

Mining the
URBAN ORE
A 37-year Saga

In 5 Minutes!

For the Deconstruction Policy Meeting
March 22, 2018

The Bad Old Days (1979)



Berkeley had an open dump filling the San Francisco Bay shoreline.
Dr. Dan Knapp began salvaging for scrap metals.

Today the Landfill Is Cesar Chavez Park





**We still salvage at the
Berkeley transfer station.
3 tons-per-day average.**

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Receiving for Building Materials and General Store





**The General Store =
30,000 sq. ft. Warehouse**

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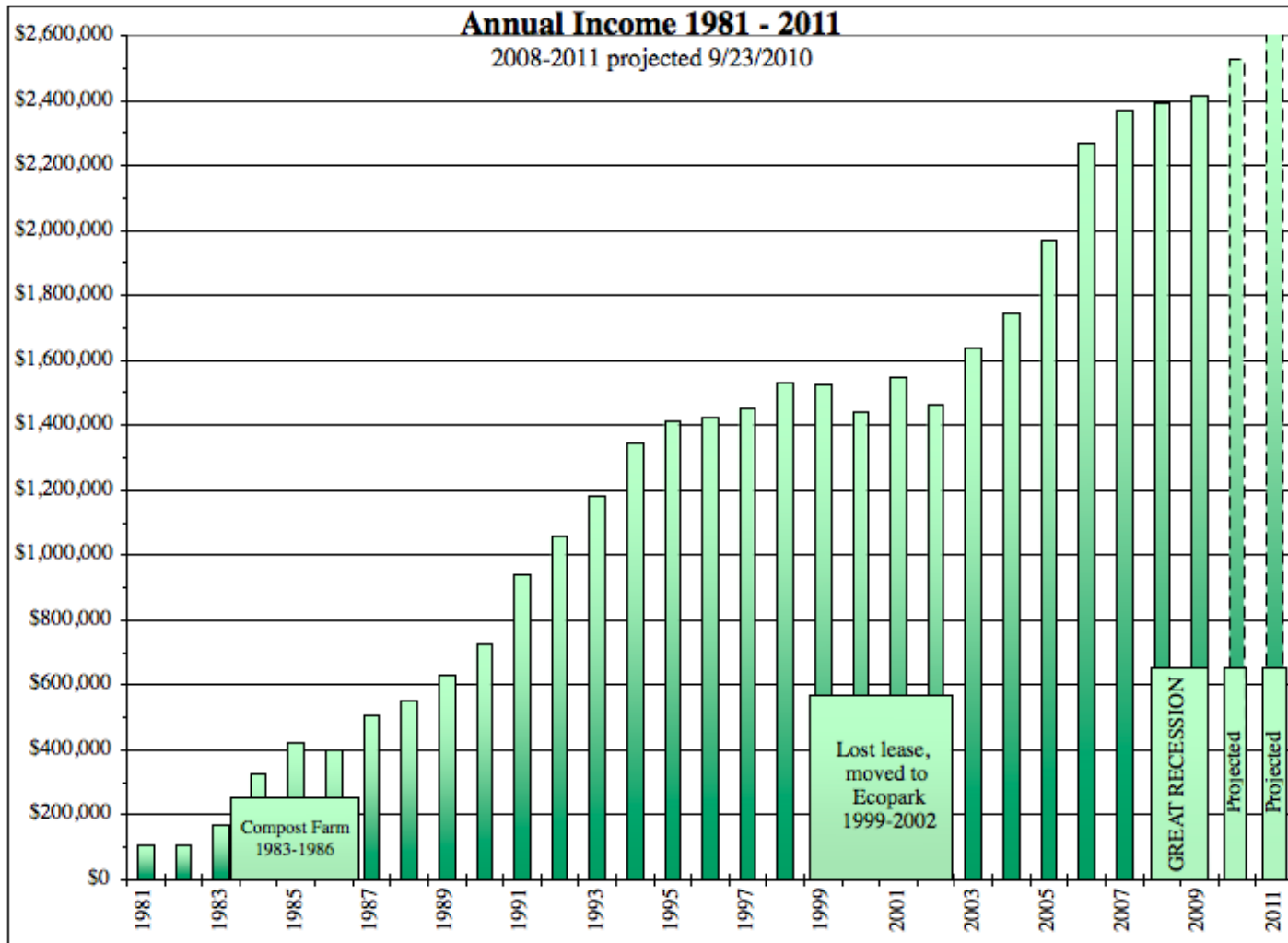
**Building Materials =
2.5 Acre Yard**

What we can't sell, we recycle.



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We have grown.



The Numbers

2017	Transfer Station (Tons)		Recycled (Tons)					Recycled (Pounds)				Total Recycled (Tons)
	Salvaged	Dumped	Nonferrous Metals	Ferrous Metals	Glass	Ceramics	Electronic Breakage	Plastics	Textiles	Auto Batteries	Cardboard	
Jan	60.5	1.2	6.6	15.1	0.2	-	3.9	94.3	360	-	2,510	27.4
Feb	56.2	11.6	3.8	-	0.1	-	3.0	90.4	360	-	1,980	8.2
Mar	67.1	6.7	6.7	18.2	-	13.44	3.4	-	1,050	-	2,020	43.2
Apr	56.4	21.6	3.5	15.1	0.1	-	0.7	89.4	480	-	3,050	21.2
May	68.7	10.8	6.8	16.8	9.8	-	4.3	399.0	1,000	35	920	38.8
Jun	62.4	6.8	7.0	16.5	9.8	12.05	1.9	81.2	680	-	-	47.8
Jul	60.5	2.6	4.6	16.2	0.1	-	3.7	575.4	1,160	-	-	25.5
Aug	62.0	1.4	30.2	-	0.1	-	4.4	91.3	1,440	-	-	35.5
Sept	63.3	1.7	4.2	14.7	0.1	-	2.6	88.9	1,070	805	-	22.6
Oct	64.6	0.7	6.5	-	10.1	8.72	2.3	-	930	-	-	28.0
Nov	58.2	14.3	15.2	1.8	10.1	-	2.1	-	810	224	-	29.7
Dec	49.4	1.0	3.2	1.3	-	-	2.3	-	850	-	-	7.2
Total Pounds								1,510	10,190	1,064	10,480	
Total Tons	729.1	80.3	98.3	115.7	40.6	34.2	34.5	0.8	5.1	0.53	5.24	335.0

Community Benefit 2009

• Purchases for resale	\$153,390
• Sales taxes collected	\$213,812
• Property taxes	\$ 66,537
• Payroll taxes, fed & state	\$ 82,789
• Taxes, licenses, fees	<u>\$ 79,758</u>
TOTAL	\$596,286

ADVOCACY & ACTIVISM

We have helped to:

- **Defeat 6 incinerators**
- **Pass 3 citizens initiatives**
 - **Banning incineration in Berkeley**
 - **Set a 50% recycling goal for Berkeley**
 - **Establishing StopWaste!**
- **Consult with Zero Waste business strategies and transfer station design**

The Future (?)



Thank You!



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