

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
		Totals	1,424	2,421
		Decrease of 41%		



Definitions

Single Family Unit (SFU)

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

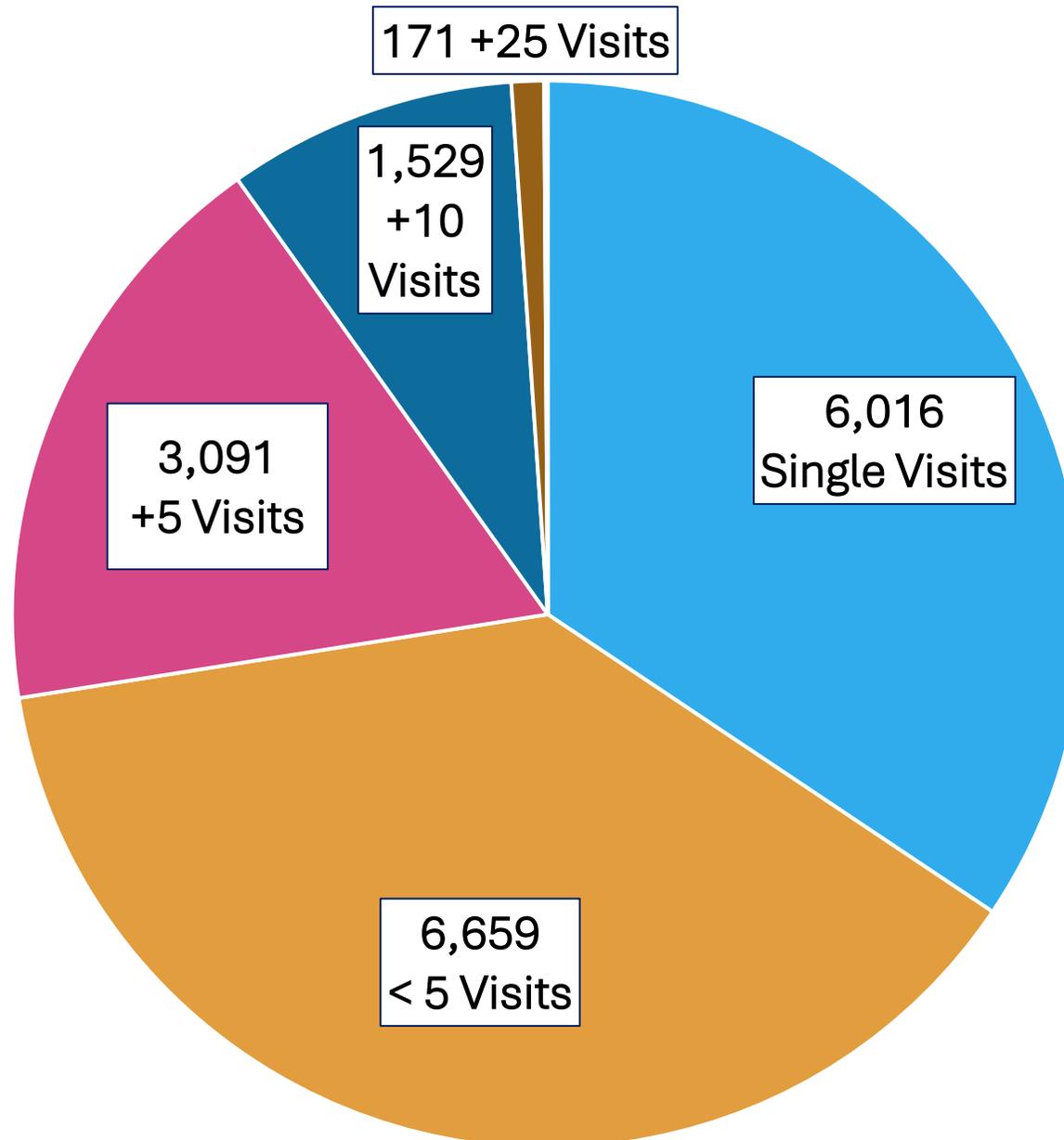
Scans

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

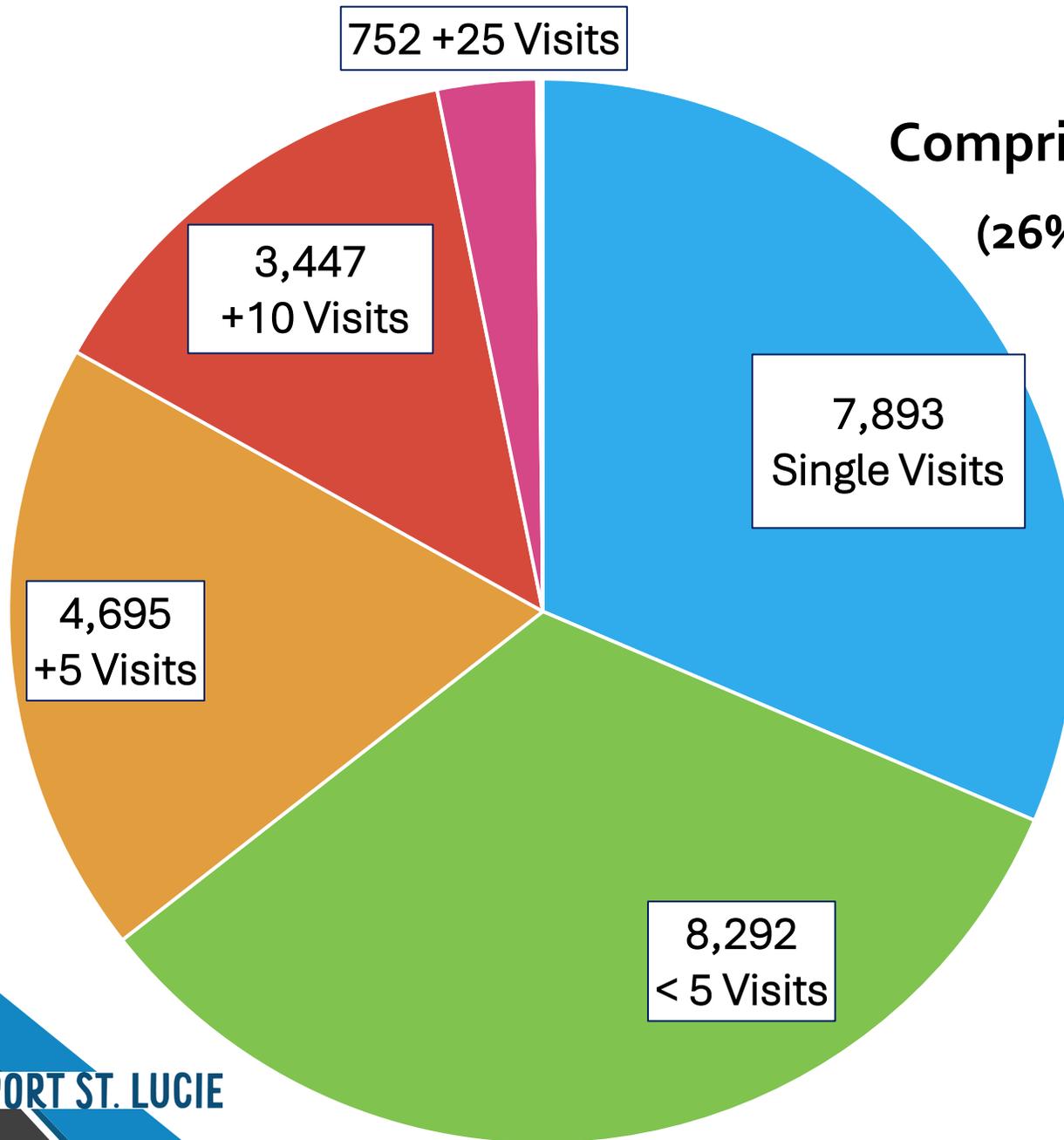


72,332
