Casella Waste Systems, Inc.



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Investment Thesis

- ✓ Solid waste is a recession-resistant, necessary service.
- ✓ Integrated operations, providing collection, recycling, disposal and sustainability solutions for customers
- ✓ Well-positioned disposal footprint in capacity-constrained Northeast
- ✓ Strong track record of consistent growth, margin expansion and cash flow generation
- ✓ Disciplined growth strategy encompassing organic development and significant M&A opportunity, with low leverage and ample liquidity



Company Timeline

Where we were...

- Founded in Vermont in 1975, IPO in 1997
- Sustainability in our culture from the beginning
 - Built first recycling facility in 1977
- Began establishing strategic plans and financial goals publicly, focused on core competencies and markets

Where we are...

- Strong team, culture and core values
- Successful execution against strategic plans
- Long track record of financial performance and shareholder returns
- Growing into contiguous Mid-Atlantic region

Where we're going...

- Continued organic growth and margin expansion
- Disciplined capital allocation with robust M&A pipeline
- Leveraging technology





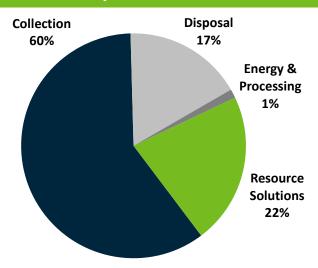


Company Overview

Provides integrated solid waste, recycling and resource solution services.

- \$1.4 billion revenue (1)
- Regional company, focused on secondary and tertiary markets of Eastern U.S., with operations in 10 contiguous states

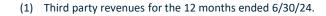
Revenue by Line of Business (1)









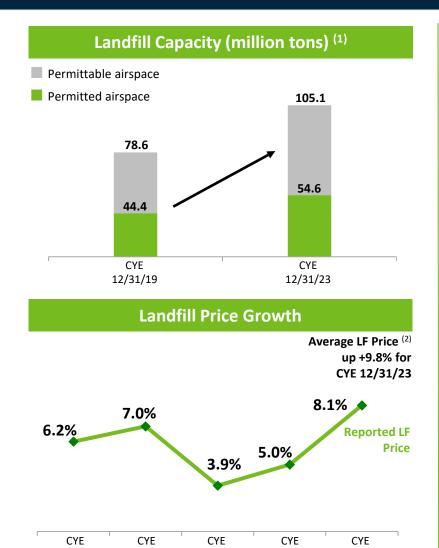




Overview of Operations North Country LF 67 Collection Operations (1) No annual cap 28 Recycling Facilities 0.6mm tons capacity WasteUSA LF 9 Disposal Facilities (2), (3), (4) **Clinton LF** 600k tons/yr 3 Landfill Gas-to-Energy 250k tons/vr 13.5mm tons capacity 69 Transfer Stations 14.0mm tons capacity **Ontario LF** 918k tons/yr **Hyland LF** 4.4mm tons capacity 465k tons/yr 30.0mm tons capacity **Juniper Ridge LF** No annual cap 10.2mm tons capacity **Chemung LF** 437k tons/yr 4.2mm tons capacity **Hakes LF** 462k tons/yr McKean LF (4) 6.0mm tons capacit 1.6mm tons/vr 22.3mm tons capacity (1) Reflects acquisitions closed through 8/1/24. (2) Includes 8 Subtitle D landfills and 1 landfill permitted to accept construction and demolition materials. (3) Total disposal capacity includes permitted and permittable airspace estimates at each site as of 12/31/23. (4) McKean permit allows for a maximum of 6,500 tons per day from either A) up to 6,500 tons per day via rail or B) up to 2,000 tons per day via truck with the remaining daily limit coming by rail; capped at an average of 6,000 tons per day within any calendar quarter.



Strategy: Increasing Landfill Returns



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Key Strategies:

- Capitalize on asset positioning in capacity-constrained
 Northeast market to drive price
- Increase annual and total permitted capacity across footprint
 - McKean landfill rail offload infrastructure provides necessary disposal capacity and certainty for future needs
 - McKean landfill permit allows for disposal of up to
 1.6mm tons of waste-by-rail annually
- Opportunistically increase vertical integration
- Improve landfill operations
 - Optimize best practices to capture more efficiencies across day-to-day functions and capital priorities



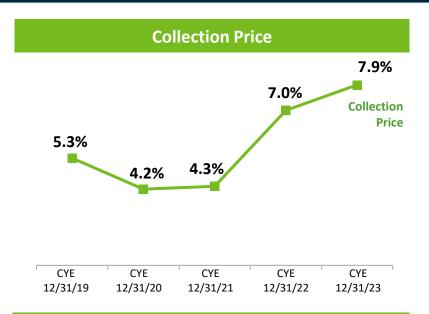
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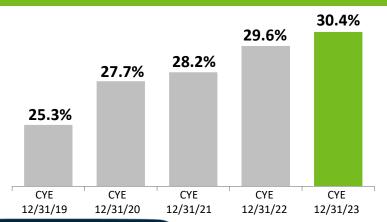
Includes both permitted and permittable airspace at landfills.

