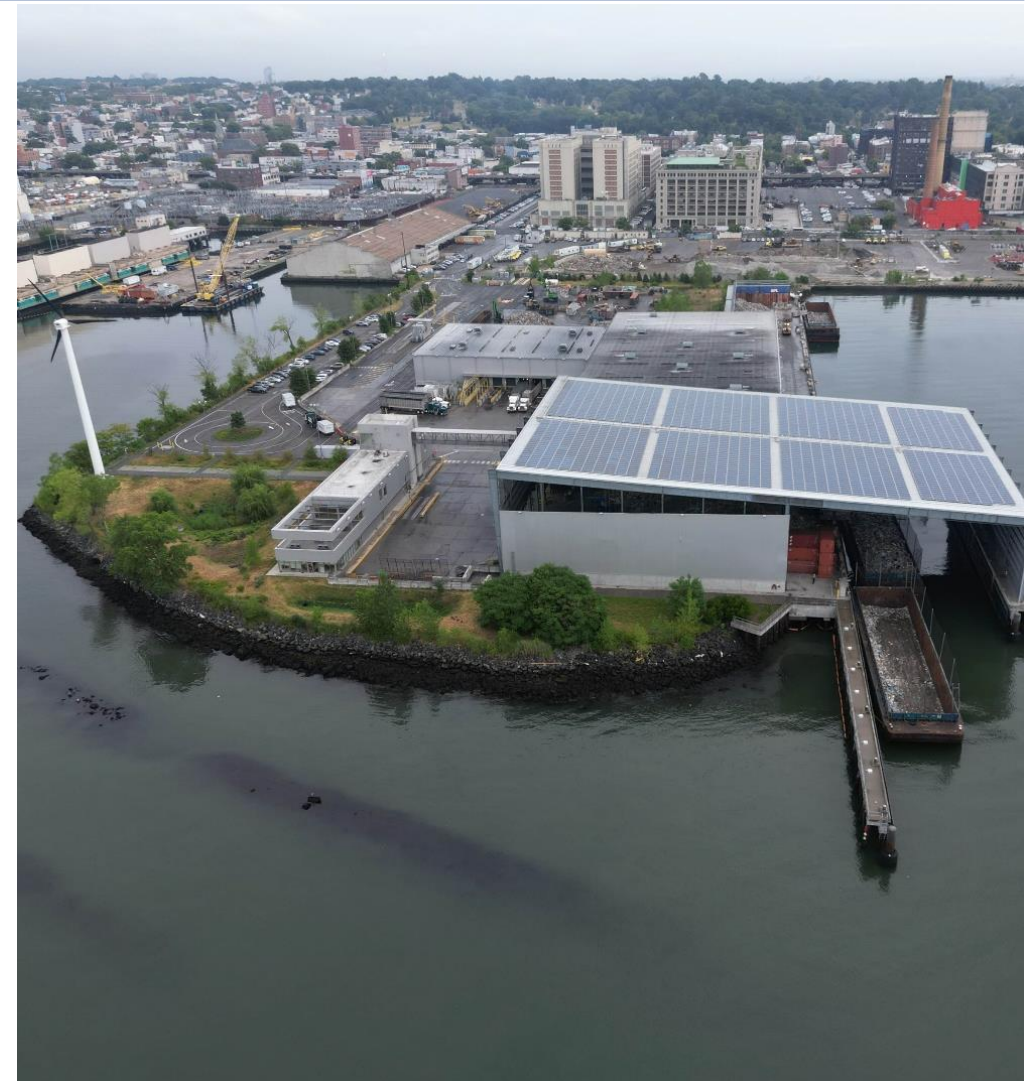


# Federation of New York Solid Waste Associations

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# Who We Are

- Sims Municipal Recycling (SMR) is a MRF operations business, established in 2003 to serve the NYC curbside recycling program
- Process & market 100% of NYC Metal/Glass/Plastic
- Operator of the Rockland County, NY MRF
- Our MRFs serve approx 8.8 million New Yorkers
- Service Jersey City and Bayonne, NJ
- Operate MRFs for Palm Beach Cty and Lee Cty, FL
- Our sister company, Balcones Resources operates MRFs serving Phoenix, AZ, Sarasota, FL; Austin, Taylor and Dallas, TX; and Little Rock, AR





# Who We Are

We participate in trade associations and advocacy organizations focused on policies and standards to improve the recycling system.

- ISRI, APR, GPC and The Recycling Partnership establish material specifications & standards for “recyclability”
- NYPSC, PSI, NYSAR advocate for sound legislation
- NYS currently has three legislative initiatives with significant impacts for MRFs and curbside recycling:
  - Rechargeable Batteries
  - **Packaging EPR**
  - **The Bottle Bill**





## NYS Packaging EPR

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Working with NYPSC, PSI and others, SMR has advocated for sound Packaging EPR for several years, with two basic objectives:

- Insulate municipalities and their budgets from commodity market fluctuations which significantly impact the costs of recycling programs.
- Provide concrete incentives for brands to reduce packaging, increase recycled content of packaging, and design for “recyclability”.



SMR, other recyclers and municipalities that pay for recycling service have:

- Opposed expansion to additional plastic and aluminum containers which make up critical revenue streams
  - Supported expansion to addtl glass containers, which have negative value in the curbside stream and are difficult to return to bottle-grade cullet
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- Estimated value of aluminum & PET currently diverted from the NYC curbside program to the redemption system = \$3.4 - \$4 Million per year
  - Estimated commodity value of remaining aluminum and PET in NYC that would be targeted by an expanded BB = \$4 Million per year (NYSAR estimate = \$10M statewide)
  - In NYC, “canners” are a disadvantage community that make a livelihood collecting containers
  - A portion of redeemed containers are diverted from waste/litter, increasing recycling rates

THANK YOU



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