2024 Total Scans

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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)

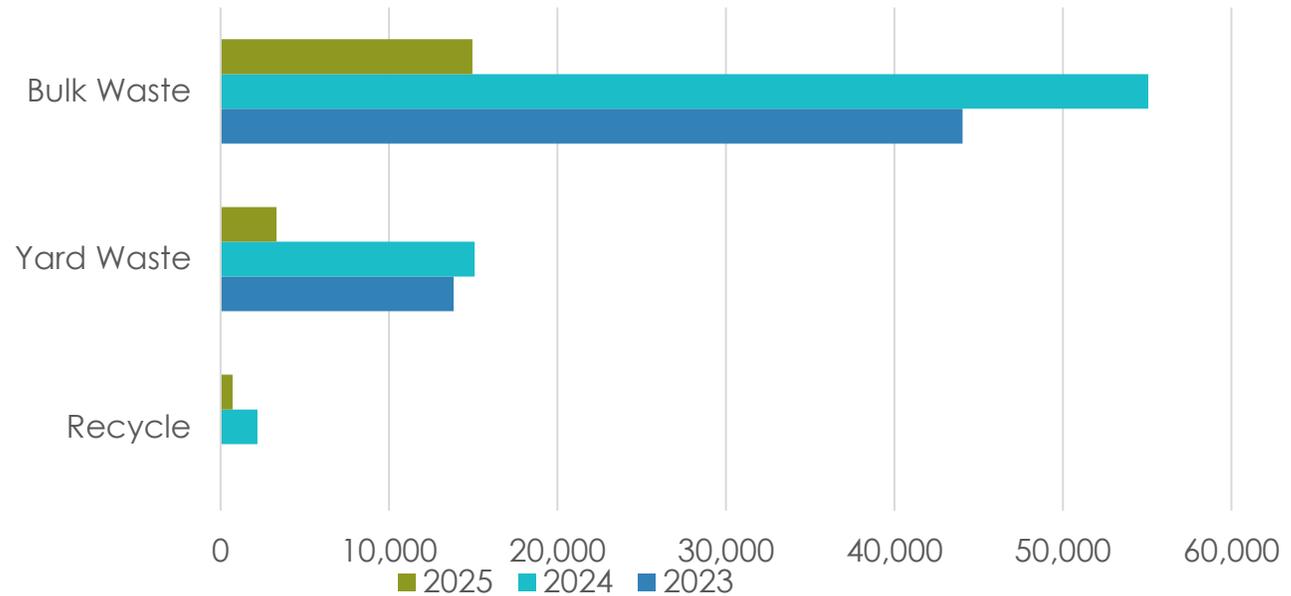
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2/2/2023



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

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