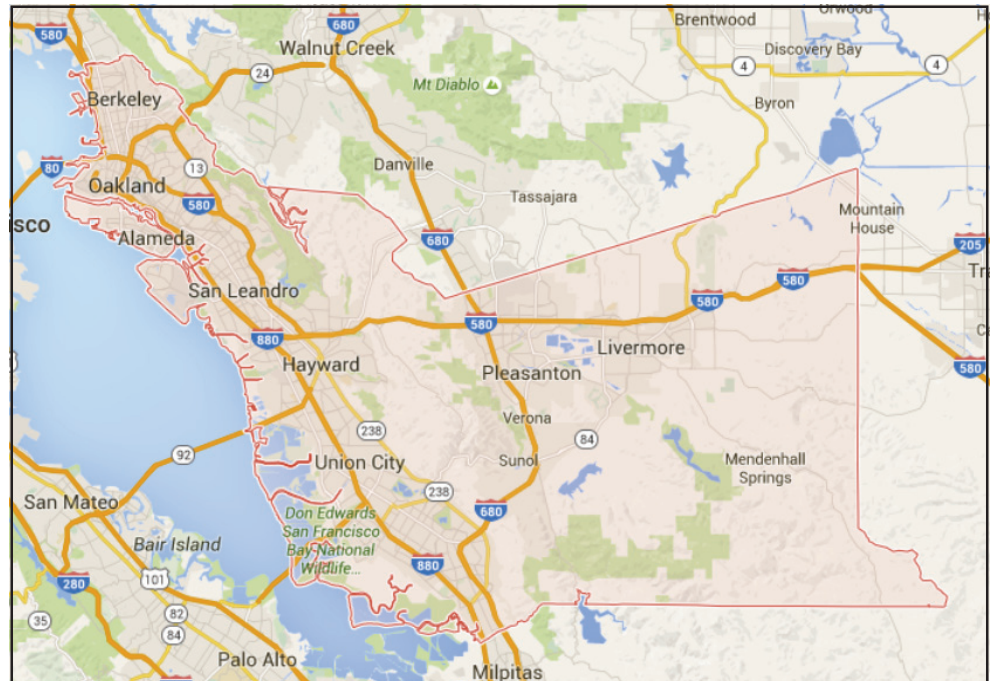


CONGRATULATIONS

Alameda County!

Your progress toward Zero Waste is among the best in the nation.

City or Area	Tons to Landfill		% Reduction
	1990	2014	
Union City	136,488	37,208	73%
Piedmont	9,486	3,026	68%
Albany	18,483	5,989	68%
Alameda	96,383	35,880	63%
Emeryville	26,816	10,811	60%
Hayward	215,837	93,153	57%
Berkeley	155,358	68,874	56%
Unincorporated county	168,590	76,340	55%
Oakland	583,298	269,850	54%
San Leandro	140,782	73,145	48%
Newark	58,298	33,081	43%
Pleasanton	105,692	74,666	29%
Fremont	221,000	158,694	28%
Livermore	80,621	60,456	25%
Dublin	41,707	34,787	17%
TOTAL	2,058,839	1,035,960	50%



In 1989, more than 60% of Alameda County's voters directed the county to reduce landfilling by 75%. You established the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, now part of StopWaste.org. You put a per-ton surcharge on all garbage going to landfill either in the county or from the county. The surcharge funds recycling.

It has worked beautifully! As of 2014, despite population increasing, the county has already reduced its garbage to landfill by 50%!

The funding you have devoted to recycling has made Alameda County an international legend in Zero Waste circles. Now the whole world is trying to move in the same direction.

Alameda County has been leading the way since 1989. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! ONWARD TO ZERO!

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