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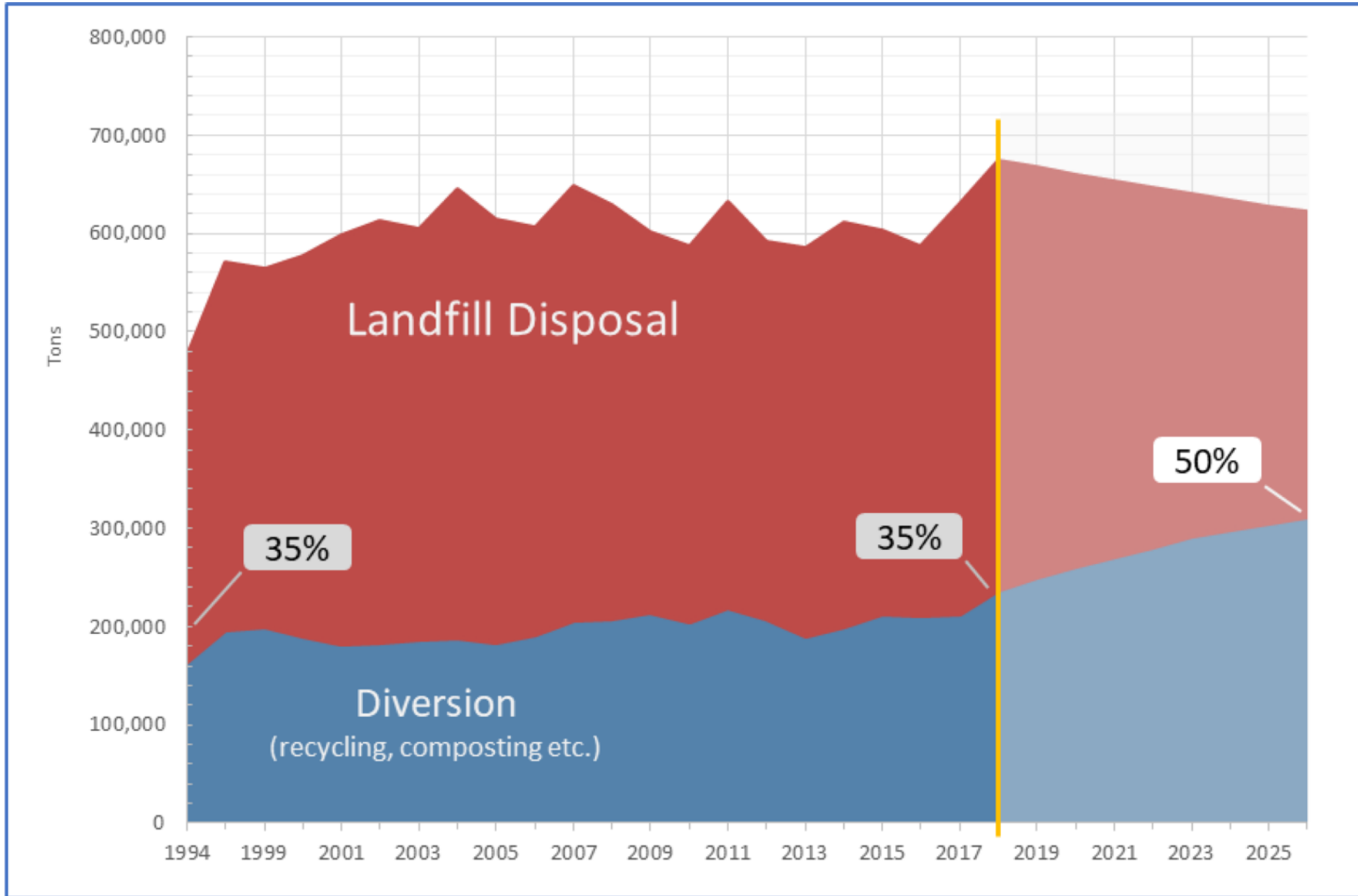
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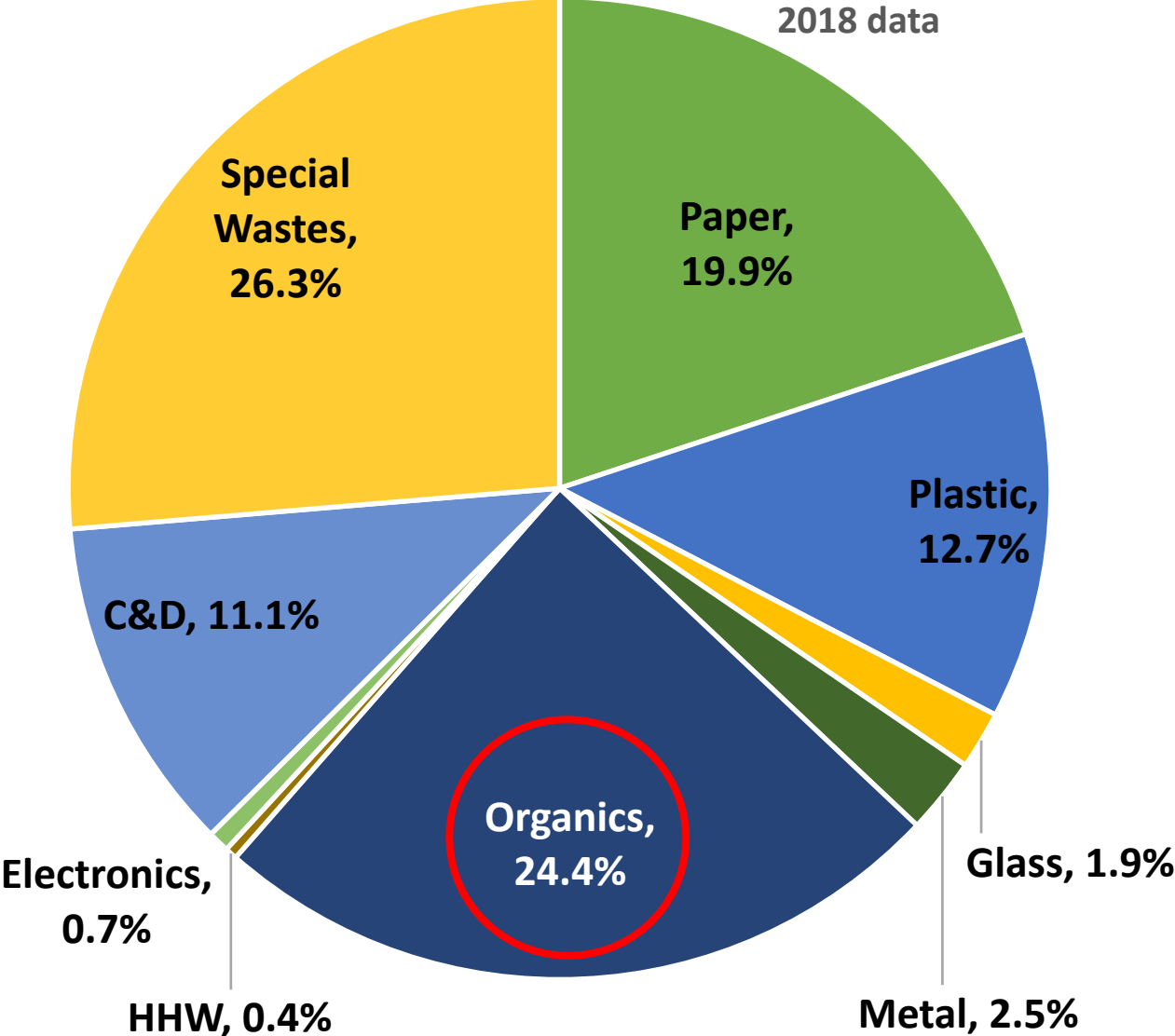
Vermont's Food Scrap Ban Takes Effect

