Dane County Waste + Renewables

2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

October 9, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF WASTE + RENEWABLES

2025 Total Number of Employees:	37
SOLID WASTE (4410)	24
SWMETHGO (4510)	13
Total 2025 Department Spending:	$30.3 million
Total 2025 GPR Spending:	$0
Total GPR reduction to meet 4%:	N/A
Other revenue sources:	Tipping fees, sale of RINs, natural gas, fee for services

ACTIVE LANDFILL

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMO RECYCLING

CLEAN SWEEP

RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS

EDUCATION & TOURS

W&R programs are operated as enterprise funds, or "run like a business"

PRODUCED RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS EQUIVALENT TO

+2,680,000

GALLONS OF GASOLINE

PRODUCED IN 2024

12,400

TONS

OF SHINGLES RECYCLED INTO ASPHALT IN 2024

60,000

TONS

OF CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION MATERIAL PROCESSED FOR RECYCLING IN 2024

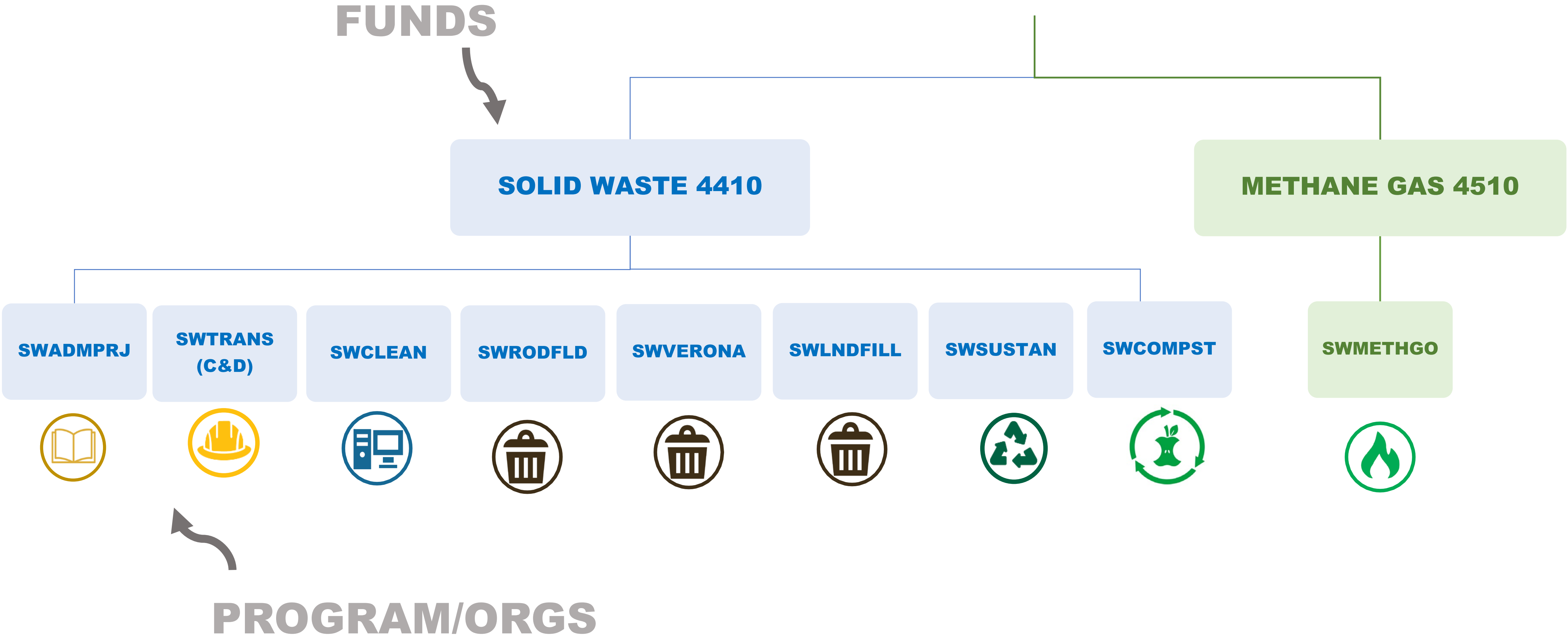
635

TONS

OF TIRES RECYCLED INTO LANDSCAPING MATERIAL OR USED FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION

W+R ENTERPRISE FUNDS

DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
WASTE + RENEWABLES



SOLID WASTE (4410) HIGHLIGHTS

LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Operating Adjustments

- Reduction in operating expenses.
- Fee increase from WDNR passed along to customers ($0.10/ton)
- Increased revenue due to **tipping fee increases (up to $2/ton for MSW).**

