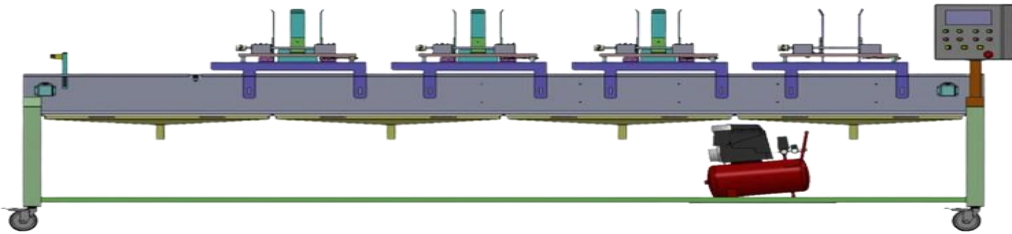
We make switching to reusables simple and turnkey.



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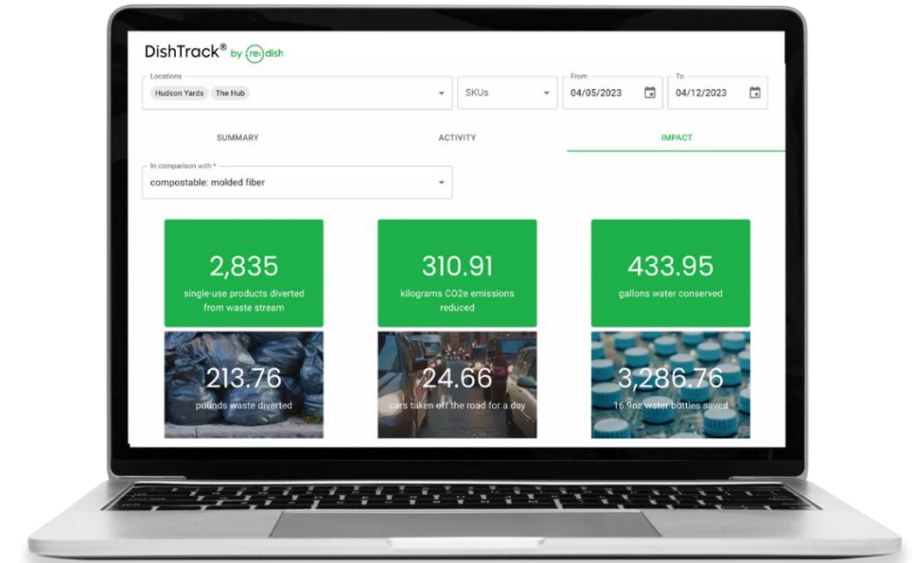
Specialized Infrastructure Enables Reuse At Scale

CUSTOMIZATION & AUTOMATION



Washing thousands of reusables requires more than a traditional commercial dishwasher; it requires **specialized expertise** in equipment, facility, process, and product. Re:Dish has developed the **data management** and **industrial warewashing facilities** to achieve this scale and is constantly innovating in order to maximize performance and efficiency.

SOFTWARE



Custom software, DishTrack, for **Scope 3 Emissions reporting** also enables **bilateral inventory management**, **reverse logistics**, and **Periodic Automatic Replacement (PAR) for Reuse**.

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Data-First Infrastructure is Unique in Reuse Integration of Front and Back End

Robust data is the key enabler to Re:Dish's success and informs everything we do. Data allows us to **build smart systems**, **assess performance**, **optimize for efficiency**, and **remain accountable** to clients and the environment.

WAREHOUSE
MANAGEMENT

ASSET
MANAGEMENT

LOGISTICS
MANAGEMENT

DishTrack

RE:DISH'S CUSTOM SOFTWARE PLATFORM

The DishTrack software platform is shown with three overlapping screenshots. The top screenshot displays a line chart titled 'Collection by Date' with a y-axis ranging from 0 to 100 and an x-axis showing dates from 10/11 to 10/18. The bottom-left screenshot shows a table with columns for 'Facility', 'Inventory', and 'Inventory'. The bottom-right screenshot shows a dashboard with three cards: '2,406' (Inventory of water systems), '5,792' (Log of water systems), and '7,238' (Inventory of water systems), with a total of '43,899' (Inventory of water systems) at the bottom.

