

# Convenient Drop-off Center Operations Update

1501 SW Cameo Blvd.  
Port Saint Lucie, FL 34983

Strategic Goal 5: High Quality Infrastructure & Facilities



# Convenience Drop-Off Center Timeline

Summer of 2021

Emergency Convenience Drop-off Center established due to declining curbside services by franchised hauler.



December 13, 2021: Regular City County Meeting

Solid Waste Taskforce recommends City continue operation of Convenient Drop-off Center.



March 21, 2022: Special Council Meeting

Solid Waste Taskforce recommendation to limit bulk service to once per month and keep the Convenience Drop-off Center is approved unanimously.



September 2023

New hours and guidelines implemented.

Shortened operational hours, two-day closure, vehicle restriction.



July 2, 2025

New hours and guidelines implemented.

Elimination of vegetative, and construction debris, usage restrictions, and stricter vehicle restrictions.



# Presentation Aims and Objectives

- **Provide Updates on 2025 Informal Meeting and April City Council Workshop:** Highlight key takeaways and progress made since these sessions, including any decisions or actions taken.
- **Review Convenient Drop-off Center Requested Data:** Present a detailed review of user data and costs.
- **Discuss Future Plans for the Convenient Drop-off Center:** Outline potential directions and strategic decisions, focusing on financial sustainability for the community.



# Convenience Drop-off Center User Data: First Two Weeks of New Guidelines Implementation

DATE	2025			2024
	TOTAL USER	REJECTED USERS	ACCEPTED USERS	USER COUNT
1-Jul	CLOSED			
2-Jul	258	96	162	Closed
3-Jul	177	49	128	342
4-Jul	CLOSED			
5-Jul	311	101	209	245
6-Jul	205	51	153	332
7-Jul	CLOSED			338
8-Jul	CLOSED			
9-Jul	234	54	179	Closed
10-Jul	143	55	88	312
11-Jul	159	38	120	256
12-Jul	287	64	223	254
13-Jul	199	36	162	342
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>2,421</b>
			Decrease of 41%	



# Definitions

## Single Family Unit (SFU)

1 unit = 1 Single-Family Home. Each Address Counted 1x.