Capital Requests

- CNG Pickup Trucks ($250,000)
- Leachate Upgrades ($2,000,0000)
- Borrowing for Long Term Care and Closure ($600,000)
- Misc. Equipment (Forklift, UTVs, etc.) ($175,000)

Collecting litter is an important job for ensuring W+R is a good neighbor. On really windy days, its not uncommon to see all staff pitch in.

SOLID WASTE (4410) HIGHLIGHTS

CONST &DEMO RECYCLING

Operating Adjustments

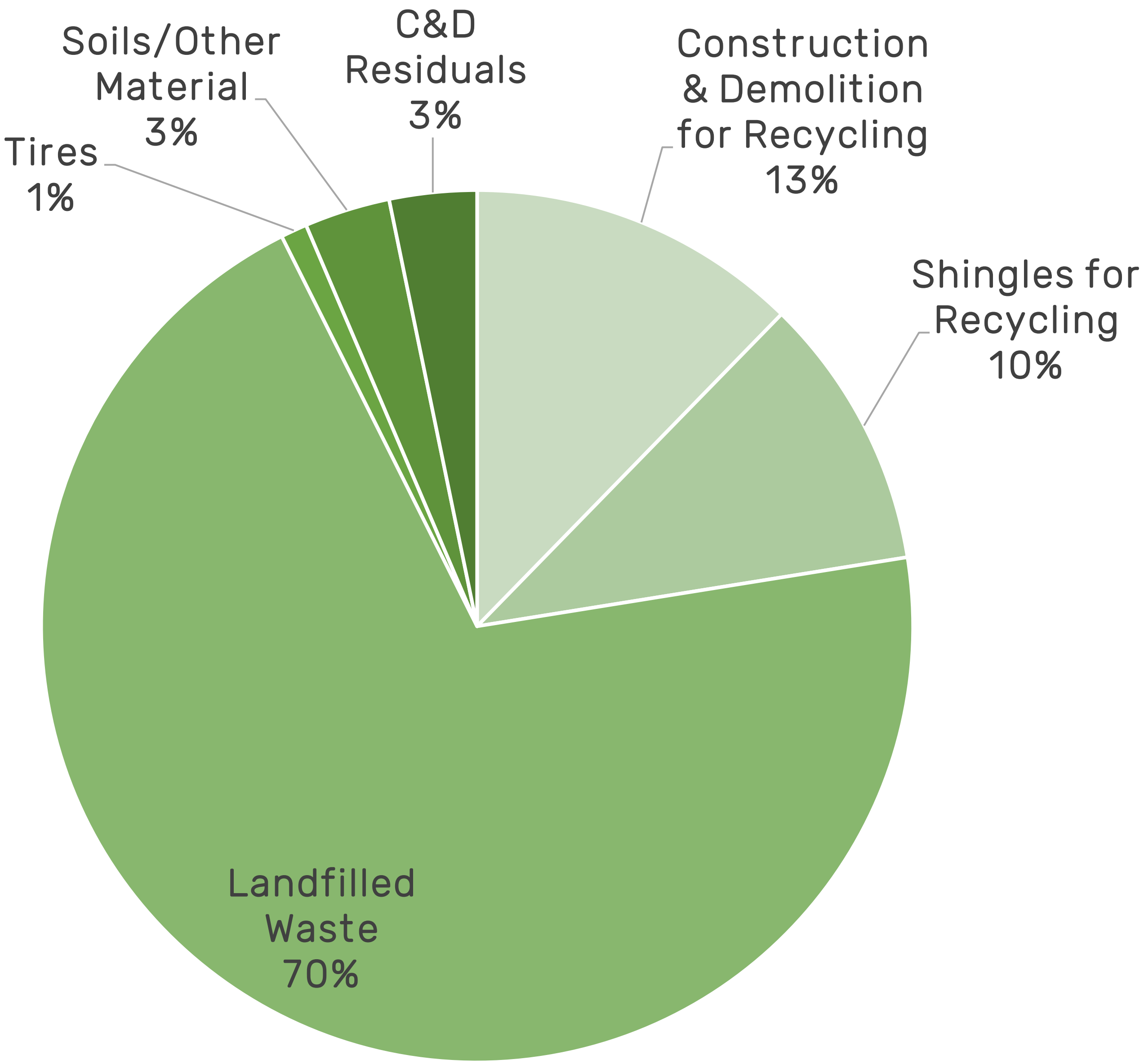
Increased revenue due to fee increases.