CLIENT
MANAGEMENT

INVENTORY
TRACKING

ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT

Re:Dish Clean

- Re:Dish is establishing the standard by which all future facilities will be judged: **TRUE certification, HACCP plans, third-party certified audits**
- Washed at a **minimum of 170°** with environmentally-friendly chemistry
- **Optimized environmental footprint** with water, energy, and chemical maximized for efficiency
- Sanitized, dried, and immediately packed and sealed for distribution – **never touched by human hands**
- **Quality Control** built into every process and procedure



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Re:Dish Products

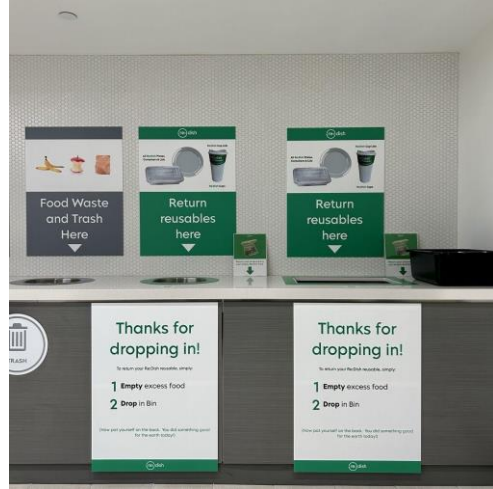


Re:Dish's reusable polypropylene products are made in the USA, BPA-free, NSF certified, and microwave & freezer safe.

Currently available:

- 9" x 9" clamshell
- 9" x 9" 3-compartment clamshell
- 6" x 9" clamshell
- 5" x 5" clamshell
- 16-ounce round clamshell
- 16-ounce pleated hot/cold cup
- 8-ounce round with separate lid
- 10" plate with 7.5" food well
- Boat with separate lid (Q4 2024)

08 Return Receptacles used by Re:Dish clients



Enabling Re:Dish is as easy as providing convenient return bins.

Re:Dish has available bins to rent. Alternatively, clients can repurpose their own bins and brand them with assets provided in the Re:Dish media kit.



DishTrack App Supports User Engagement



Scan Me!



Impact Calculator

Every Re:Dish has a QR code that shows how many times that specific unit has been reused. This feeds calculations of:

- Waste Diversion
- Carbon Reduction
- Water Use Savings

10 Empowering the Next Generation through Sustainability

By choosing Re:Dish, schools actively:

- appeal to environmentally conscious students and staff
- highlight the school's commitment to green practices
- demonstrate a campus-wide culture of sustainability

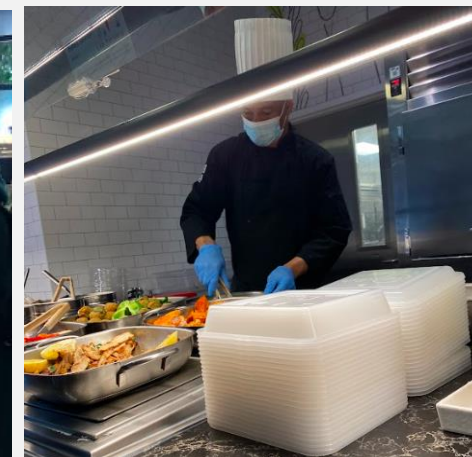
Re:Dish can be used in:

- Dining halls
- Takeout orders
- Catering
- Conferences



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Re:Dish – a Successful, Sustainable Program for Clients and Employees



Re:Dish focuses on ongoing education and training to ensure that all groups – students and staff – understand the why's and how's of reuse

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Thank you
Re:Dish



Plastic Challenges & Solutions for Farmers in Western Washington

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Zero Waste Washington

Works to make *trash* obsolete

Three strategies:

- help pass laws
- conduct research
- do pilot projects



Seven Focus Areas



**PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY**



EXCESS PACKAGING



REUSE/REPAIR



RECYCLING



INNOVATION



PLASTIC POLLUTION

Agricultural Plastics & their Challenges

- Agricultural Plastics include all plastics used in agriculture like films, mulch, irrigation, general supplies, silage and more.
- Recycling agricultural plastics faces many challenges, including, contamination, collection, color, mix of plastics and more.