⁽²⁾ Average landfill price per ton considers all tons and all

Strategy: Driving Higher Profitability in Collection Business



Collection Adjusted EBITDA Margins (1)



Key Strategies:

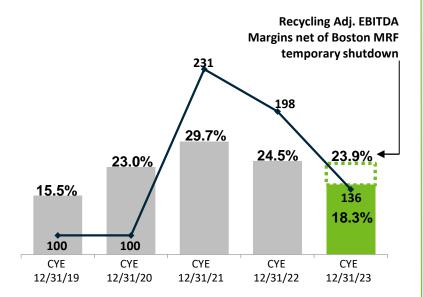
- Price to maintain positive spread over inflation and generate proper returns
- Operating programs
 - Automation of fleet driving improvements across safety, employee engagement, and efficiencies.
 - Easyroute dynamic route optimization and RouteWare on-board computers driving route density, enhanced safety, and improved billings
 - Focus on flexing variable costs
- Acquisition integration and synergies
 - Business intelligence tools and robust operating programs enable us to flex variable costs and pricing programs
- Risk mitigation through cost recovery fees and recycling commodity volatility sharing

(1) Excludes corporate overhead cost allocation.



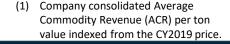
Strategy: Creating More Value Through Resource Solutions

Recycling Prices (1) vs. Adjusted EBITDA Margins



Key Strategies:

- Structure contracts to mitigate risk and ensure sufficient margins
 - Processing fees at MRFs
 - SRA fee for collection customers
 - Focus on transitioning recently acquired contracts to our risk management
- Invest in recycling upgrades
 - Boston MRF (2023)
 - Willimantic MRF (2024)
- Develop partnerships with industrial customers to drive circularity
- Grow National Accounts business professional services help large companies meet sustainability goals





Strategy: Allocating Capital for Return-Driven Growth



Key Strategies:

- Execute on robust M&A pipeline
 - 5 acquisitions closed in 2024 with over \$100 million in aggregate annualized revenues
 - \$500 million to \$1 billion pipeline of potential transactions in existing or adjacent markets
 - Completed 65 acquisitions since 2018 with over \$700 million of annualized revenue
 - Focus on synergies and effective integration across
 state footprint
- Organic growth investments
 - MRF upgrades
 - McKean Landfill waste by rail
 - Hyland landfill expansion
 - RNG
 - Collection operating efficiencies
- Disciplined capital return hurdles and commitment to moderate leverage



Strategy: Strengthening Foundational Pillars

Investing in our 4 key Foundational Pillars supports our growth and further differentiates our operating strategy.

PEOPLE: Developing a safe, engaged, ready workforce to support profitable growth

- Furthering training, recruitment, retention, career-path transparency and employee engagement
- Enhancing our Core Values of service, trust, responsibility, integrity, continuous improvement and teamwork

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: Driving profitable growth through an integrated resource solutions approach

- Delivering value through the alignment of our sales, engagement, customer care and sustainability teams
- Meeting the service and sustainability needs of our customers through a balanced model

TECHNOLOGY: Driving profitable growth and efficiencies through technology plan

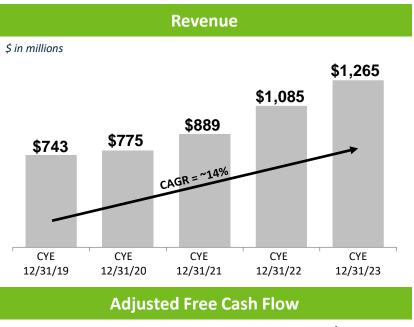
- Investment in core systems and infrastructure to drive cost efficiencies and build customer value
- Leverage technology to drive actionable decision-making, enhance business intelligence and support growth

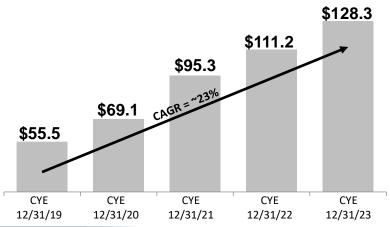
FACILITIES: Developing necessary long-term infrastructure through facilities plan

