In 2010, the City of San Antonio approved a plan to modify its solid waste management system to achieve a 60% recycling rate by 2020 and build a solid strategy for working towards a zero waste future. The city has made rapid and tangible changes to its solid waste management system in order to increase its recycling rate. San Antonio’s recycling programs address the organics, single-family, multi-family, and commercial aspects of the waste stream. With some of the essential elements in place there are multiple opportunities to build a sustainable recycling system in San Antonio including: developing recycling programs for construction and demolition waste, adopting a stronger management system for the commercial sector, building a high-road recycling sector that creates good jobs and promotes economic development, and expanding programs that will increase participation in existing recycling programs.

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