Project Objective:

- Research waste issues in the agricultural sector
- Implement two or more pilot projects

Geography: Statewide, with focus on King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties

Goals



*Divert agricultural waste
from the landfill*



*Increase awareness among
farmers regarding waste
alternatives*



Save farmers money!

Project Components



Research Phase

Top agricultural plastic products, solutions and current disposal of agricultural plastics



Interviews

Assessing current status, barriers, and opportunities for waste reduction through interviews



Pilot Projects

Implement at least two pilot projects to demonstrate waste solutions.



Timeline



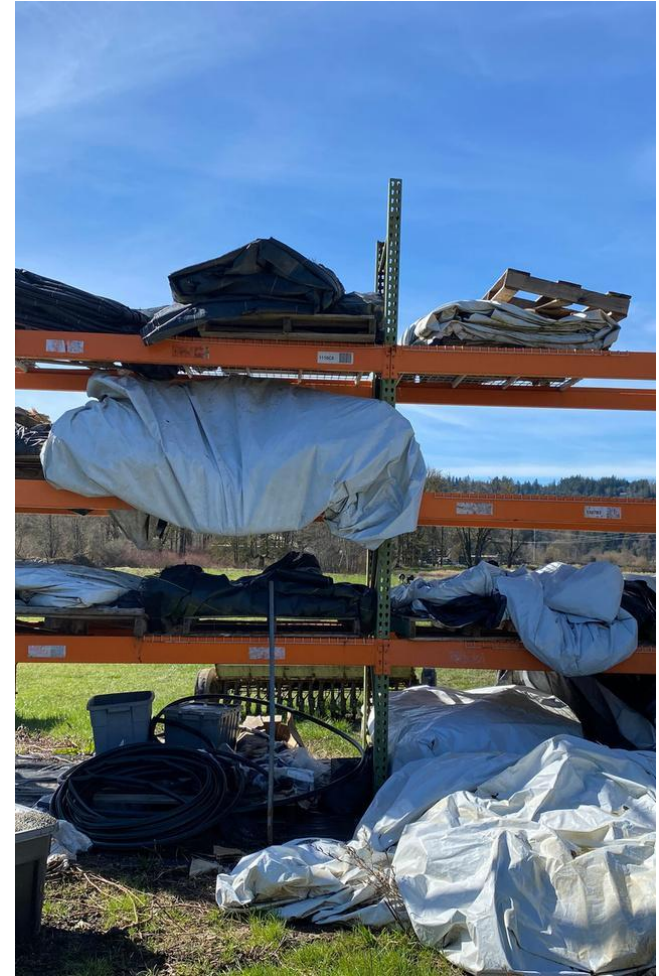
Spring-Fall 2024
Began planning and
implementing pilot
projects