- Modernizing facilities over a multi-year horizon through a measured approach
- · Further improving the safety and operating environment while enhancing the employee and visitor experience

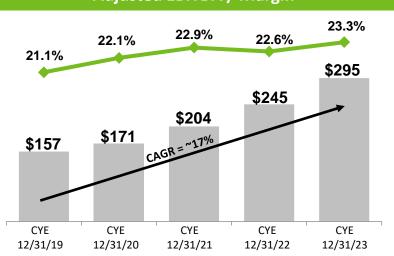


5-year Financial Performance

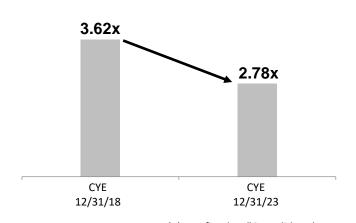




Adjusted EBITDA / Margin



Leverage (1)



(1) Defined as "Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio" in the Company's Credit Agreement.



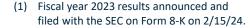
2023 Highlights

Financial (1)

- Revenue: \$1.265 billion
 - Up \$180 million or +16.5%
 - Solid waste price up +7.5%
- Net Income: \$25 million
 - Down \$28 million or (52.2%), mainly from expenses related to acquisition growth
- Adjusted EBITDA: \$295 million
 - Up \$49 million or +20.1%
 - Margin at 23.3%, up +70 bps
- Adjusted Free Cash Flow: \$128 million
 - Up \$17 million or +15.4%
- Consolidated Leverage Ratio: 2.78x
 - In line with strategic target of < 3.25x

Strategic and Operating

- Acquired 7 businesses with approximately \$315 million in revenue
- Created Mid-Atlantic Region to manage operations in new geography; platform provides further growth potential
- Completed Boston recycling processing facility equipment upgrade
- Operating programs driving cost of operations down -80 bps as % of revenue
- Employee turnover down 19% and total recordable incident rate (safety levels) improved by 5%





2024 Financial Guidance

Guidance (1)

- **Revenue:** \$1.52 to \$1.55 billion
 - Up \$270 million or +21% at midpoint
- Adjusted EBITDA: \$360 to \$370 million
 - Up \$70 million or +24% at midpoint
 - Margins up +40 to +60 bps
- Adjusted Free Cash Flow: \$140 to \$150 million
 - Up \$17 million or +13% at midpoint
- Net Income: \$15 to \$25 million
- Operating Cash Flow: \$245 to \$255 million
 - Up \$17 million

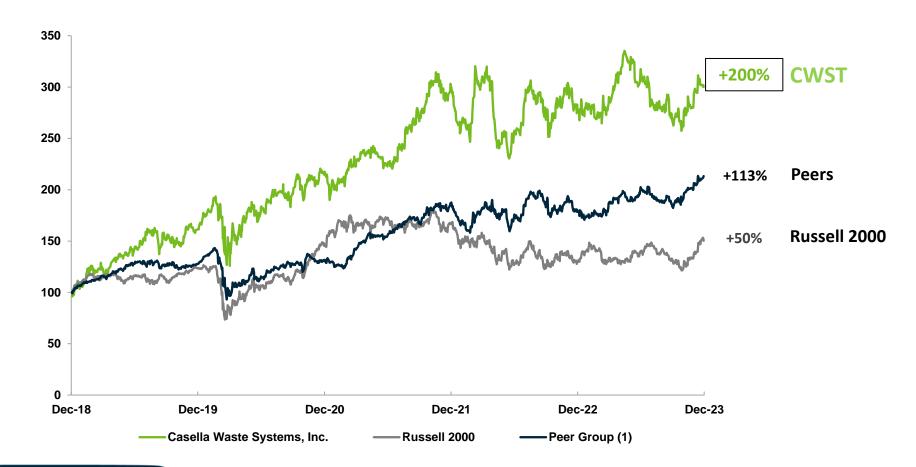
Key Assumptions (2)

- Revenue growth: +17% from acquisitions and +3 to +5% organic
- Solid Waste: +25 to +27% revenue growth
 - Price: upper end of +5.0 to +6.0%
 - Volume: down (1.0) to down (2.0%)
 - Acquisition rollover plus new contribution: +22%
- Closed on five acquisitions through 8/1/24 with total annualized revenues of over \$100mm
- Resource Solutions: +6 to +9% revenue growth
- Capex: \$187 million
 - \$133.5 million recurring
 - \$46.5 million non-recurring acquisition-related
 - \$7 million McKean Landfill rail project
 - CY 2024 Guidance updated on 8/1/24 and assumes no unannounced acquisitions and no non-recurring items (GAAP metrics).
 - (2) Capex updates announced on 8/1/24.



