

## Industrial Resources Council

Improving Performance of Transportation Projects Using Industrial Materials

NC Sustainable  
Roadways Workshop  
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## Sustainable Highways

- Construction of transportation systems can significantly impact the environment.
- Environmental impact can be reduced through sensitive system design.
- Quality and cost can be maintained while meeting technical performance standards



## Drivers for Environmental Stewardship

- National and international focus on energy, climate change and sustainability
- National and state focus on waste reduction, pollution prevention, and recycling
- Escalating costs of energy, labor and materials
- Environmental effects of mining, processing and transporting materials

## FHWA Recycling Policy

- Recycling & Reuse can offer Engineering, Economic and Environmental Benefits
- Recycled materials should get first consideration in materials selection
- Engineering & environmental properties are important
- Life Cycle Costs assessment is helpful
- Restrictions on recycled material without technical basis should be removed

### Industrial Resources Council

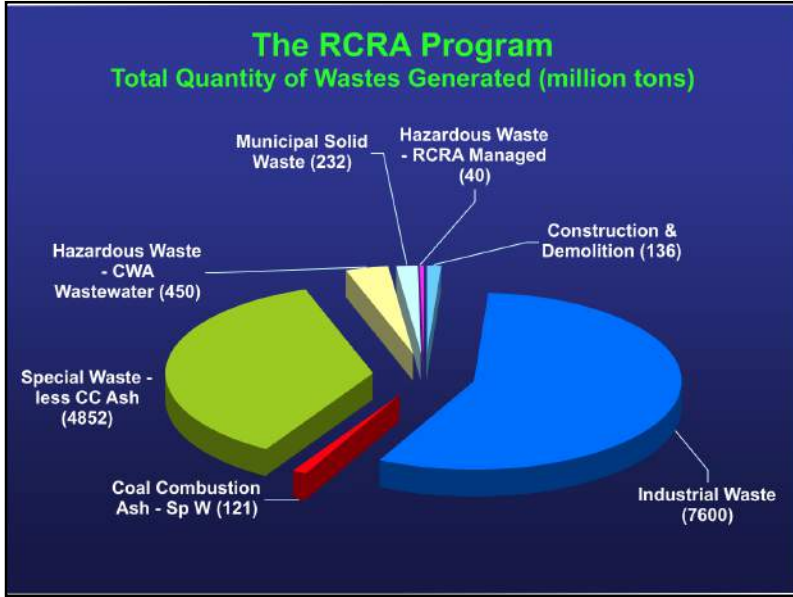
- A collaborative partnership working to develop markets for industrial materials
  - Goals:
    - Create awareness & increase understanding
    - Share technical & environmental information
    - Develop codes, standards, and regulatory guidance through organizational partnerships
  - National, regional and state workshops
- <http://www.industrialresourcescouncil.org/>

### How can the IRC help transportation Agencies?

- IRC is comprised of non-profit industry associations who spearhead their industry’s efforts on material utilization
  - American Coal Ash Association
  - Construction & Demolition Recycling Association
  - AFS- FIRST (Foundry Industry Recycling Starts Today)
  - National Council for Air & Stream Improvement
  - National Slag Association
  - Rubber Manufacturers Association

### Why should Agencies care about IRC materials?

- Material volumes are large
  - Less fragmented than Municipal Solid Waste
- Industrial materials can:
  - Provide comparable or better performance
  - Meet engineering standards
  - Save money
  - Help achieve sustainability goals



## Availability of IRC Materials

- Generation Rate:
  - CCPs
    - 122 million TPY
  - Steel Mill Residuals
    - 19.7 million TPY
  - Foundry Sands & Slags
    - 10 million TPY
  - Paper Mill Residuals, Boiler Ash & Others
    - 15 million TPY
  - Tires
    - 300 million tires/yr
  - Recycled Concrete
    - 180 million tons est.
    - 325 million total C&D
- Number of Facilities:
  - Power Plants: ~500
  - Steel Mills: ~130
  - Foundries: 2,800
  - Pulp & Paper Mills: ~430
  - Tires: Municipal, commercial & industrial generation points
  - Recycled Concrete: ~2,300

## Industrial Material Applications

- **Manufactured products**
  - Cement
  - Asphalt
  - Concrete pavement
  - Concrete products
    - Brick, block, mortars
  - Flowable fill/CLSM
- **Geotechnical applications**
  - Bases and subbases
  - Structural fills
  - Embankments
- **Soil amendments**
  - Manufactured topsoils
  - Rain gardens & swales
  - Mulches & composts

## "Greener" Roadways

**Sub-base Materials** using fly ash, bottom ash, iron and steel slags, recycled concrete, recycled asphalt or foundry sands

**Pavements** using concrete or asphalt containing coal ash, foundry sand, recycled concrete, asphalt shingles, or steel slags

**Embankments and Fills** using CCPs, steel slag, tires, recycled concrete or foundry sands

**Landscaping materials** using compost, foundry sands and other industrial materials

## Construction - Engineered Fill

## Asphalt



## Cement Manufacturing & Concrete Products



## Flowable Fill (CLSM)



## Specialty Soils & Landscaping Products







# Sustainable Materials Matrix

APPLICATIONS	MATERIALS						
	Recycled Concrete	Recycled Asphalt	Recycled Glass	Recycled Steel	Recycled Paper	Recycled Plastic	Recycled Rubber
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- Matches between Materials and Applications
- Downloadable PDF
- E-version provides additional details
- Work in progress
- FHWA wants your inputs!

# E-matrix

- How is material used in this application?
- How does it perform?
- Technical issues?
- QA/QC Issues?
- Environmental issues?
- Other Resources

# IRC, FHWA & DOT's

- Sustainable highways require efficient material management systems to account for embedded costs
- DOT leadership important
  - DOT's set construction standards
  - Most pavement miles controlled at county or local level
- Materials are often the highest cost in any construction project
  - Recovered materials can save dollars
  - Specifications should be performance-based, not material-based

# Working Together

- FHWA encourages support for a proposed project to build a robust web-based E-matrix
- FHWA webinar series:
  - <http://www.industrialresourcescouncil.org/Events/SustainableMaterialsWebinars/>
- National & regional workshops:
  - September 17, 2014, Raleigh, NC with NCDOT
  - December 3, 2014, Columbus, OH with OHDOT

## For More Information

American Coal Ash Association  
[www.aaa-usa.org](http://www.aaa-usa.org)



Construction & Demolition  
Recycling Association  
[www.cdrecycling.org](http://www.cdrecycling.org)  
[www.concreterecycling.org](http://www.concreterecycling.org)



AFS-FIRST, Inc.  
[www.foundryrecycling.org](http://www.foundryrecycling.org)



## For More Information

National Council for Air & Stream  
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[www.NCASI.org](http://www.NCASI.org)

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National Slag Association  
[www.nationalslag.org](http://www.nationalslag.org)



Rubber Manufacturers Association  
[www.rma.org](http://www.rma.org)

