Limited Recycling

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| **RECYCLING PROGRAMS** | Citywide Curbside Single-family Recycling  
Multi-family recycling bin requirement in 2014 |
| **MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS** | Single-family residential: Municipal  
Multi-family/Commercial: Open-Market |
| **HIGH-ROAD ECONOMIC POLICIES** | — |

**Baltimore is working toward a 35% recycling rate**, mandated by the state of Maryland. Current efforts to improve recycling primarily focus on single-family residential waste while commercial waste is largely unregulated. The city is focusing on improving the accuracy of the residential recycling reporting systems. There are many opportunities to improve recycling in Baltimore including: creating stronger management systems for commercial waste, developing education programs to increase participation, adopting High-Road economic development and job quality policies, and developing food scrap and construction and demolition recycling programs.

**Source:**  
Interview with Baltimore Bureau of Solid Waste  
Baltimore Ten-Year Waste Management Plan  
Baltimore Sustainability Plan