Long-term Returns for Our Shareholders (TSR)

Clear strategy, disciplined execution, and effective risk management programs lead to consistent financial performance and long-term shareholder value creation.





(1) Peer group includes WM, RSG, WCN and GFL

Casella Value Drivers

Valuable integrated solid waste assets in disposal limited Northeast markets.

Management focused on increasing Free Cash Flow, maintaining low leverage, further growth, and strategic execution.

Results demonstrate strong execution of plan.

2024 Strategic Plan:

- Increasing landfill returns;
- Driving profitability in collection operations;
- Creating incremental value through Resource Solutions;
- Allocating capital to return driven growth;
- Strengthening Foundational Pillars.







Balance Sheet

6/30/24 - Capitalization Table (\$mm)

	 0/2024	 31/2023
Cash	\$ 208.5	\$ 220.9
Revolver (\$300mm, S+137.5bps, due 2026)	-	-
Term Loan A (S+1.875bps, due 2026)	408.5	419.3
Term Loan A (S+137.5bps, due 2026)	348.3	350.0
Industrial Revenue Bonds (2.75% - 5.25%, due 2025 - 2052)	232.0	232.0
Finance leases & Notes Payable	 62.8	53.3
Total Debt	1,051.6	1,054.6
Unencumbered Cash per Credit Agreement (1)	 100.0	100.0
Total Debt, Net of Unencumbered Cash	\$ 951.6	\$ 954.6
Consolidated Bank EBITDA (LTM)	\$ 361.9	\$ 343.2
Total Debt, Net / Consolidated Bank EBITDA (2)	2.63x	2.78x
Total Debt (net all cash) / Consolidated Bank EBITDA	2.33x	2.43x
Available Liquidity (including Cash)	\$ 481.0	\$ 493.2

Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio (2)



Capital Structure Highlights

Strong balance sheet supports disciplined growth.

- Consolidated Leverage ratio of 2.63x on 6/30/24
- Available Liquidity of \$481.0mm on 6/30/24
- As announced, closed on 4 acquisitions in Q3 2024
- At 6/30/24, inclusive of floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps, 77% of our consolidated debt had fixed interest rates
- At 6/30/24, average cash interest rate of 5.70% on consolidated debt
- Next major debt maturity is \$25mm FAME IRB's in Jan 2025
- Implemented Sustainability Linked Loan in Feb 2023

⁽¹⁾ Credit Agreement only allows up to \$100mm of unencumbered cash to be netted against Total Debt, net for the purpose of calculating leverage ratio.

²⁾ Defined as "Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio" in the Company's Credit Agreement.

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA

\$ in 000s

Non-GAAP Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net income (1)

		onths ended c. 31, 2019	nonths ended ec. 31, 2020	nonths ended ec. 31, 2021	nonths ended ec. 31, 2022	onths ended ec. 31, 2023
Revenues	\$	743,290	\$ 774,584	\$ 889,211	\$ 1,085,089	\$ 1,264,542
Net income	\$	31,653	\$ 91,106	\$ 41,100	\$ 53,079	\$ 25,399
(Benefit) provision for income taxes		(1,874)	(52,804)	16,946	21,887	11,646
Other income		(1,439)	(1,073)	(1,313)	(2,585)	(1,646)
Impairment of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Loss on debt extinguishment		-	-	-	-	8,191
Interest expense, net		24,735	22,068	20,927	23,013	36,837
Southbridge Landfill closure charge, net		2,709	4,587	496	1,436	467
Expense from acquisition activities and other items		2,687	1,862	5,304	4,613	15,038
Environmental remediation charge		-	-	924	759	-
Development project charge		-	-	-	-	-
Contract settlement charge		-	-	-	-	-
Withdrawal costs - multiemployer pension plan		3,591	-	-	-	-
Change in fair value of contingent consideration - acquisition		-	-	-	-	(965)
Depreciation and amortization		79,790	90,782	103,590	126,351	170,705
Landfill capping charge - veneer failure		-	-	-	-	3,870
Legal settlement		-	-	-	-	6,150
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		7,711	7,781	8,265	8,674	9,026
Interest accretion on landfill and environmental remediation liabilities		6,976	 7,090	 7,324	 8,008	 9,885
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$</u>	156,539	\$ 171,399	\$ 203,563	\$ 245,235	\$ 294,603
Solid Waste		564,687	 578,273	654,089	 785,211	 971,743
Resource Solutions		178,603	 196,311	 235,126	 299,878	 292,799
Third party revenues	<u>\$</u>	743,290	\$ 774,584	\$ 889,211	\$ 1,085,089	\$ 1,264,542
Adjusted EBITDA margins		<u>21.1</u> %	<u>22.1</u> %	<u>22.9</u> %	<u>22.6</u> %	<u>23.3</u> %
Net income margins		<u>4.3</u> %	<u>11.8</u> %	<u>4.6</u> %	<u>4.9</u> %	<u>2.0</u> %