- Shingles +$3/ton
- Tires +$10/ton
- C&D +$2/ton

Capital Requests

- none

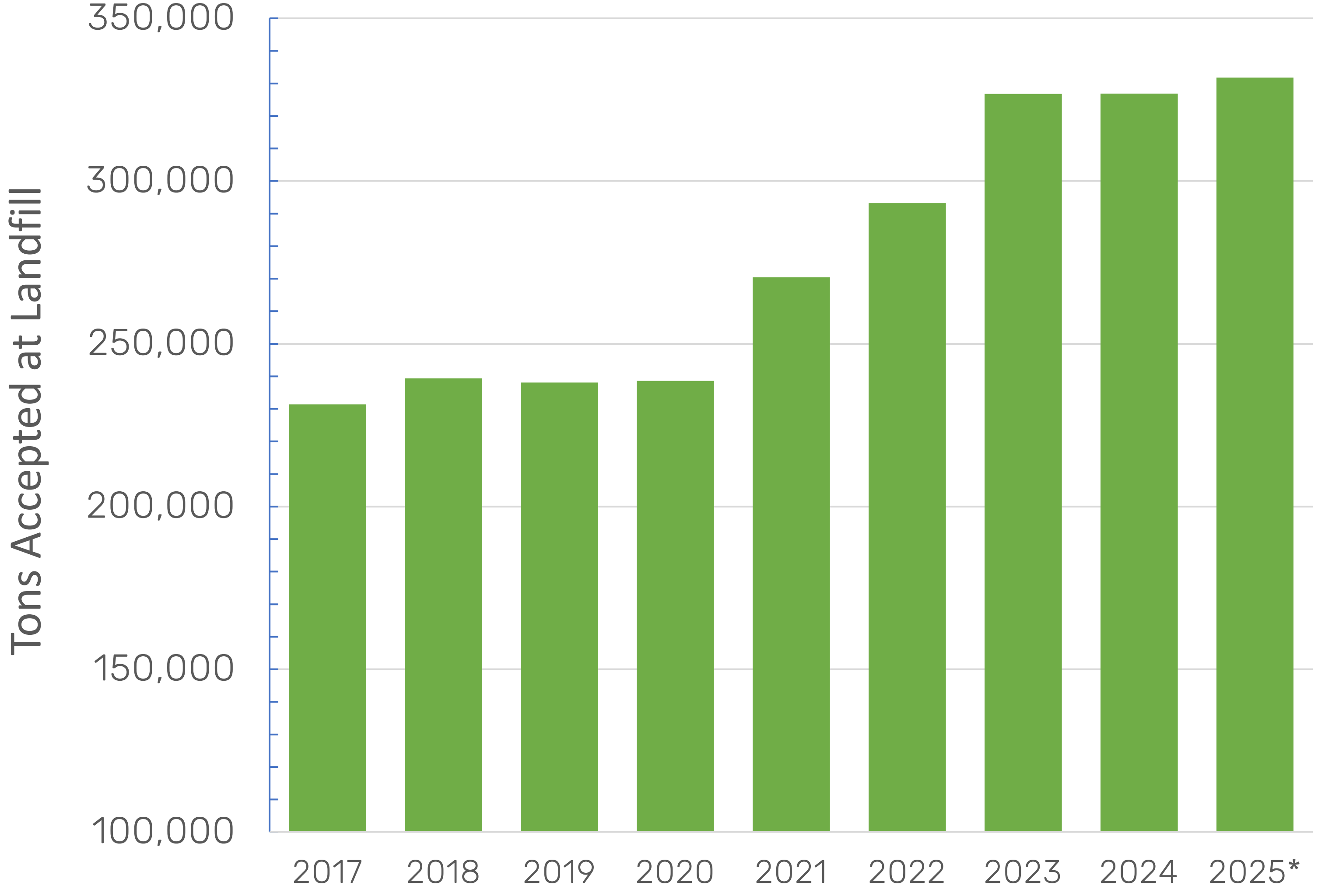
REVENUE BY MATERIAL TYPE



% of Budget	% of Year Completed
75%	66.7%

Total Revenue YTD	Total Budgeted Revenue
$ 13,017,200	$ 17,257,000

WASTE TONANGES – ANNUAL TOTALS



* 2025 and 2026 tonnages projected to be level or slightly higher than 2024.

Driving Factors for Incoming Waste Tonnages

- Population growth
- Economy
- Waste hauling competition

SOLID WASTE (4410) HIGHLIGHTS

CLEAN SWEEP/ADMIN

Operating Adjustments

- No significant changes.
- Increased engagements with public. Trash lab has hosted **+8,000 people so far in 2025.**

W+R hosted our 4th annual open house event in July of 2025. Participants are shown here screen printing upcycled tee shirts.

SOLID WASTE (4410) HIGHLIGHTS

COMPOST/CAMPUS

Operating Adjustments/Updates

- Conversion of 1 project position to 1 FTE (Business Development and Outreach Coordinator)
- Continue to partner with Purple Cow for composting needs
- Possibility for need to contract out hauling of food scraps
- Community compost grant program continues to be a success.

Capital Requests

- none

W+R has successfully launched public drop offs at 6 locations around the county. W+R is also working with commercial businesses like Sodexo, Alliant Energy Center's food service provider, to divert food scraps.

