

# Fairfax County Litter Task Force

## Presentation of Final Report to Environment Committee

December 14, 2021

# The Problem

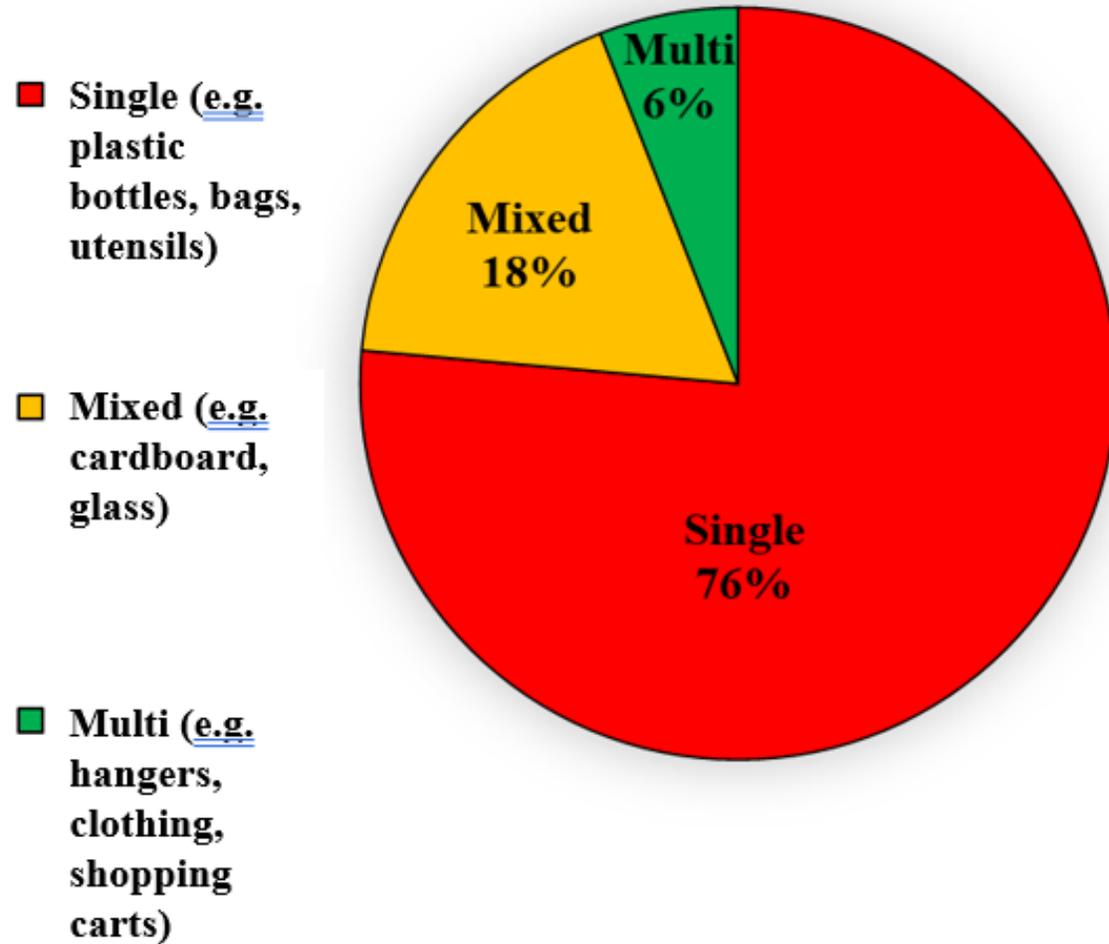
A photograph showing a large, messy pile of discarded plastic bottles and other trash in a wooded area. The trash is scattered across the ground, which is covered with dry leaves and twigs. The background shows bare trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The overall scene is one of environmental neglect and pollution.

- **Overuse of Single Use Plastics**
- **Trash escapes containers and becomes litter**
- **Inadequate systems for residential and commercial needs**
- **Enforcement**