(1) We present Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP performance measure, to provide an understanding of operational performance because we consider it an important supplemental measure of our performance and believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of our results. We also believe that identifying the impact of certain items as adjustments provides more transparency and comparability across periods. Management uses Adjusted EBITDA to further understand our "core operating performance" and believes our "core operating performance" is helpful in understanding our ongoing performance in the ordinary course of operations. We believe that providing Adjusted EBITDA to investors, in addition to the corresponding income statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing our performance using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and our results of operations have performed.



Reconciliation of Adjusted Free Cash Flow

\$ in 000s

	onths ended c. 31, 2019	nonths ended ec. 31, 2020		months ended Dec. 31, 2021		months ended Dec. 31, 2022		months ended Dec. 31, 2023
Net cash provided by operating activities (1)	\$ 116,829	\$ 139,922	\$	182,737	\$	217,314	\$	233,092
Capital expenditures	(103, 165)	(108, 108)		(123,295)		(130,960)		(154,907)
Payments on landfill operating lease contracts (i)	-	-		. , ,		`		`
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	750	533		788		600		1,110
Proceeds from property insurance settlement	332	-		-		-		-
Southbridge landfill closure and Potsdam environmental remediation (ii)	15,445	8,906		6,274		3,766		4,308
Cash outlays from acquisition activities and other items (iii)	2,622	1,307		4,988		4,284		13,105
Waste USA Landfill phase VI capital expenditures (iv)	4,873	10,573		13,325		-		_
McKean landfill rail capital expenditures (v)		-		-		-		10,725
Post acquisition and development project capital expenditures (vi)	17,782	 16,014	_	10,515	_	16,209	_	20,866
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$ 55,468	\$ 69,147	\$	95,332	\$	111,213	\$	128,299

- (i) Effective January 1, 2019, as a part of implementing ASC Topic 842, Leases, cash payments on landfill operating lease contracts, which historically were capitalized as property, plant and equipment and presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as cash outflows from investing activities, are classified as cash flows from operating activities that reduce net cash provided by operating activities.
- (ii) Southbridge Landfill closure and Potsdam environmental remediation are cash outlays (and inflows) associated with the unplanned closure of the Southbridge Landfill and the Company's portion of costs associated with environmental remediation at the Company's Potsdam, New York scrap yard which are added back when calculating Adjusted Free Cash Flow due to their non-recurring nature and the significance of the related cash flows. The Company initiated the unplanned closure of the Southbridge Landfill in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and expects to incur cash outlays through completion of the closure and environmental remediation process. The Potsdam site was deemed a Superfund site in 2000 and is not associated with current operations.
- (iii) Cash outlays from acquisition activities and other items are cash outlays for transaction and integration costs relating to specific acquisition transactions and include legal, environmental, valuation and consulting as well as asset, workforce and system integration costs as part of the Company's strategic growth initiative and other items.
- (iv) Waste USA Landfill phase VI capital expenditures are capital expenditures related to Waste USA Landfill phase VI construction and development that are added back when calculating Adjusted Free Cash Flow due to the specific nature of this investment in the development of long-term infrastructure which is different from landfill construction investments in the normal course of operations. This investment at the Waste USA Landfill is unique because the Company is investing in long-term infrastructure over an estimated four year period that will not yield a positive economic benefit until 2023 and extending over approximately 20 years.
- (v) McKean Landfill rail capital expenditures related to the Company's landfill in Mount Jewett, PA ("McKean landfill") rail side development that are added back when calculating Adjusted Free Cash Flow due to the specific nature of this investment in the development of long-term infrastructure which is different from the landfill construction investments in the normal course of operations.
- (vi) Post acquisition and development project capital expenditures are (x) acquisition related capital expenditures that are necessary to optimize strategic synergies associated with integrating newly acquired operations as contemplated by the discounted cash flow return analysis conducted by management as part of the acquisition investment decision; and (y) non-routine development investments that are expected to provide long-term returns. Acquisition related capital expenditures include costs required to achieve initial operating synergies and integrate operations.
 - (1) We present non-GAAP liquidity measures such as Adjusted Free Cash Flow, Bank Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Funded Debt, Net and Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio that provide an understanding of the Company's liquidity because we consider them important supplemental measures of our liquidity that are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of our cash flow generation from our core operations that are then available to be deployed for strategic acquisitions, growth, investments, development projects, unusual landfill closures, site improvements and remediation, and strengthening our balance sheet through paying down debt. We also believe that identifying the impact of certain items as adjustments provides more transparency and comparability across periods. Management uses non-GAAP liquidity measures to further understand our cash flow provided by operating activities after certain expenditures along with our consolidated net leverage and believes that these measures demonstrate our ability to execute on our strategic initiatives. We believe that providing such non-GAAP liquidity measures to investors, in addition to corresponding cash flow statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing our liquidity using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and cash flow generation has performed.