PERMITTING TIMELINE

March 2025
Final Feasibility Report Submitted to WDNR

May 2025
WDNR Completeness Determination

May-June 2025
Public Comment Period

August 2025
WDNR Feasibility Determination

Fall 2025
Plan of Operation Submitted to WDNR

Spring 2026
WDNR Approval of Plan of Operation

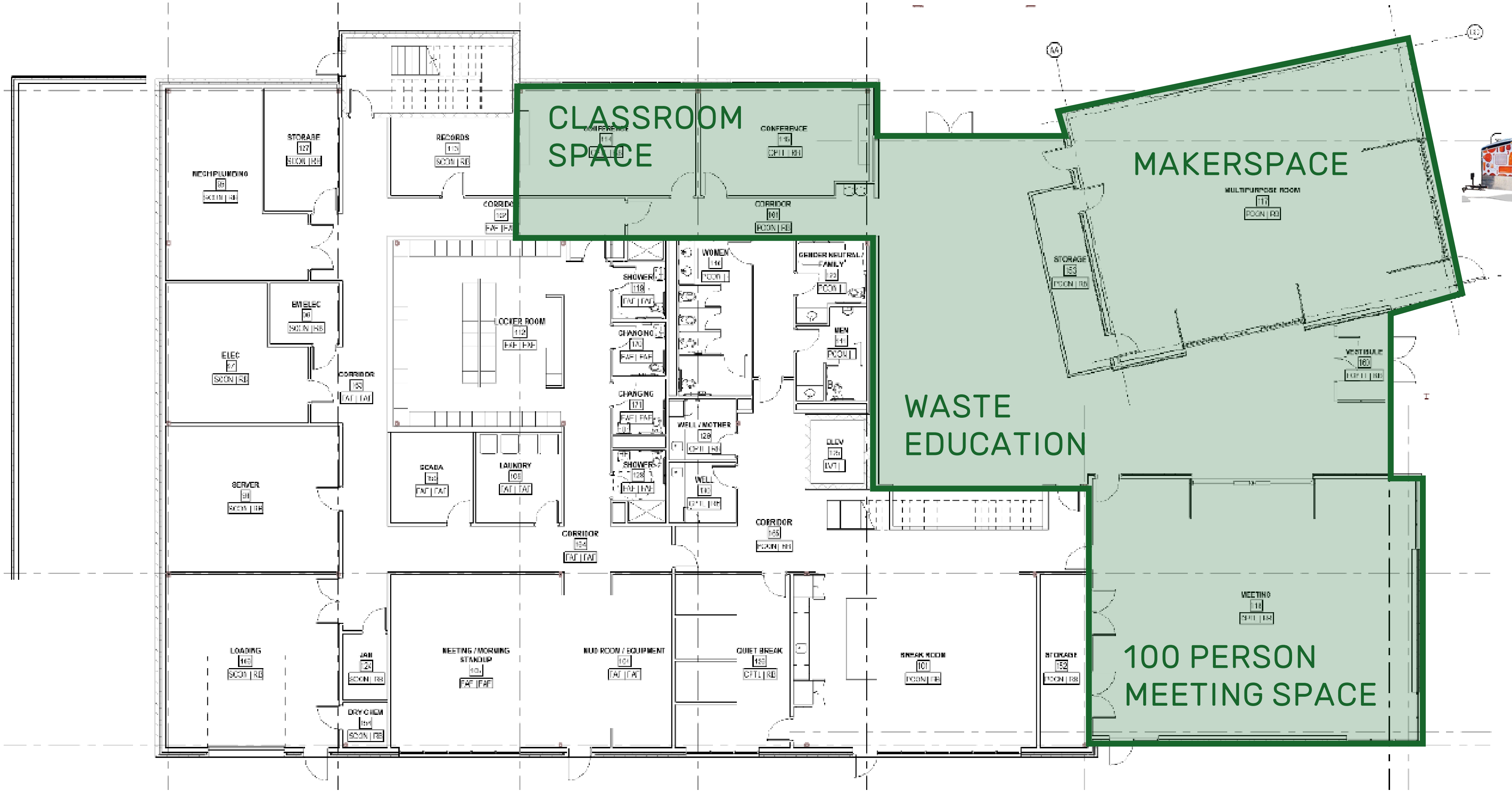
Summer 2026 – Spring 2027
Landfill Construction

5 YEAR CAMPUS CAPITAL/LANDFILL BUDGET

ORG	PROJECT	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
SWLNDFLL	SITE 3 - PHASE 1 LANDFILL	$10,000,000				
SWLNDFLL	SITE 3 - INTERCONNECTION	$2,100,000				
SWLNDFLL	NEW SITE LANDFILL (FUTURE PHASES)		$6,000,000	$6,000,000		$5,000,000
SWLNDFLL	SITE 3 - PERMITTING AND DESIGN		$350,000			
SWSUSTAN	WASTE EDUCATION CENTER	$4,000,000				
		$ 16,100,000	$ 6,350,000	$6,000,000		$5,000,000

1. *Does not include any new recycling infrastructure investments, potential tenants to be identified this fall.*
2. *Does not include normal heavy equipment replacement schedule, closure costs, etc. (approx. $30M over 5 years)*
3. *Includes budgeted totals by budget year. Doesn't represent construction start/end.*

SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS UPDATE – COMMUNITY SPACE



WASTE EDUCATION CENTER CONCEPT

SWMETHGO (4510) HIGHLIGHTS

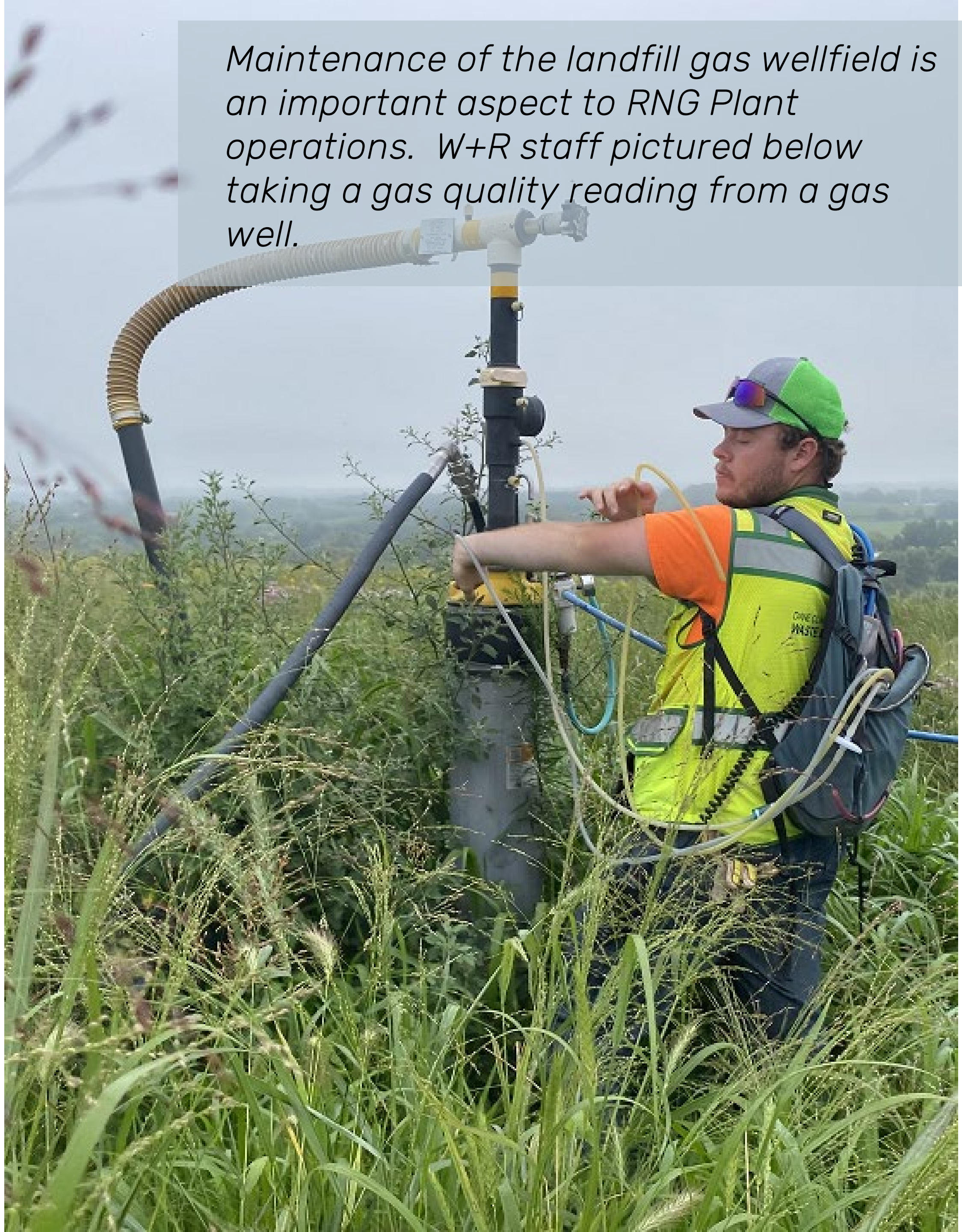
METHANE

Operating Adjustments

- 1 unfilled position to be eliminated for budgetary savings
- Operational cost reductions from operational efficiencies and process changes.
- Additional carbon media expenses due to H_2S concentrations
- Lower revenue expected due to RIN pricing

Capital Requests

- Gas System Upgrades ($1,432,000)
- RNG Plant upgrades ($614,000)
- Waste Gas to Electricity Project ($3,500,000)