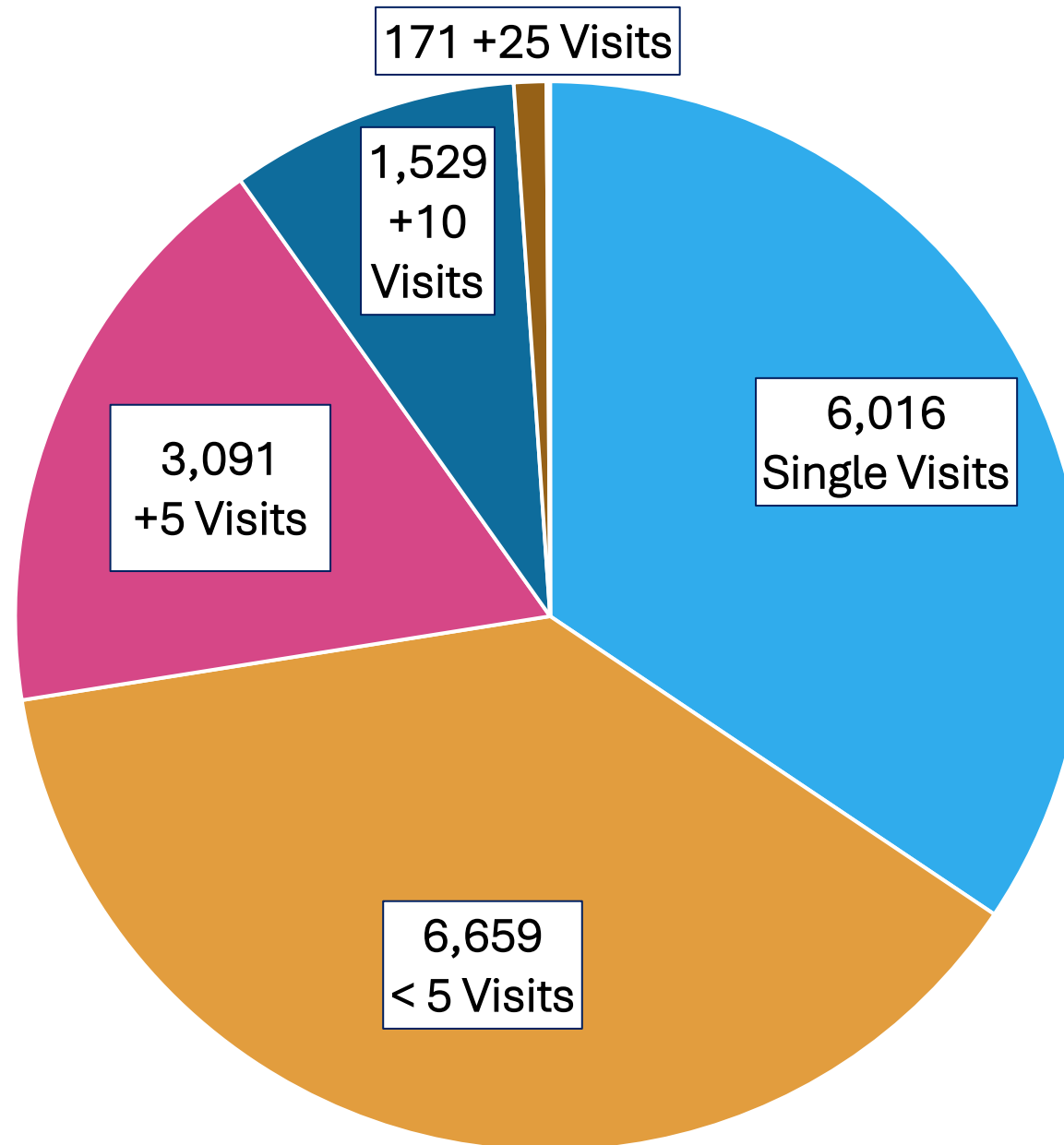
## Scans

This is the number of times Cameo was visited by residents.

## Service Cost

This is the amount the City paid to FCC in disposal & transportation costs.