Reconciliation of Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio

\$ in millions

\$ in millions	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2018	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2019	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2020	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2021	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2022	12 months ended Dec. 31, 2023	12 months ended June 30, 2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 120.8	\$ 116.8	\$ 139.9	\$ 182.7	\$ 217.3	\$ 233.1	\$ 229.7
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures	5.4	28.7	25.2	13.1	11.2	19.6	54.3
Disposition of assets, other items and charges, net	(16.5)	0.8	(1.8)	(1.0)	(0.7)		(4.2)
Loss on debt extinguishment	(7.4)	-	-	-	-	(8.2)	0.0
Stock based compensation and related severance expense, net of excess tax benefit	(8.4)	(7.2)	(8.2)	(11.6)	(8.2)	(9.1)	(9.6)
Development project charge	(0.3)	-	-	-	-		
Impairment of investments	(1.1)				-	(3.0)	(3.0)
Operating lease right-of-use assets expense	-	(9.6)	(8.5)	(5.6)	(5.1)	(6.3)	(7.5)
Withdrawal costs - multiemployer pension plan		(2.2)	-	-	-		-
Southbridge Landfill insurance recovery for investing activities	3.5					(0.7)	
Interest expense, less amortization of debt issuance costs and discount on long-term debt	23.9	22.8	20.2	18.9	21.8	44.6	59.9
Provision (benefit) for income taxes, net of deferred taxes	(1.6)	(0.6)	(0.5)	1.9	5.4	4.3	5.3
EBITDA adjustment as allowed by the applicable credit facility agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Adjustments as allowed by the applicable credit facility agreement	34.7	20.5	14.1	27.4	15.4	69.0	33.1
Minimum Consolidated EBITDA	<u>\$ 153.0</u>	<u>\$ 169.9</u>	<u>\$ 180.5</u>	\$ 225.8	<u>\$ 257.1</u>	<u>\$ 343.2</u>	\$ 361.9
Consolidated Funded Debt (Total Debt)	\$ 555.2	\$ 522.7	\$ 548.4	\$ 562.6	\$ 603.5	\$ 1,054.6	\$ 1,051.6
Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio (Total Debt-to-EBITDA)	3.62	3.07	2.76	2.35	2.08	2.78	2.63

We present non-GAAP liquidity measures such as Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Funded Debt, Net and Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio that provide an understanding of the Company's liquidity because we consider them important supplemental measures of our liquidity that are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of our cash flow generation from our core operations that are then available to be deployed for strategic acquisitions, growth, investments, development projects, unusual landfill closures, site improvements and remediation, and strengthening our balance sheet through paying down debt. We also believe that identifying the impact of certain items as adjustments provides more transparency and comparability across periods. Management uses non-GAAP liquidity measures to further understand our cash flow provided by operating activities after certain expenditures along with our consolidated net leverage and believes that these measures demonstrate our ability to execute on our strategic initiatives. We believe that providing such non-GAAP liquidity measures to investors, in addition to corresponding cash flow statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing our liquidity using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and cash flow generation has performed.



Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income

\$ in 000s

Non-GAAP Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income to Net income

		onths ended . 31, 2022	12 month Dec. 31	
Net income	\$	53,079	\$	25,399
Loss from termination of bridge financing (i)		-		8,191
Expense from acquisition activities (ii)		4,613		15,038
Southbridge Landfill closure charge (iii)		1,436		467
Legal settlement (iv)		-		6,150
Landfill capping charge - veneer failure (v)		-		3,870
Gain on resolution of acquisition related contingent consideration (vi)		-		(965)
Environmental remediation charge (vii)		759		-
Interest expense from acquisition activities (viii)		-		496
Gain on sale of cost method investment (ix)		(1,340)		-
Tax effect (x)		(1,640)		(6,911)
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$</u>	56,907	\$	51,735