Winter 2024

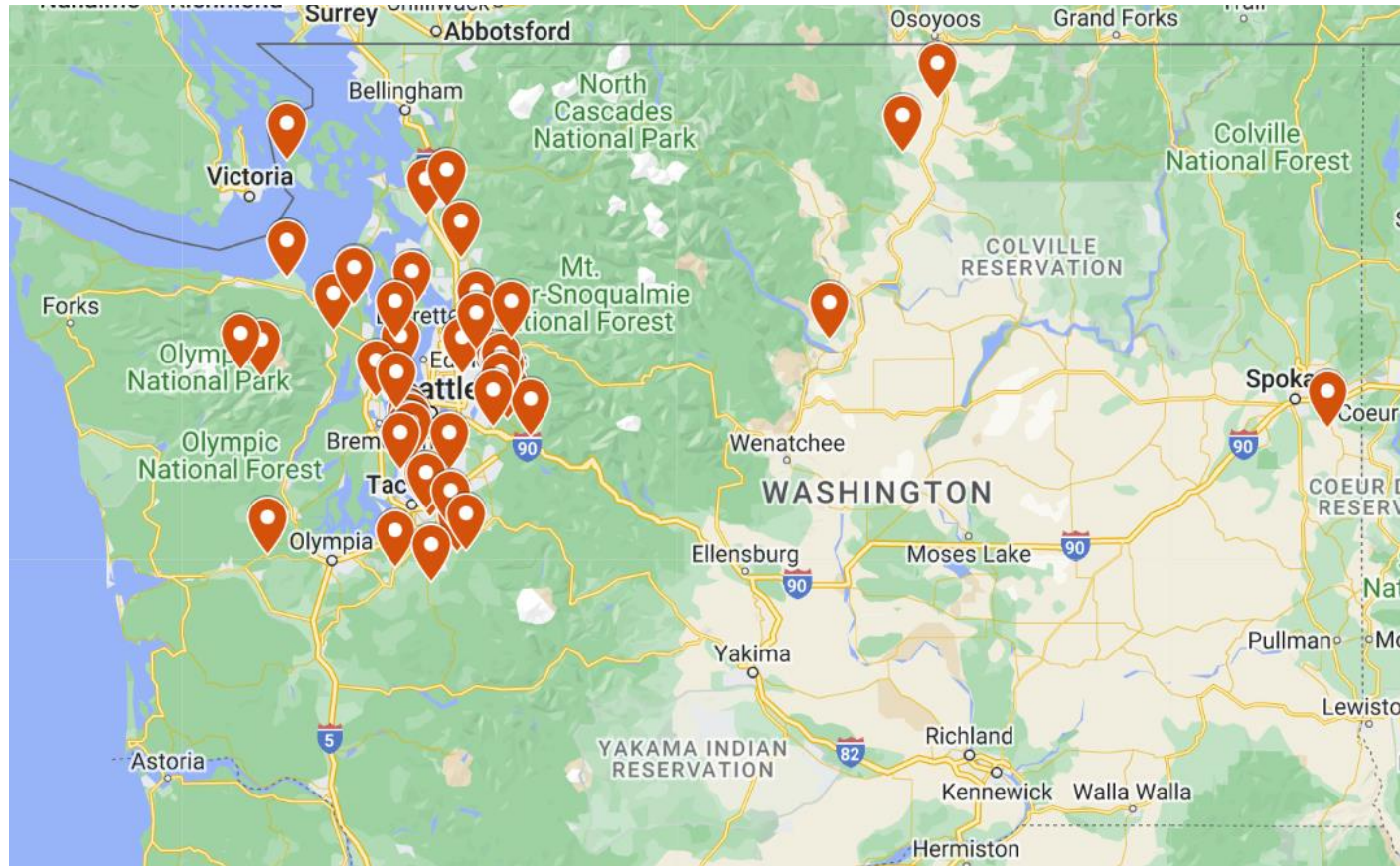
Interviews of farmers
and visiting farms

June 2025

Pilot projects
completed and results
shared with
participants



Interviews, to date



59 Farms



14 counties
Jefferson, Pierce, Clallam, Snohomish, Okanogan,
Chelan, King, Grays Harbor, Spokane, Kitsap,
Island, Skagit, San Juan, Thurston



*Sizes ranging from 1/2
acre - 1500 acres*

Top 10 Waste Items



greenhouse film



nursery trays



drip tape



smaller bags



row cover



landscape fabric



silage film



plastic twine



packaging material



super sacks

Waste Data

SORTED BY MOST MENTIONED

-  *greenhouse film*
-  *nursery trays*
-  *drip tape*
-  *smaller bags*
-  *row cover*

SORTED BY #1 PRIORITY ITEMS

-  *row cover*
-  *smaller bags*
-  *drip tape*
-  *greenhouse film*
-  *nursery trays*

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-  *row cover*
-  *smaller bags*
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-  *greenhouse film*

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-  *greenhouse film*

Greenhouse Film



- Polyethylene (PE)
- Prone to damage
- Cheaper than rigid materials and produces higher yields than unprotected cultivation
- Annual global waste generation estimated at almost 3 million tons
- recommended lifespan of 3-6 years

Greenhouse Film: Common Practices & Alternatives



Common practices:

- Reuse as solarizations or compost tarps
- Donate to smaller farmers



Alternatives:

- Silica glass
- Rigid Polycarbonate

Nursery Trays



- PP, PE
- Increase in nursery survival rate
- farmers replace 50-200+ a year at various rates
- Typical lifespan of 2-5 years



Nursery Trays: Common Practices & Alternatives



Common practices:

- Double stack trays for durability

Alternatives:

