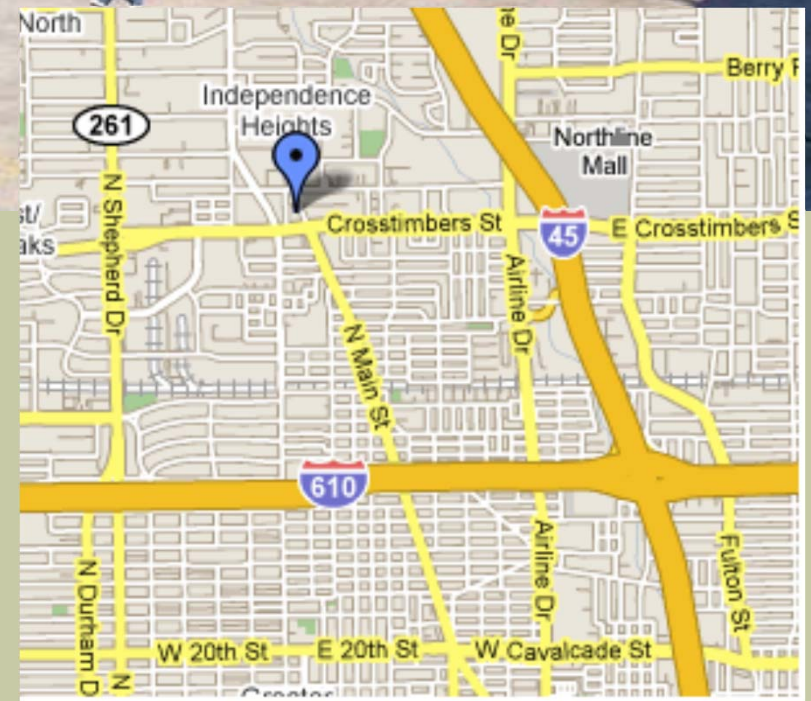


The City of Houston Building Materials Reuse Warehouse



Bring Us Your Reusable Construction Materials! We Will Keep It Out Of Landfills And Give It To Non-Profit Organizations For Free!

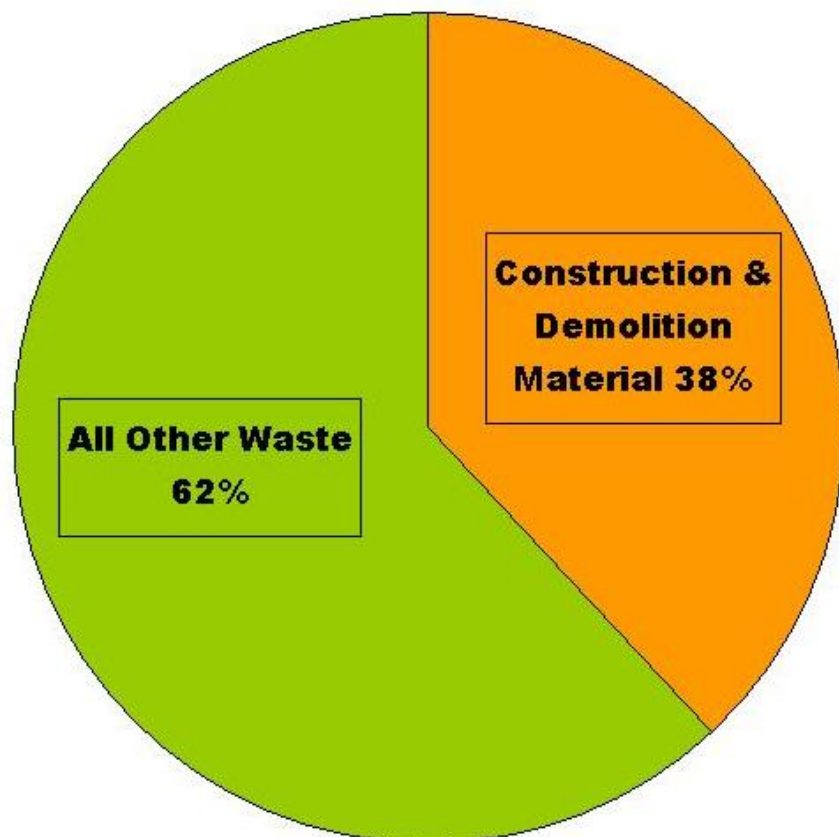
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Background And Objectives

Sarah Mason, a Senior Environmental Analyst with the City of Houston Department of Solid Waste Management, came upon a 2004 – 2005 study completed by H-GAC and HARC, that showed approximately 38% of the waste stream in the Houston area was construction and demolition (C&D) material, and determined to see what the City could do to encourage the diversion of some of this material.

Nationally, C&D Warehouses/Re-Use Stores provided common model of storage capability. Many of these were successful not only at diverting material but also at providing community development opportunities.

The Reuse Warehouse was adopted by the Department of Solid Waste Management and opened in April, 2009 on surplus City of Houston property. Since that time, citizens, organizations, and companies have diverted nearly 1000 tons of reusable bricks, lumber, concrete, plumbing fixtures, tile, stone, cabinets, and other useful materials from area landfills. Over 250 non-profit organizations are currently reusing over 90% of the diverted material.

