# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 3, 2007

# Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **000-23211** (Commission File Number)

25 Greens Hill Lane Rutland, Vermont (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **03-0338873** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> **05701** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (802) 775-0325

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 5, 2007, Casella Waste Systems, Inc. announced its financial results for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, ended October 31, 2007. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

#### Departure of Certain Officers

On December 3, 2007, Richard A. Norris, the Company's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, informed the Company of his intention to retire, effective in January 2008.

A press release related to the retirement of Mr. Norris is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit as it relates to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press release dated December 5, 2007.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 5, 2007

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Richard A. Norris</u> Richard A. Norris Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press release dated December 5, 2007.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2008 RESULTS

RUTLAND, VERMONT (December 5, 2007) – Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CWST), a regional solid waste, recycling, and resource management services company, today reported financial results for the second quarter of its 2008 fiscal year.

#### Second Quarter Financial Results

For the quarter ended October 31, 2007, the company reported revenues of \$151.4 million, up \$8.9 million, or 6.2 percent over the same quarter last year. The company's net income available to common shareholders was \$2.8 million, or \$0.11 per common share, compared to net income of \$1.5 million, or \$0.06 per share in the same quarter last year. Operating income for the quarter was \$15.3 million, up \$0.7 million over the same quarter last year. Cash provided by operating activities in the quarter was \$15.8 million, down \$5.4 million compared to the same quarter last year. The company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)\* was \$35.5 million, up \$1.8 million, or 5.3 percent from the same quarter last year.

The after-tax loss from discontinued operations of \$0.3 million includes the divestiture of the Buffalo, NY transfer station, hauling operation and related equipment in the second quarter of fiscal 2008 and the divestiture of the Holliston transfer station in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. The after-tax loss on the disposal of discontinued operations for the divestiture of the Buffalo operations was \$0.4 million. Excluding these non-recurring charges, the net income for the quarter amounted to \$3.5 million, or \$0.14 per common share.

The company said its GreenFiber unit continues to be severely impacted by the slowdown in the housing market. GreenFiber's net income was down \$4.2 million compared to the same quarter last year, resulting in an after tax impact for the company's 50% ownership of negative \$0.05 per share.

The second quarter of fiscal 2007 included the final accounting for the completion of the Brockton landfill closure project. The adjustments included the reversing of deferred revenues at Brockton adding \$2.1 million of revenue, partially offset by capping and closure accruals, resulting in operating income of \$0.7 million and EBITDA of \$1.7 million. Excluding this one-time gain in the second quarter last year, EBITDA was up \$3.5 million or 10.9 percent over the same quarter last year.

#### Six Months Financial Results

For the six months ended October 31, 2007, the Company reported revenues of \$301.4 million. The Company's net income per common share was \$0.18. Operating income for the six month period was \$29.1 million. Cash provided by operating activities for the period was \$35.7 million. The Company's EBITDA was \$69.3 million for the six month period.

#### Highlights of the Quarter

"During the second quarter we made great progress towards the development, operations, and divestiture goals that we outlined early this fiscal year," John W. Casella, chairman and chief executive officer, said. "Our people are committed to achieving this plan, which focuses on cost reductions and profitable revenue growth, to increase shareholder returns and generate free cash flow to repay debt."

"The most notable achievements during the quarter were the 151,200 ton per year permit expansion at the Hakes landfill; the 305,700 ton per year permit expansion at the Ontario landfill; and the substantial completion of our divestiture program with the sale of the non-strategic Buffalo operations," Casella said. "With the annual permit expansions at the Hakes and Ontario landfills, we have achieved roughly one-half of our targeted goal to increase annual landfill capacity."

"The economy remains quite soft in the northeastern U.S.," Casella said. "Our pricing programs and robust commodity pricing, along with our efforts to reduce costs through increased productivity, realigning markets, and more efficient purchasing, have helped to offset much of the economic drag."

