



Dump the Dumpster!
Go **SUTERA** In-Ground!

2024 Summary for Middlesex-Centre’s Dog Waste Diversion Program with SUTERA

Number of Containers in use:	7
2024 weights captured:	3,228 kgs
All <u>Middlesex-Centre</u> weights captured to date:	5,018 kgs
Overall weights captured in the <u>Province of Ontario</u> to date:	520,980 kgs
2024 Total number of <u>Middlesex-Centre</u> container services	42

	Tonnes of CO2 removed from the atmosphere	Homes powered for a year	Equivalent # of cars off the road for a year	# of times containers were used	Eliminated # of hand-picked waste bins
2024	0.09	1.89	0.07	20,333	142
Total to date	0.14	2.94	0.11	31,608	221
Ontario total	14.39	302.19	11.58	3,281,612	22,971

WHY OUR EFFORTS TOGETHER ARE SO IMPORTANT:

- ▶ Improving how dog waste is captured and collected creates clean and healthy shared spaces that improves the quality of life for everyone – dog owners and non-dog owners alike.
- ▶ Dog ownership in Canada is rising (up 28% from 2014) and is growing 2.5 times faster compared to the human population; and since COVID, dog ownership has further increased between 30-70%.
- ▶ A population of 8.2 million dogs (est. Canada), generates over 1.5 million tonnes of feces per year.
- ▶ Dog waste poses significant human health hazards. A dog will produce more bacteria from its feces than a human, cow and horse combined! (The USEPA classifies dog waste the same as oil and toxic chemicals).
- ▶ 30% of total measured bacteria and 76% of total phosphorus within urban receiving watersheds can be directly attributed to dog feces and, as a runoff pollutant it has serious impacts on fish communities.
- ▶ Consistent with Provincial mandates on landfill diversion and the reduction of GHG’s.
- ▶ Encourages increased recycling and new projects/technologies that recover the value of waste.
- ▶ Every 1,000,000 kgs diverted generates about 7 full-time jobs, \$360,000 in wages and \$700,000 in GDP.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of SUTERA, our partners, and all the communities benefiting from your participation – we look forward to having an even greater impact in 2025.