- (i) Loss from termination of bridge financing is related to the write-off of the remaining unamortized debt issuance costs associated with the extinguishment of bridge financing agreements associated with acquisitions, including the acquisition of the equity interests of four wholly owned subsidiaries of GFL Environmental Inc. (the "GFL Acquisition") and the acquisition of the assets of Consolidated Waste Services, LLC and its affiliates (dba Twin Bridges) (the "Twin Bridges Acquisition").
- (ii) Expense from acquisition activities is primarily legal, consulting or other similar costs incurred during the period associated with the due diligence, acquisition and integration of acquired businesses, including the GFL Acquisition and the Twin Bridges Acquisition, in the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, or select development projects as part of the Company's strategic growth initiative.
- (iii) Southbridge Landfill closure charge are expenses related to the unplanned early closure of the Southbridge Landfill along with associated legal activities. The Company initiated the unplanned, premature closure of the Southbridge Landfill in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 due to the significant capital investment required to obtain expansion permits and for future development coupled with an uncertain regulatory environment. The unplanned closure of the Southbridge Landfill reduced the economic useful life of the assets from prior estimates by approximately ten years. The Company expects to incur certain costs through completion of the closure process.
- (iv) Legal settlement is related to reaching an agreement in June 2023 with the collective class members of a class action lawsuit relating to certain claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ("FLSA") as well as state wage and hours laws.
- (v) Landfill capping charge veneer failure consists of both (i) the write-off of historical payments associated with capping work that has been deemed no longer viable due to a veneer failure and (ii) the related operating expenses incurred to clean up the affected capping material at the Company's landfill in Seneca, New York. Engineering analysis is currently underway to determine root causes and responsibility for the event.
- (vi) Gain on resolution of acquisition-related contingent consideration is associated with the reversal of a contingency for a transfer station permit expansion that is no longer deemed viable.
- (vii) Environment remediation charge is associated with the investigation of potential remediation at an inactive waste disposal site that adjoins one of the landfills we operate.
- (viii) Interest expense from acquisition activities is the amortization of debt issuance costs comprising transaction, legal, and other similar costs associated with bridge financing activities related to the GFL Acquisition and the Twin Bridges Acquisition.
- (ix) Gain on sale of cost method investment is associated with the sale of the Company's minority ownership interest in a subsidiary of Vanguard Renewables.
- (x) Tax effect of the adjustments is an aggregate of the current and deferred tax impact of each adjustment, including the impact to the effective tax rate, current provision and deferred provision. The computation considers all relevant impacts of the adjustments, including available net operating loss carryforwards and the impact on the remaining valuation allowance.



Capital Expenditure Detail

\$ in 000s

Capital Expenditure Detail (1)

(\$ in thousands)	onths ended c. 31, 2019			12 months ended Dec. 31, 2021									nonths ended ec. 31, 2023
Growth Capital Expenditures:													
Post acquisition and development projects Waste USA Landfill Phase VI	\$ 17,782 4,873	\$	16,014 10,573	\$	10,515 13,325	\$	16,209 -	\$	20,866				
McKean Landfill rail infrastructure Other	 1,582		4,36 <u>2</u>		13,480		5,63 <u>6</u>		10,725 9,894				
Growth Capital Expenditures	\$ 24,237	\$	30,949	\$	37,320	\$	21,845	\$	41,485				
Replacement Capital Expenditures:													
Landfill development	26,915		36,981		23,490		30,684		37,928				
Vehicles, machinery, equipment, and containers	42,828		30,846		48,427		60,936		53,819				
Facilities	7,001		5,170		7,550		12,494		15,829				
Other	 2,184		4,162		6,508		5,001		5,846				
Total Replacement Capital Expenditures	 78,928		77,159		85,975		109,115		113,422				
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 103,165	<u>\$</u>	108,108	<u>\$</u>	123,295	\$	130,960	<u>\$</u>	154,907				
Replacement Capital Expenditures as % of Revenues Total Capital Expenditures as % of Revenues	10.6% 13.9%		10.0% 14.0%		9.7% 13.9%		10.1% 12.1%		9.0% 12.3%				

(1) The Company's capital expenditures are broadly defined as pertaining to either growth or replacement activities. *Growth capital expenditures* are defined as costs related to development projects, organic business growth, and the integration of newly acquired operations. Growth capital expenditures include costs related to the following: 1) post acquisition and development projects that are necessary to optimize strategic synergies associated with integrating newly acquired operations as contemplated by the discounted cash flow return analysis conducted by management as part of the acquisition investment decision as well as non-routine development investments that are expected to provide long-term returns and includes the following capital expenditures required to achieve initial operating synergies: trucks, equipment and machinery; and facilities, land, IT infrastructure or related upgrades to integrate operations; 2) Waste USA Landfill phase VI construction and development for long-term infrastructure, which is unique and different from landfill construction investments in the normal course of operations because the Company is investing in long-term infrastructure over an estimated four year period that will not yield a positive economic benefit until 2023 and extending over approximately 20 years; and 3) development of new airspace, permit expansions, and new recycling contracts, equipment added directly as a result of organic business growth and infrastructure added to increase throughput at transfer stations and recycling facilities. *Replacement capital expenditures* are defined as landfill cell construction costs not related to expansion airspace, costs for normal permit renewals, and replacement costs for equipment due to age or obsolescence.



