

Investing in America through the  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling  
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet  
**New Jersey**



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 2

### Highlights

- Develop food waste management planning guidance and a toolkit for local governments.
- Develop a New Jersey-specific food waste estimation tool that allows businesses to accurately report how much food waste they are generating.

### Overview of New Jersey's Planned Activities

New Jersey will develop guidance and tools to help local businesses and communities meet food waste reduction and recycling policies and goals. The local guidance will include strategies and recommendations for prevention, donation, and diversion of food waste from landfills/incineration in rural, urban, and suburban areas, along with recommendations on proper storage and pickup frequency. New Jersey will make information about existing infrastructure in the state, food waste prevention strategies, applicable regulations, program training and maintenance accessible to the public. New Jersey also will collect food waste generation data from various businesses to support the development of a New Jersey-specific estimation tool that will allow businesses to accurately report how much food waste they are generating to the state. Lastly, the state will conduct studies to characterize and quantify the types of food waste generated at local businesses, with an emphasis on plate waste.

### SWIFR Grants for States and Territories

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years to support National Recycling Strategy implementation and build a circular economy for all. As part of the Investing in America agenda, this funding can be used to develop or update plans to advance post-consumer materials management, implement those plans, and to improve data collection efforts. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

EPA will make the award to New Jersey once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

### SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet

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