

# Site Visit to San Francisco



# Introduction to SF Environment

- Created by the Commission on the Environment in 1993
- In 2000, the Department had eight employees
- Grown to nearly 100



***SF Environment***

**Our home. Our city. Our planet.**

A Department of the City and County of San Francisco



# Participants



**Detroiters  
Working for  
Environmental  
Justice**



# Recognition



- **Director Deborah Raphael**



# Learning Firsthand from SF Environment



# Education and Implementation

**COMPOST**  
廚餘和污紙      DESECHOS Y PAPEL SUCIO



Hey SF businesses, make your own compost sign!

CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN SIGN:  
[SFEvironment.org/signmaker](http://SFEvironment.org/signmaker)



# Recycling system as a job creator



- Environment NOW: Green Careers
- Recology employs 1,050 people



# Touring recycling facilities



- **80% of all trash is diverted from landfills in San Francisco**
- **Over 1.59 Million Tons**



# Sorting Operation



# Scope of the Recology Program



# Touring the SF Water Department



# Facing many of the same issues as Detroit



- Combined sewer and storm water system
- Mature systems

# Results so far

- Department of Public Works contracts with Zero Waste and Green Living Science approved
- Fee for recycling bins waved for residents who attend class by DPW
- PSA developed to encourage city wide recycling with Council President Brenda Jones
- Zero Waste Subcommittee created in the Green Task Force by Zero Waste Detroit



Green = Greenback\$ and it's fun