# 2024: Breakdown by Scanned Visits

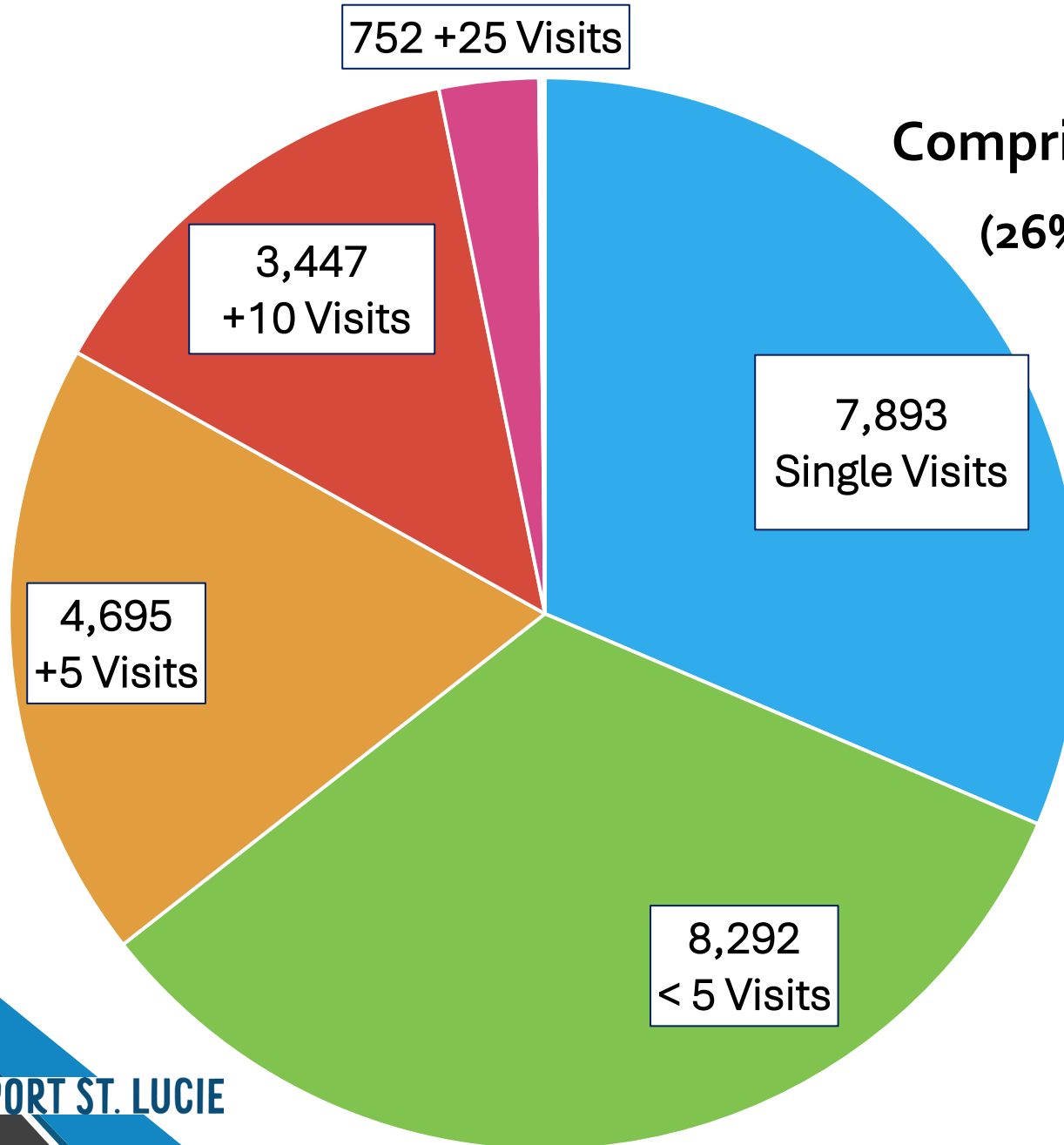


72,332  
2024 Total Scans

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17,466  
Single-Family Units  
utilized  
Drop-off Site