How did we get here?

Vermont State Diversion Goal



2018 Waste Composition Study



An estimated 20% of trash is food and food scraps (~77,000 tons/year).

Roughly half is residential.

If every Vermonter composted their food waste it would be the same as taking over 9,500 vehicles off the road each year.



**Feeding
people not
landfills**



**Building soil and soil
resiliency
Conserve resources**

States with varying Organics Bans

 CA

 CT

 MA

 RI

 VT

 NY

 NJ



July 1, 2020 – Vermont state law now bans disposal of food scraps from both the trash and in landfills.

VT Dept of Health Rental Housing Health Code

5.5.1.2 The owner of any dwelling or rooming house shall provide and maintain appropriate receptacles for the removal of trash, recyclables, and food scraps in accordance with 10 V.S.A. ch. 159.

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July 1, 2020 – Haulers of trash are required to offer food scrap collection to commercial customers & apartments of 4 units or more unless another hauler is willing to provide the service.

Bag-drop haulers are already required to offer food scrap collection



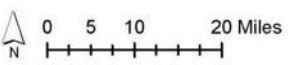
Food Scrap Management in Vermont

Food Scrap Facilities

- # Compost, Anaerobic Digestion, or Commercial Organics Transfer Facility
- Food Scrap Drop-off/Transfer Station
- # On-Farm & Other Composting Sites

Residential Options

- Backyard Composting
- Drop-off Within 10 Miles
- Curbside Collection Available



Vermont has over...