Reconciliations for 2024 Guidance Ranges

\$ in 000s

Reconciliation of the Company's estimated Adjusted EBITDA from estimated Net Income for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

\$ in thousands	(Estimated) Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024
Net Income	\$15,000 - \$25,000
Interest expense, net	57,000
Provision for income taxes	11,000
Other income	(1,500)
Southbridge Landfill closure charge	1,000
Expense from acquisition activities	20,000
Depreciation and amortization	236,000
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations	10,000
Interest accretion on landfill and environmental remediation liabilities	11,500
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$360,000 - \$370,000

(1) We present Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP performance measure, to provide an understanding of operational performance because we consider it an important supplemental measure of our performance and believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of our results. We also believe that identifying the impact of certain items as adjustments provides more transparency and comparability across periods. Management uses Adjusted EBITDA to further understand our "core operating performance" and believes our "core operating performance" is helpful in understanding our ongoing performance in the ordinary course of operations. We believe that providing Adjusted EBITDA to investors, in addition to the corresponding income statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing our performance using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and our results of operations have performed.

Reconciliations for 2024 Guidance Ranges (cont'd)

\$ in 000s

Reconciliation of the Company's estimated Adjusted Free Cash Flow from estimated Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2024.

\$ in thousands	(Estimated)
	Fiscal Year Ending
	December 31, 2024
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Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$245,000 - \$255,000
Capital expenditures	(187,000)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	1,500
FLSA legal settlment payment (i)	6,150
Southbridge Landfill closure (ii)	3,000
Acquisition capital expenditures (iii)	46,500
Cash outlays from acquisition activities (iv)	17,000
McKean Landfill rail capital expenditures (v)	7,000
Landfill capping charge - veneer failure payment (vi)	850
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	<u>\$140,000 - \$150,000</u>

- (i) FLSA legal settlement payment is the cash outlay of a legal settlement related to reaching an agreement in June 2023 with the collective class members of a class action lawsuit relating to certain claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ("FLSA") as well as state wage and hours laws.
- (ii) Southbridge Landfill closure are cash outlays associated with the unplanned, early closure of the Southbridge Landfill. The Company initiated the unplanned, premature closure of the Southbridge Landfill in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and expects to incur cash outlays through completion of the closure and environmental remediation process.
- (iii) Acquisition capital expenditures are acquisition related capital expenditures that are necessary to optimize strategic synergies associated with integrating newly acquired operations as contemplated by the discounted cash flow return analysis conducted by management as part of the acquisition investment decision. Acquisition related capital expenditures include costs required to achieve initial operating synergies and integrate operations.
- (iv) Cash outlays from acquisition activities are cash outlays for transaction and integration costs relating to specific acquisition transactions and include legal, environmental, valuation and consulting as well as asset, workforce and system integration costs as part of the Company's strategic growth initiative.
- (v) McKean Landfill rail capital expenditures are long-term infrastructure capital expenditures related to rail side development at the Company's landfill in Mount Jewett, PA ("McKean Landfill"), which is different from the landfill construction investments in the normal course of operations.
- (vi) Landfill capping charge veneer failure payment is the cash outlay associated with operating expenses incurred to clean up the affected capping material at the Company's landfill in Seneca, New York. Engineering analysis is currently underway to determine root causes and responsibility for the event.
- (1) We present non-GAAP liquidity measures such as Adjusted Free Cash Flow, Bank Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Funded Debt, Net and Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio that provide an understanding of the Company's liquidity because we consider them important supplemental measures of our liquidity that are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of our cash flow generation from our core operations that are then available to be deployed for strategic acquisitions, growth, investments, development projects, unusual landfill closures, site improvements and remediation, and strengthening our balance sheet through paying down debt. We also believe that identifying the impact of certain items as adjustments provides more transparency and comparability across periods. Management uses non-GAAP liquidity measures to further understand our cash flow provided by operating activities after certain expenditures along with our consolidated net leverage and believes that these measures demonstrate our ability to execute on our strategic initiatives. We believe that providing such non-GAAP liquidity measures to investors, in addition to corresponding cash flow statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing our liquidity using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and cash flow generation has performed.