#### **Company's Chief Financial Officer to Retire in January 2008**

The Company announced today that Richard A. Norris, the company's senior vice president, chief financial officer & treasurer, has advised the company that he plans to retire in January of 2008. Mr. Norris will continue to work with the company on a consulting basis to ensure a successful transition.

"Over the past seven and a half years Richard has built a first-class financial organization and his contributions will continue long after his retirement," Casella said. "Richard's intelligence, ethics, and commitment to our people and our shareholders symbolize our company's culture and will endure with the talented finance team at Casella."

#### \*Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial results prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), we also disclose free cash flow and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), which are non-GAAP measures.

These measures are provided because we understand that certain investors use this information when analyzing the financial position of companies in the solid waste industry, including us. Historically, these measures have been key in comparing operating efficiency of publicly traded companies in the solid waste industry, and assist investors in measuring our ability to meet capital expenditure and working capital requirements. For these reasons we utilize these non-GAAP metrics to measure our performance at all levels. These measures do not represent, and should not be considered as alternatives to cash provided by operating activities as determined in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, these measures do not necessarily indicate whether cash flow will be sufficient for such items as working capital or capital expenditures, or to react to changes in our industry or to the economy generally. Because these measures are not calculated by all companies in the same fashion, they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Casella Waste Systems, headquartered in Rutland, Vermont, provides solid waste management services consisting of collection, transfer, disposal, and recycling services primarily in the eastern United States.

For further information, contact Richard Norris, chief financial officer; Ned Coletta, director of investor relations at (802) 775-0325, or visit the Company's website at http://www.casella.com.

The Company will host a conference call to discuss these results on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. ET. Individuals interested in participating in the call should dial (888) 349-9587 at least 10 minutes before start time. The call will also be webcast; to listen, participants should visit Casella Waste Systems' website at http://www.casella.com and follow the appropriate link to the webcast. A replay of the call will be available on the company's website, or by calling (719) 457-0820 or (888) 203-1112 (conference code #2977424), until 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

Certain matters discussed in this press release are "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such by the context of the statements, including words such as the Company "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "may," "will," "would," "intends," "estimates" and other similar expressions, whether in the negative or affirmative. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements made. Such forward-looking statements, and all phases of our operations, involve a number of risks and uncertainties, any one or more of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in our forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include or relate to, among other things: we may be unable to reduce costs sufficiently to achieve estimated EBITDA and other targets; anticipated revenue may not materialize; landfill operations and permit status may be affected by factors outside our control, continuing weakness in general economic conditions and poor weather conditions may affect our revenues; we may be required to incur capital expenditures in excess of our estimates; and fluctuations in the commodity pricing of our recyclables may make it more difficult for us to predict our results of operations or meet our estimates. There are a number of other important risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, those detailed in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2007. We

# CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS Unaudited (In thousands, except amounts per share)

	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended				
	Oc	tober 31, 2006	0	ctober 31, 2007	0	ctober 31, 2006	0	ctober 31, 2007
Revenues	\$	142,505	\$	151,395	\$	280,798	\$	301,440
Operating expenses:								
Cost of operations (1) (2)		89,890		96,928		181,199		195,075
General and administration (1)		18,944		18,996		39,361		37,110
Depreciation and amortization		19,048		20,174		36,743		40,123
•		127,882		136,098		257,303		272,308
Operating income		14,623		15,297		23,495		29,132
Other expense/(income), net:								
Interest expense, net (3)		9,276		10,872		18,267		21,571
Loss (income) from equity method investments		(867)		1,487		(990)		3,638
Other (income) expense (2)		(248)		35		(302)		(2,361)
		8,161		12,394		16,975		22,848
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and discontinued								
operations		6,462		2,903		6,520		6,284
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		3,726		(638)		3,394		464
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Income from continuing operations before discontinued operations		2,736		3,541		3,126		5,820
Discontinued Operations:								
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes $(4)(5)$		(346)		(274)		(790)		(811)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes (5)				(437)				(437)
Net income		2,390		2,830		2,336		4,572
Preferred stock dividend		892				1,772		
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Net income available to common stockholders	\$	1,498	\$	2,830	\$	564	\$	4,572
Common stock and common stock equivalent shares outstanding, assuming full dilution		25,510		25,652		25,667		25,592
Net income per common share	\$	0.06	\$	0.11	\$	0.02	\$	0.18
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EBITDA (6)	\$	33,671	\$	35,471	\$	60,238	\$	69,255

# CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS Unaudited (In thousands)

	April 30, 2007		(	October 31, 2007		
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,366	\$	2,168		
Restricted cash	+	73	+	94		
Accounts receivable - trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts		61,246		65,879		
Other current assets		21,115		30,486		
Total current assets		94,800		98,627		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		483,277		487,034		
Goodwill		171,735		171,336		
Intangible assets, net		2,217		1,923		
Restricted cash		12,734		13,078		
Investments in unconsolidated entities		49,969		46,533		
Other non-current assets		19,361		13,515		
Total assets	\$	834,093	\$	832,046		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
CURRENT LIABILITIES:						
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	1,215	\$	2,067		
Current maturities of capital lease obligations		1,104		827		
Series A redeemable, convertible preferred stock (3)		74,018				
Accounts payable		51,440		48,396		
Other accrued liabilities		60,375		58,316		
Total current liabilities		188,152		109,606		
Long-term debt, less current maturities		476,225		547,751		
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities		650		379		
Other long-term liabilities		39,570		38,516		
Stockholders' equity		129,496		135,794		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	834,093	\$	832,046		

# CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Unaudited (In thousands)

	Six Months Ended				
	October 31, 2006	October 31, 2007			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:					
Net income	\$ 2,336	\$ 4,572			
Loss from discontinued operations, net	790	811			
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net		437			
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities - Depreciation and					
amortization	36,743	40,123			
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations	3,861	3,348			
Income from assets under contractual obligation (2)	—	(1,367)			
Preferred stock dividend	_	1,038			
Maine Energy settlement	—	(2,142)			
Loss (income) from equity method investments	(990)	3,638			
Gain on sale of equipment	(439)	(418)			
Stock-based compensation	321	505			
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options	(141)	(16)			
Deferred income taxes	1,077	691			
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures	(3,269)	(15,582)			
	37,163	29,818			
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	40,289	35,638			
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,034)	(93)			
Additions to property, plant and equipment - growth	(18,220)	(7,965)			
- maintenance	(41,183)	(35,025)			
Payments on landfill operating lease contracts	(2,033)	(2,413)			
Restricted cash from revenue bond issuance	5,535	—			
Other	858	2,554			
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(56,077)	(42,942)			
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	188,900	221,605			
Principal payments on long-term debt	(171,097)	(149,775)			
Redemption of Series A redeemable, convertible preferred stock	—	(75,057)			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	900	286			
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options	141	16			
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	18,844	(2,925)			
Cash Provided by (Used in) Discontinued Operations	(1,741)	31			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,315	(10,198)			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	7,429	12,366			
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 8,744	\$ 2,168			

#### CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Unaudited (In thousands)

Note 1: The Company has made reclassifications in the Company's Statements of Operations to conform prior year information with the Company's current period presentation. During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007, the Company began recording personnel costs associated with engineering and permitting activities as a cost of operations where previously these costs had been recorded as general and administration. This resulted in costs reclassified amounting to \$458 and \$924 for the three months and six months ended October 31, 2006, respectively.

Note 2: The Company has made reclassifications in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to conform information for six months ended October 31, 2007 to the Company's current period presentation. During the quarter ended October 31, 2007, the Company began classifying income from assets under contractual obligation as a component of operating income where previously this income had been recorded as other income. This resulted in income reclassified amounting to \$738 for the six months ended October 31, 2007.