~2 dozen compost facilities

And over...100

Food Scrap Drop-off locations within 10 miles of most towns.



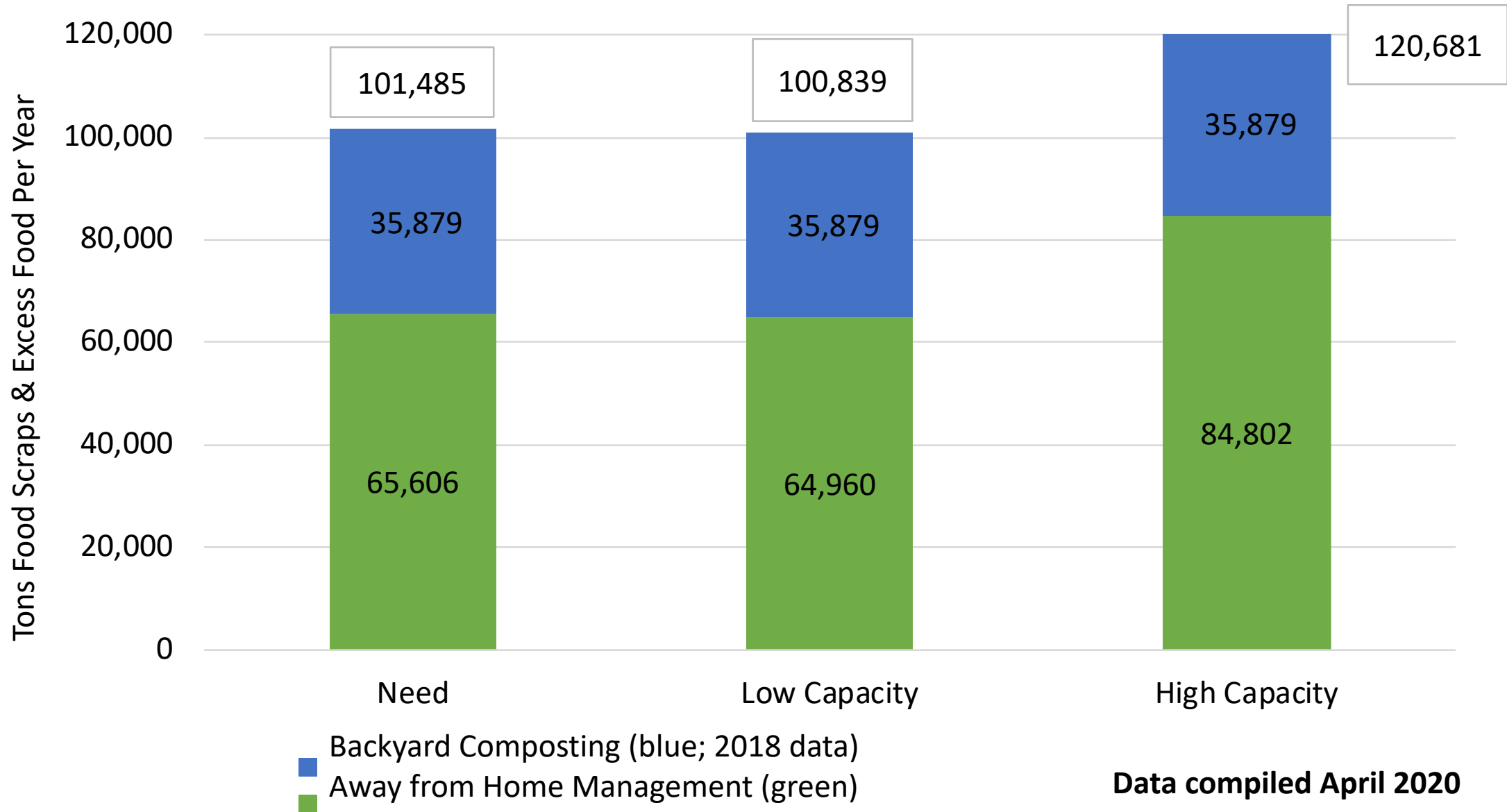
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Estimated 2020 VT Food Scrap Management Need vs. Capacity (tons/year)



Let's Scrap Food Waste Campaign

An Official **Vermont** Government Website



Eat What You Buy. Compost the Scraps.

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Single Use Products Law took effect July 1, 2020

Prohibits stores from providing:

- Single use plastic bags (10¢ for paper bags OK)
- Expanded polystyrene food/drink containers
- Plastic straws
- Plastic stirrers

*Note this is not a landfill ban



What's ahead...



Thank you!



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