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## **WM Completes Approximately \$23 Million in Upgrades to Automate the WM Pittsburgh Recycling Facility**

**PITTSBURGH, PENN. – May 15, 2024** – WM today announced the completion of close to \$23 million in automation updates to its Pittsburgh Recycling Facility. The updated facility is expected to be able to process up to 25 tons of material per hour.

“WM is excited about the opportunities these upgrades bring to our facility and recyclers across the region,” said Chris Pilzer, Capitol Area Director of Sustainable Growth. “This retrofit utilizes state-of-the-art equipment that focuses on artificial intelligence and optical sorting technologies that are expected to increase the amount of recycling we can process on behalf of local communities and businesses. It also expands our roster of acceptable materials and creates a higher-quality product for our end users.”

These technological advancements are expected to allow the upgraded facility to:

- Recycle more types of plastics, including polypropylene plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs
- Utilize intelligent sorting where conveyors and optical sorters communicate with each other and with technicians to improve material quality
- Include an additional optical sort line that serves as a final quality control measure for any recyclables not initially captured.

This project is part of WM’s previously announced enterprise-wide plans to invest over \$1 billion in new and upgraded recycling facilities across North America from 2022 to 2026, which is expected to add approximately 2.5 million tons of incremental annual processing capacity by the end of 2026. With the demand for recycled content products anticipated to rise, these planned investments are expected to enable WM to capture more recycled materials and increase access to recycling for its customers.

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