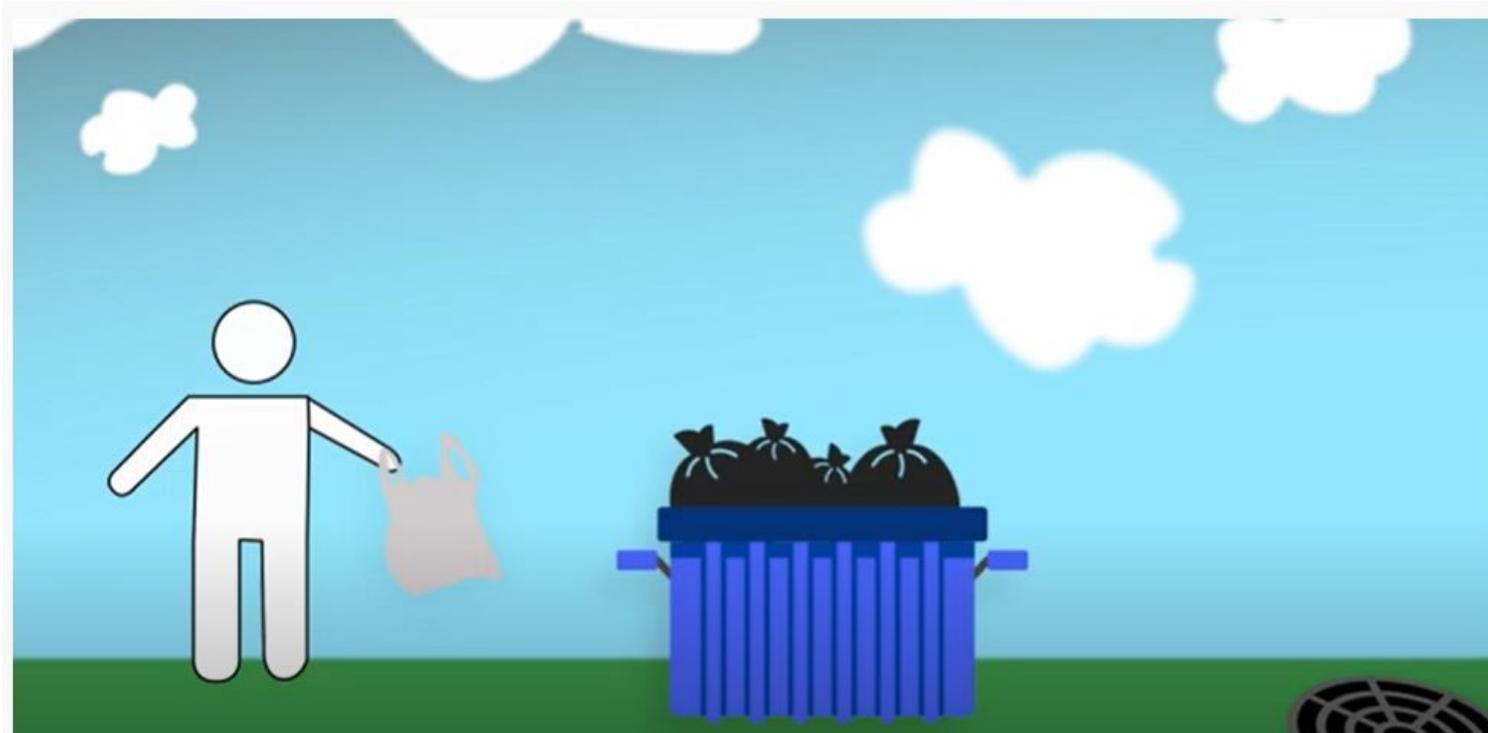
# Task Force Scope of Work - Jan-Dec 2021

Gather	Identify	Create	Survey	Present
<b>Existing Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County, government and NGO sources, other localities</li><li>• Geospatial and field assessment of Fairfax streams</li></ul>	<b>Key Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single-use plastics (lightweight/ fly-away)</li><li>• Solid waste management infrastructure inadequacies</li></ul>	<b>Solutions for Proactive Change</b>	<b>Stakeholders and Report Responses</b>	<b>Final Report</b>

**FY 2021 Litter Assessment (n=958): Percent of litter characterized by use-type.**



# Let's Trace The Trash



[Trace The Trash - YouTube](#)

# Short-Term Recommendations





These are some problems in the neighborhoods -  
lack of containers; too close to storm drains



These are some problems in the neighborhoods—  
Adequacy PLUS lack of containers ON storm drains

# Medium-Term Recommendations

Prohibit	Focus	Prohibit	Establish	Update
Prohibit the use of bags for overnight refuse set-out	Focus on proactive enforcement of adequate waste storage & service standards at medium- and high-density housing	Prohibit waste container placement on (or near) storm drains	Establish a dedicated litter & illegal dumping enforcement unit	Update methodology used to calculate capacity & servicing need for new & existing development

# Long-Term Ideas To Consider

<b>Support</b>	Support Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act
<b>Support</b>	Support Statewide Bottle Bill
<b>Establish</b>	Establish Circular Economy and Extended Producer Responsibility for county contracts, and support source reduction efforts wherever possible
<b>Establish</b>	Establish Prince William County-style "Pre-paid" Disposal

# Recommended Next Steps:

- Direct BOCS staff to determine Board Matters/Actions on “low hanging fruit” items
- Direct staff from Stakeholder agencies to provide proposals for implementation of selected recommendations