# Accumulative Total Scanned Visits: 2023 to Current



**149,185 Total Scans**

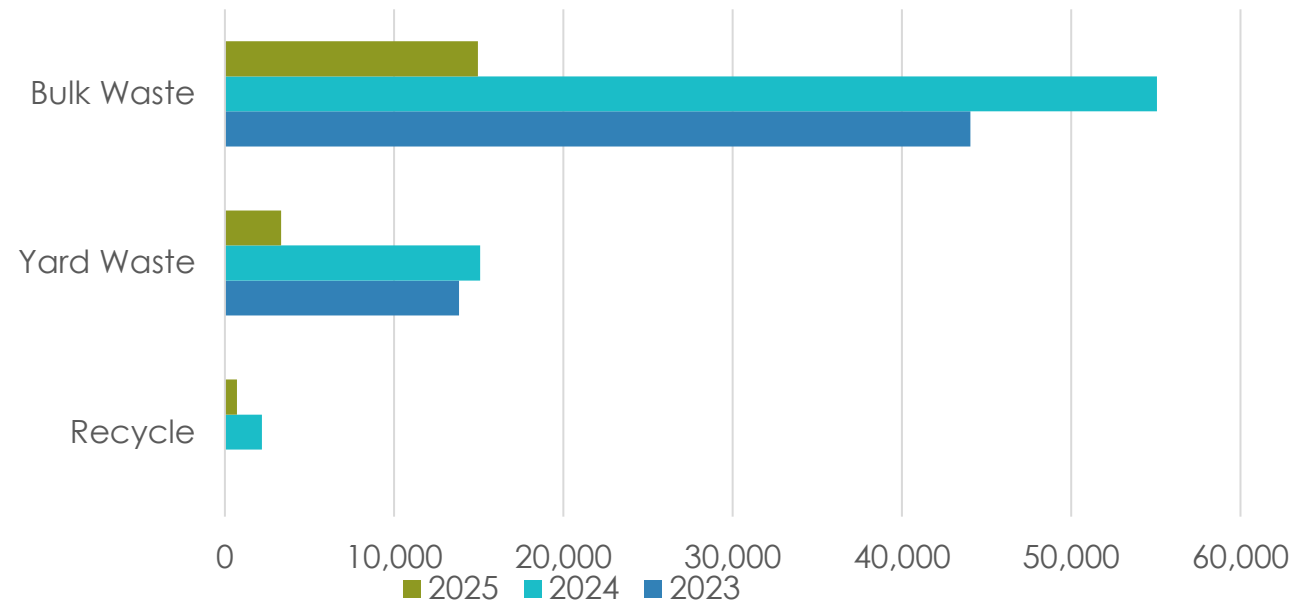
**Comprised of 24,986 Single Family-Units  
(26% of 93,084 of current total SFU )**

Scanning established  
2/2/2023

# CDC Scans by Waste Type

Scanning established  
2/2/2023

Scans	2025	2024	2023	Total Scans
Bulk Waste	14,953	55,058	44,035	114,046
Yard Waste	3,324	15,083	13,825	32,232
Recycle (Cardboard)	716	2,191	0	2,907
Total Scans	18,993	72,332	57,860	149,185





# Convenient Drop-off Center Service Cost

Scanning established  
2/2/2023

Year	Service Cost
<b>2022*</b>	\$438,461.52
<b>2023</b>	\$1,791,876.36
<b>2024</b>	\$2,200,102.47
<b>1/01/2025 to 5/31/2025</b>	\$1,057,786.93

Includes tipping fee and transportation.

Average Cost  
Per Scan  
**\$32.15**

Average of Cost per  
Single Family Unit  
**\$27.59**  
Based on 2024 Tax Roll: 90,006

\*Data: Sept – Dec 2022 (FCC start). Users hand collected and not scanned.



## What We Learned

- Of the total single-family units 26% or **24,986** Single Family Units have used the Drop-off Center.
- Of the **24,986** Single Family Units, **54.9%** **13,736** used it once within three (3) years.
- Individual average **scan** costs **\$32.15**.

## Savings & Benefits

# Fiscal Year 2026 Savings

- \$2.4 million
  - \$1 million transfer from General Fund
  - \$1.4 million Office of Solid Waste Special Fund

## Future Savings

- \$2.4 annual recurring costs (breakdown shown above) + any additional increase due to use and operational costs
- CIP funds for facility build-out

## Pros & Cons

### Key Benefits

- Saves Taxpayer Funds: Labor, maintenance & hauling
- Declining Utilization: Not justified by cost
- Operational Efficiencies: Redirects staff & resources

### Challenges

- Loss of Physical Drop Off Option

# Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends the permanent closure of the City of PSL Convenient Disposal Center, located at 1501 SW Cameo Blvd.



Closure Date Suggestions:

- October 1, 2025
- January 5, 2026

## Timeline

To be adjusted based  
on closure date

# Closure Plan

Phase I: Public Outreach  
(Duration: 2 or 5 months)

- Communication Plan
  - Marketing
  - Website

Phase II: On-site Campaign  
(Duration: 2 months)

- Site Closure Pamphlet

Phase III: Closure  
(Selected Closure Date)

- Site cleanup & asset removal