The goal of this toolkit is provide a map to guide local recycling program managers, property managers and owners, elected officials, haulers and vendors, and professional associations to assure their efforts will have the greatest impact. Our focus will be in providing guidance, technical assistance, and resources for use by property managers and owners, and board of homeowners associations, as well as local government recycling managers who have oversight in working to reduce waste within this sector of their jurisdictions.

Background:

In Georgia, and the United States in general, trash generated by residential buildings is growing. In fact, in metropolitan areas, the number of multi-unit residential buildings is growing, especially in large urban areas. To keep up with the growing population in Georgia and the subsequent increase in generated waste, we have to look beyond single family homes to continue to decrease waste, increase recycling, and meet statewide per capita reduction goals.

In March of 2008, Georgia was declared the second largest growing state in the nation, with over 150,000 people relocating to our state in 2007. In the large urban core areas, apartments, high rise multi-use, condos and lofts are increasing in number and size based on housing needs and little space left to develop affordable single family homes.

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