

# Needham RTS in collaboration with Green Needham present Recycling & Solid Waste 2021-2022

RTS collections + data 2021 – 2022; challenges and successes since Covid

# Re-opening after Covid: Return to normal

Swap Shop re-opens  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021





# Updated signage

Larger signs

Text & pictures

Color coded with container





# Food Waste Recycling

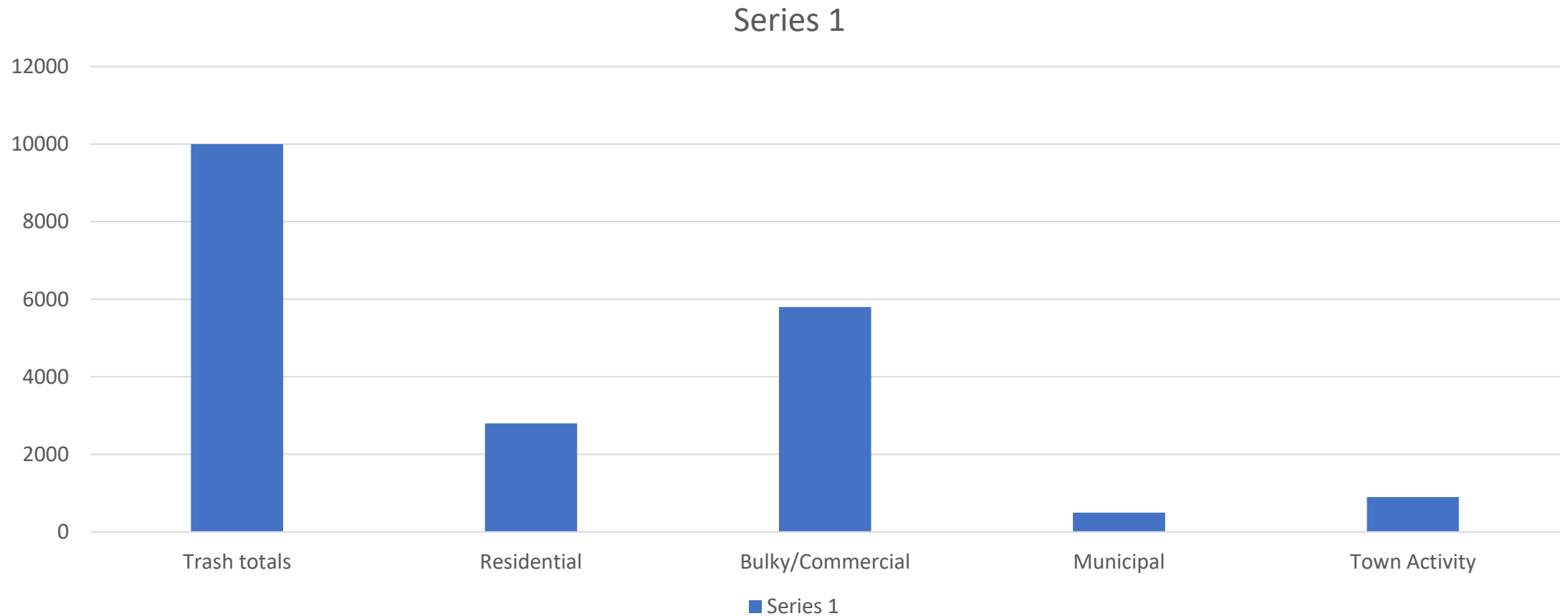
New Program –  
Nov 2021

Resident drop-off

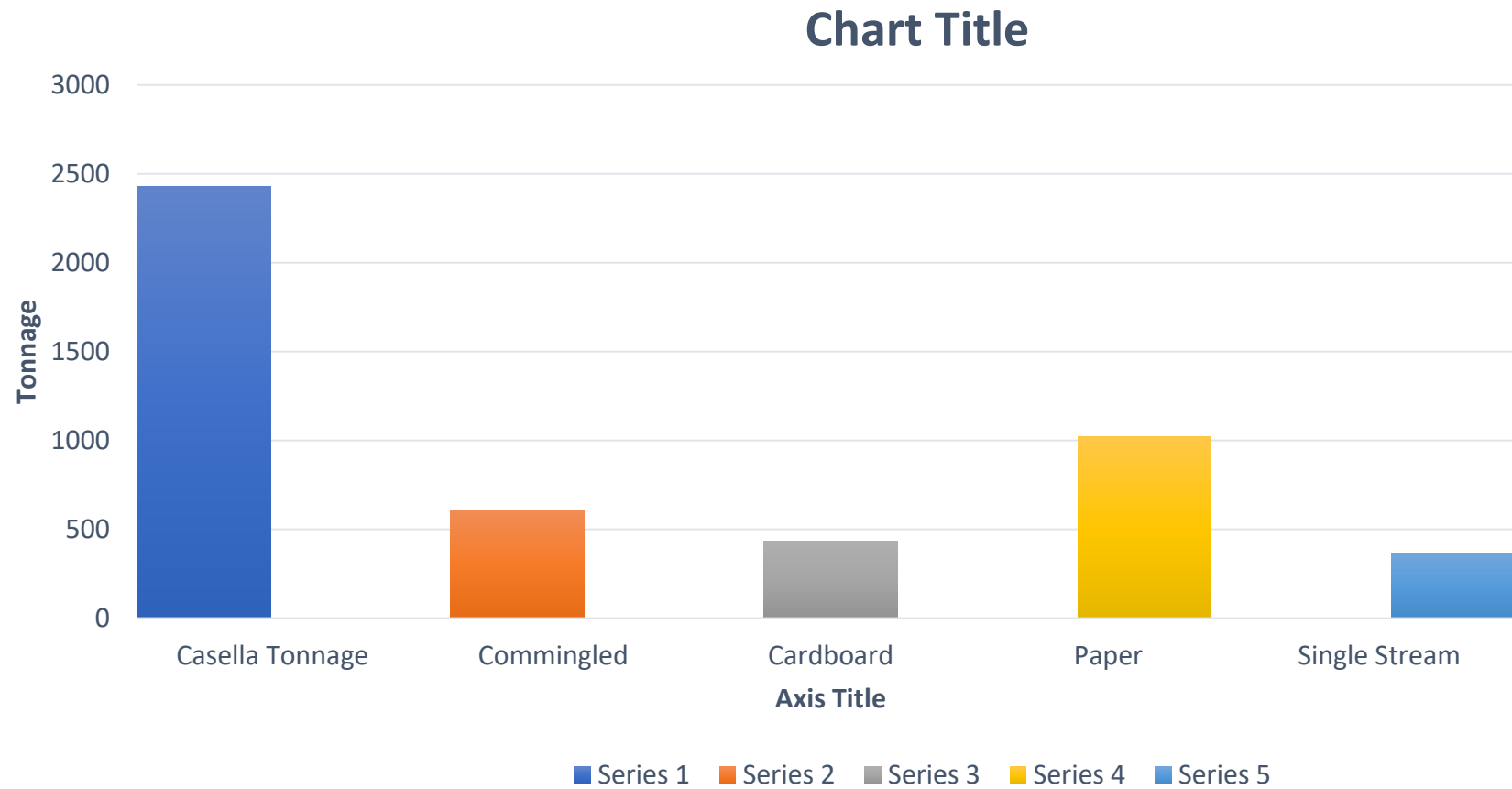
Program to dovetail  
with food waste  
program at schools



# 2021 trash by the numbers



# 2021 Recycling numbers





# Keeping mercury + lead out of environment

Approx 4 tons of fluorescent tubes



59 tons of TV's/electronics – leaded glass





# Hazardous materials

**60 tons of waste oil + anti freeze**



**10 tons of oil-based paint**





# Hazardous Materials

## Household Hazardous Waste Day



## Medical sharps + Needles





# Waste Ban updates Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

## Mattresses

619 units recycled in 2021

Partner with UTEC in Lowell/Lawrence



## Textiles

Red Cross + Bay State Textiles

Tonnage down after Covid – approx. 3 tons/month





# The circular process starts: Fall leaf drop off





Yard waste brush grind: 4 times/year





# Screening compost: last year's leaves



# The process comes full circle

Finished compost is loaded up for gardens and yards in Needham

Compost is **free** for residents until Spring 2023





Thank You – question & answer session  
after all presentations

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