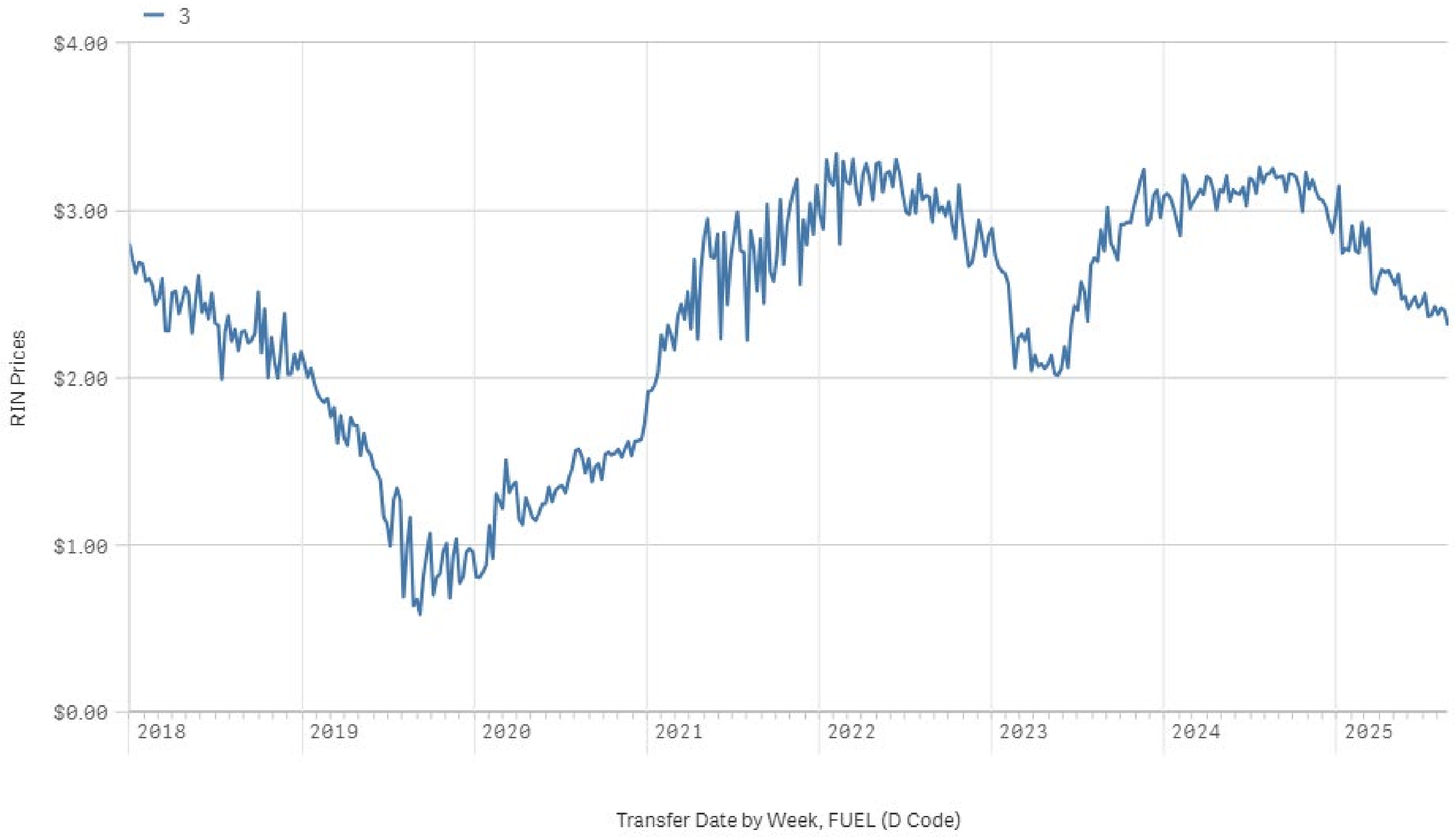


Maintenance of the landfill gas wellfield is an important aspect to RNG Plant operations. W+R staff pictured below taking a gas quality reading from a gas well.

SWMETHGO (4510) 2025 PROJECTIONS

	Revenue for 2025
SALE OF PHYSICAL GAS Physical (brown) gas generates approximately \$2-\$4 per dekatherm (dth)	\$0.8 MIL
SALE OF RINS RNG Plant generates approximately 800-1000 dth per day. Each dth of gas generates about 11 RINs. RIN prices vary but averaged about \$2.5/RIN in 2025.	\$7.0 MIL
SERVICE CHARGE TO OFFLOAD CUSTOMERS Contracts are secured with multiple dairies to offload biogas at our facility. Digesters are charged by the dth to use the station.	\$0.9 MIL

HISTORICAL RIN PRICING



Driving Factors RIN PRICING

- Demand for compressed natural gas as vehicle fuel (and production and purchase of CNG fueled vehicles). Decreased demand.
- Production of RNG from other producers like digesters and other landfills. Increased supply.

* 2026 RIN prices projected to be $2.25.