Note 3: The Company's Series A redeemable, convertible preferred stock ("Series A preferred) contained a mandatory redemption provision effective August 11, 2007. As the Company did not anticipate that the Series A preferred would be converted to Class A Common Stock by the redemption date, the Company reflected the redemption value of the Series A preferred as a current liability at April 30, 2007. Consistent with this presentation, the Company has recorded the Series A preferred dividend as interest expense in the three and six months ended October 31, 2007. The Series A preferred was redeemed effective August 11, 2007 at an aggregate redemption price of \$75,057.

Note 4: The company divested the assets of the Holliston Transfer Station ("Holliston Transfer") during the quarter ended April 30, 2007. The transaction required discontinued operations treatment under SFAS No. 144, therefore the operating results of Holliston Transfer have been reclassified from continuing to discontinued operations for the three and six months ended October 31, 2006.

Note 5: The company divested its Buffalo, N.Y. transfer station, hauling operation and related equipment during the quarter ended October 31, 2007. The transaction required discontinued operations treatment under SFAS No. 144, therefore the operating results of these operations have been reclassified from continuing to discontinued operations for the three and six months ended October 31, 2006 and 2007.

## Note 6: Non - GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial results prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), we also disclose EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization) and Free Cash Flow, which are non-GAAP measures.

These measures are provided because we understand that certain investors use this information when analyzing the financial position of the solid waste industry, including us. Historically, these measures have been key in comparing operating efficiency of publicly traded companies within the industry, and assist investors in measuring our ability to meet capital expenditure and working capital requirements. For these reasons, we utilize these non-GAAP metrics to measure our performance at all levels. These measures do not represent, and should not be considered as alternatives to net cash provided by operating activities as determined in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, these measures do not necessarily indicate whether cash flow will be sufficient for such items as working capital or capital expenditures, or to react to changes in our industry or to the economy generally. Because these measures are not calculated by all companies in the same fashion, they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

## Following is a reconciliation of EBITDA to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>					Six Months Ended			
	October 31, 2006 October 31, 2007		October 31, 2006		00	tober 31, 2007			
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	21,168	\$	15,771	\$	40,289	\$	35,638	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and									
divestitures		3,847		10,337		3,269		15,582	
Deferred income taxes		(2,212)		165		(1,077)		(691)	
Stock-based compensation		(187)		(289)		(321)		(505)	
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options		_		16		141		16	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		3,726		(638)		3,394		464	
Interest expense, net		9,276		10,872		18,267		21,571	
Preferred stock dividend		—		(113)		—		(1,038)	
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		(1,937)		(1,491)		(3,861)		(3,348)	
Income from assets under contractual obligations				629				1,367	
Gain on sale of equipment		183		177		439		418	
Other income		(193)		35		(302)		(219)	
EBITDA	\$	33,671	\$	35,471	\$	60,238	\$	69,255	

# CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Unaudited (In thousands)

# Following is a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

		Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended				
		October 31, 2006		October 31, 2007		October 31, 2006		0	2007 ctober 31,
EBITDA		\$	33,671	\$	35,471	\$	60,238	\$	69,255
Add (deduct):	Cash interest		(12,460)		(14,558)		(15,579)		(19,326)
	Capital expenditures		(27,389)		(20,642)		(59,403)		(42,990)
	Cash taxes		(936)		(1,459)		(1,592)		(1,770)
	Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		1,937		1,491		3,861		3,348
	Change in working capital, adjusted for non-cash items		(1,164)		(1,936)		(5,145)		(9,881)
FREE CASH FLO	DW		(6,341)		(1,633)		(17,620)		(1,364)
Add (deduct):	Capital expenditures		27,389		20,642		59,403		42,990
	Other		120		(3,238)		(1,494)		(5,988)
Net Cash Provide	d by Operating Activities	\$	21,168	\$	15,771	\$	40,289	\$	35,638

## CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL DATA TABLES (Unaudited) (In thousands)

# Amounts of the Company's total revenues attributable to services provided are as follows:

		Three Months Ended October 31,			Six Months Ended October 31,					
		2006		2007	2006			2007		
Collection	\$	\$ 68,539		\$ 69,178		136,852	\$	138,331		
Landfill / disposal facilities		30,031		30,031 28,966		28,966		58,407	58,169	
Transfer		6,559		7,691		13,826		15,038		
Recycling		37,376		45,560		71,713		89,902		
Total revenues	\$	142,505	\$	151,395	\$	280,798	\$	301,440		