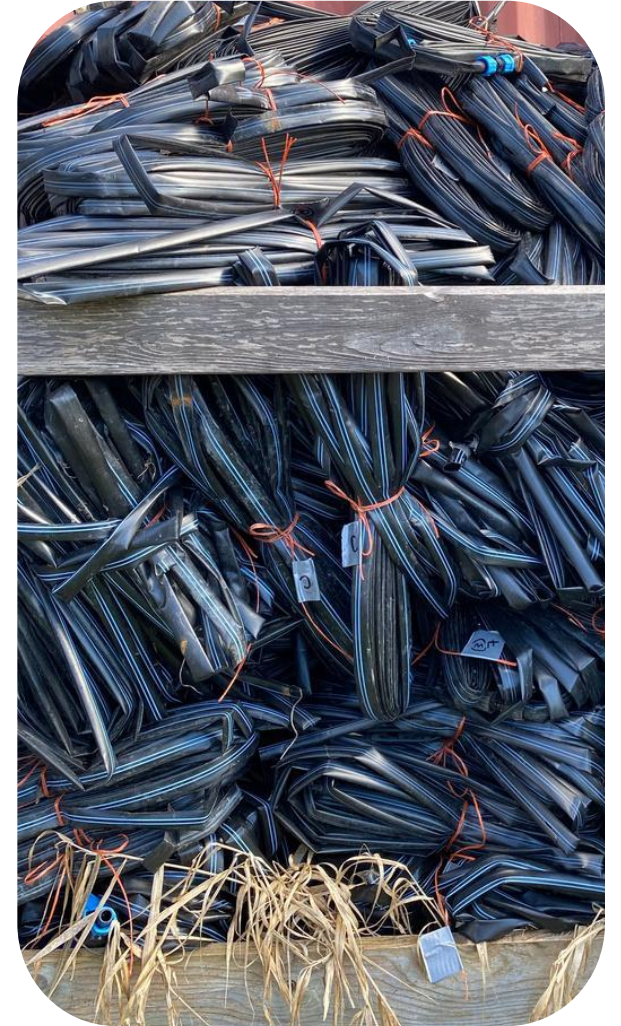
- Paper pot system
- soil blocking
- durable trays



Drip Tape



- PE derivatives, PVC reported, HDPE, LDPE
- Improves water use efficiency and penetrates roots
- Easily clogged or prone to damage from rodents + wear and tear
- Typical lifespan is 1-3 years



Drip Tape: Common Practices & Alternatives



Common practices:

- Immediate retrieval and proper storage
- patching holes



Alternatives:

- Permanent underground PVC or metal irrigation system

Other Waste Items



Pilot Projects



**Repurpose Woven Bags
Through Refugee Artisan
Initiative (RAI)**



**Cost Sharing
Durable Items**



**Establish Collection
Points for Plastics**

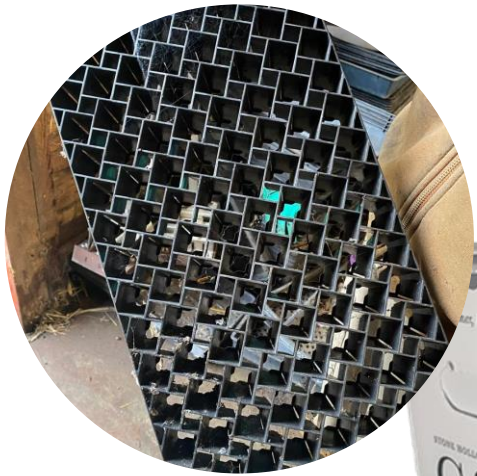
Create a Pipeline for Woven Bags to Refugee

Artisan Initiative (RAI)



- Non-profit that partners with refugee and immigrant women
- Bags will be repurposed by artisans into totes and other products
- Gives artisans months of continuous work

Cost Sharing Durable Nursery Trays and Reusable CSA Boxes



- Offer funding to farmers for the purchase or cost-share of durable nursery trays (Winstrip or Proptek) and/or durable reusable corrugated polypropylene boxes for CSAs.
- Replacements aim to reduce waste and support long-term sustainable farming practices.
- Recyclable at end of life

Create Collection Points for a Wide Range of Plastic Items



- Identifying retail or other locations willing to serve as collection points for agricultural waste with baling options.
- These materials will be recycled by Hamilton Polymers and/or East Jordan Plastics

Questions or want to
connect? Contact me!



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THANK YOU!