CLIMATE SOLUTION: THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Designs out waste and pollution across the value chain

Keeps materials and products in use

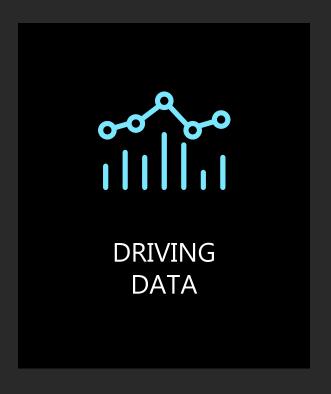
Tangible strategies to tackle climate change







CORE ELEMENTS OF NEXTCYCLE







Revealing strategic opportunities

Collaboration to implement solutions

DRIVING DATA PARTNERSHIP NETWORK INNOVATION CHALLENGES

Added perspective and context

Implementing solutions in communities



Adapting to Different Market and State Needs









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LAUNCHED 2019

24 Teams Supported
Three cohorts facilitated



LAUNCHED 2020

90 Teams Supported \$668.7M Investment tracked



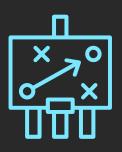
LAUNCHED 2022

26 Applications received Introduction of co-design elements



CHALLENGE TRACK PROGRAM

A multi-month program designed to support material recovery businesses and projects as they prepare for growth, funding and implementation



Growth Planning



One-on-One Mentorship and Consulting



Educational
Bootcamp and
Pitch Showcase



Network with Funders and Partners



Funding
Opportunities



- Businesses, start-ups, entrepreneurs, nonprofits
- Universities, research groups, entities with investable business ideas
- Communities, public entities, indigenous groups, and other entities with scalable ideas
- A single company or group with any number of partnerships
- Teams from underserved communities



Swimmy - Storybook and art by Leo Leonni

NEXTCYCLE



PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

Building a robust network of both public and private entities ready to collaborate, invest, or be part of the circular economy.







TABLE TO FARM COMPOST

Motivated and passionate group of driven individuals looking to address food waste in their community and develop a compost facility to meet that need

Accepted as Colorado NextCycle Team Robust business plan developed

Connected with funding pathways





Through strategic support now operating the first compost facility in their rural region







FOAMCYCLE

An innovative recycling solution for expanded polystyrene for communities, universities, event centers

Accepted as Colorado NextCycle Team

Developed and implemented business

Joined as Michigan Partner





Scaling model to capture foam packaging beyond Colorado in other markets with a need to capture this material







WORMIE

Vermicomposter providing food scrap composting in Grand Rapids needing to scale to meet demand and fill a gap in Michigan's landscape creating high value product

Accepted
Selected into
for FLOWS Winner of Awarded
MICROS Innovation FLOWS \$266,000
Grant Track Showcase State Grant

Strategic plan and funding in place to scale operations to capture more food waste and provide expanded services to their community





NEMCOG

Rural region of northern Michigan lacking adequate recycling access, processing, and collaboration poised to develop regional MRF and support efforts to grow access across the region.

Data used to inform **Funding** feasibility of MRF, pathways Identified state grant funding, established match fund partners Partners

Prepared to implement regional MRF with engagement from multiple partners and pathways for engagement of counties





INNOVAKOT

Powder Coating company with innovative way to reduce and reuse material in their process looking for investment and scaling



Progress in NextCycle prepared for success and additional investment





GREAT LAKES TISSUE

NextCycle Partner – 100% recycled content paper mill which accepts recycled cartons - has by-product material being landfilled and in need of better use.

Matched with Two Key Partners

Carton Council Partner committed match support

Pivot Materials entered as RIT Track Team

RIT Team and GLT ready for funding

Progress in NextCycle prepared for success and catalyzed additional investment



WHAT DOES **NEXTCYCLE SUCCESS** LOOK LIKE?



Impact to communities



Filling the gaps



Attracting investment & talent



Increased access, infrastructure and end markets



A growing and robust Circular Economy





An RRS initiative to encourage collaboration and accelerate projects that build a circular economy.

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