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It is great to see more of a focus on waste reduction and reuse to reduce the amount of waste going into metro area landfills. It would definitely help to incentivize this work through grants/funding.

Regarding the goal of "Commit to standardized outreach and education" -- I think this is very important. I'm an MRC in Dakota County so I am part of outreach/education efforts. It would be really helpful for me (and all MRCs in all metro counties) to be able to use standard messages that apply everywhere in the metro area.

I hope to see this optional goal adopted -- Adopt an ordinance with a mandatory consumer charge for take-out single-use cups, containers and utensils. There is a major need to reduce single use cups and foodservice items. It would also help to encourage and increase reuse by consumers.

I am glad to see the goal to establish a reuse location for residential drop-off and pick-up. And incentivize deconstruction over landfilling demolition debris. It would be great if drop-off options for homeowners could be added into (or nearby) each of the county environmental centers.

Thank you to the MPCA staff who are working on the new TCMA plan and helping to improve solid waste management within the Twin Cities.