In addition to diverting material from area landfills our objective is to foster and nurture a culture of reuse and augment partnerships between community stakeholders.

Who Brings in Material?

- Residents who clear their garages and yards
- Eco-friendly junk removal companies
- Reuse-friendly construction companies
- Businesses reclaiming space
- Solid Waste Depositories and other City departments
- Deconstruction



Who Takes the Material?

Churches • Schools • Affordable Housing • Homeless Shelters • Transitional Housing • Charitable Home Repairs • Community Development Corporations and Centers • Veterans • Job Skills Training • Medical Foundations • Physical Therapy • Museums • Theaters • Cultural Institutions • Artists • Animal Shelters • Historic Preservation • Community Gardens



What materials do we accept?

Bricks, Doors, Light Fixtures, Lumber, Plywood, Cabinets, Roofing Material, Countertops, Sinks, Showers, Drywall, Shingles, Tile, Plumbing Fixtures, Tools, Stone, Soil, Light and Heavy Gauge Steel, and more.



What materials do we not accept?

Paint, Appliances, Upholstered Furniture, Broken Items, Rotten Wood, Tear Off Shingles, Fluorescent Light Fixtures, Dirty Carpet, Material in Excess of Our Capacity, Crumbled Stuff.

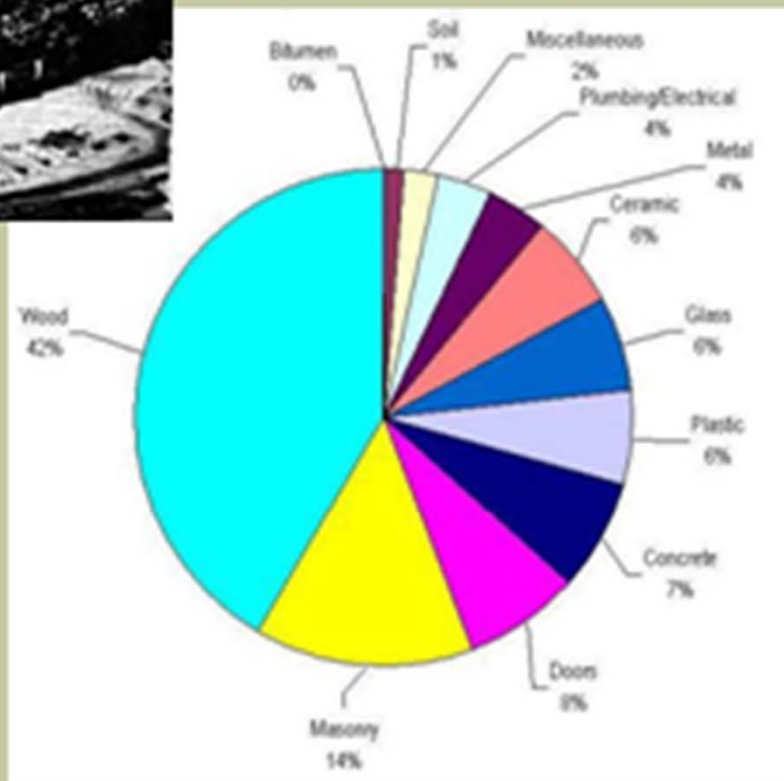
What Happens to the Material?



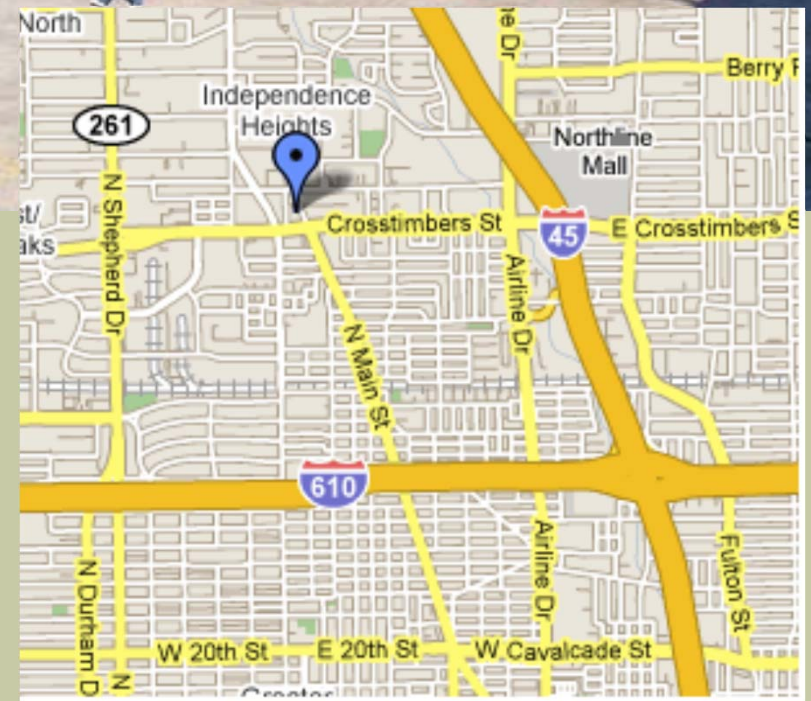
How Much Have We Diverted?



How Does It Break Down?



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