Components of revenue growth for the three months ended October 31, 2007 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2006:

		Percentage
Solid Waste Operations (1)	Price	0.1%
	Volume	-0.9%
	Solid waste commodity price and volume	0.4%
Total growth - Solid Waste Opera	tions	-0.4%
FCR Operations (1)	Price	26.2%
	Volume	2.6%
Total growth - FCR Operations		28.8%
Rollover effect of acquisitions (as	s a percentage of total revenues)	0.4%
Total revenue growth		6.2%

(1) - Calculated as a percentage of segment revenues.

#### Solid Waste Internalization Rates by Region:

	Three Month October		Six Months October	
	2006 (1)	2007	2006 (1)	2007
North Eastern region	57.8%	61.6%	57.6%	59.0%
South Eastern region	29.7%	29.8%	28.4%	28.0%
Central region	76.2%	82.8%	77.6%	79.0%
Western region	57.1%	60.0%	57.4%	60.5%
Solid Waste internalization	58.5%	62.1%	58.6%	60.2%

(1) Internalization rates for the three and six months ended October 31, 2006 have been revised to exclude the activity associated with the Holliston Transfer Station as well as Buffalo Hauling and Buffalo Transfer. The Company divested the assets of the Holliston Transfer Starion during the quarter ended April 30, 2007. The Company divested the Buffalo operations during the quarter ended October 31, 2007.

### US GreenFiber (50% owned) Financial Statistics:

	Three Months Ended October 31,					hs Ended er 31,	
	 2006 2007			2006		2007	
Revenues	\$ 52,094	\$	6 41,995		96,490	\$	75,494
Net Income	2,370		(1,816)		2,784		(5,409)
Cash flow from operations	1,619		3,580		9,798		3,580
Net working capital changes	(3,544)		2,481		1,936		3,231
EBITDA	\$ 5,163	\$	1,099	\$	7,862	\$	349
As a percentage of revenue:							
Net income	4.5%	'n	-4.3%	, )	2.9%	, 0	-7.2%

Net income	4.5%	-4.3%	2.9%	-7.2%
EBITDA	9.9%	2.6%	8.1%	0.5%

# Components of Growth versus Maintenance Capital Expenditures (1):

	Three Months Ended October 31,					Six Months Ended October 31,			
		2006		2007		2006		2007	
Growth Capital Expenditures:									
Landfill Development	\$	5,461	\$		\$	11,483	\$	5,123	
MRF Equipment Upgrades		2,412		194		3,257		329	
Other		1,859		1,141		3,480		2,513	
Total Growth Capital Expenditures		9,732		1,335		18,220		7,965	
Maintenance Capital Expenditures:									
Vehicles, Machinery / Equipment and Containers		4,941		3,484		18,514		8,151	
Landfill Construction & Equipment		11,474		11,366		19,551		20,722	
Facilities		982		3,940		2,021		5,253	
Other		260		517		1,097		899	
Total Maintenance Capital Expenditures		17,657		19,307		41,183		35,025	
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Total Capital Expenditures	\$	27,389	\$	20,642	\$	59,403	\$	42,990	

(1) The Company's capital expenditures are broadly defined as pertaining to either growth or maintenance activities. Growth capital expenditures are defined as costs related to development of new airspace, permit expansions, new recycling contracts along with incremental costs of equipment and infrastructure added to further such activities. Growth capital expenditures include the cost of equipment added directly as a result of new business as well as expenditures associated with increasing infrastructure to increase throughput at transfer stations and recycling facilities. Growth capital expenditures also include those outlays associated with acquiring landfill operating leases, which do not meet the operating lease payment definition, but which were included as a commitment in the successful bid. Maintenance 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.