

The Bike Diversion Project

A Collaboration between the Bridge City Bicycle Co-op and
the City of Saskatoon's Landfill Operations



Bridge City Bicycle Co-op

Vision: Everyone having access to a bicycle.

BCBC History

- BCBC registered officially in 2012
 - Bike stand at the Farmer's Market
- Shop in CNYC since 2014
- Shop has bikes, parts, tools, workstands, and volunteers on hand to help build, fix, or tune-up bikes

Bike Diversion Pilot Project

- 2016 - City of Saskatoon Partnership - City Council approved agreement with the Landfill
- Grant from the Better Good for the Storage Container
- 2016 – Bike diversion volunteer shifts begin

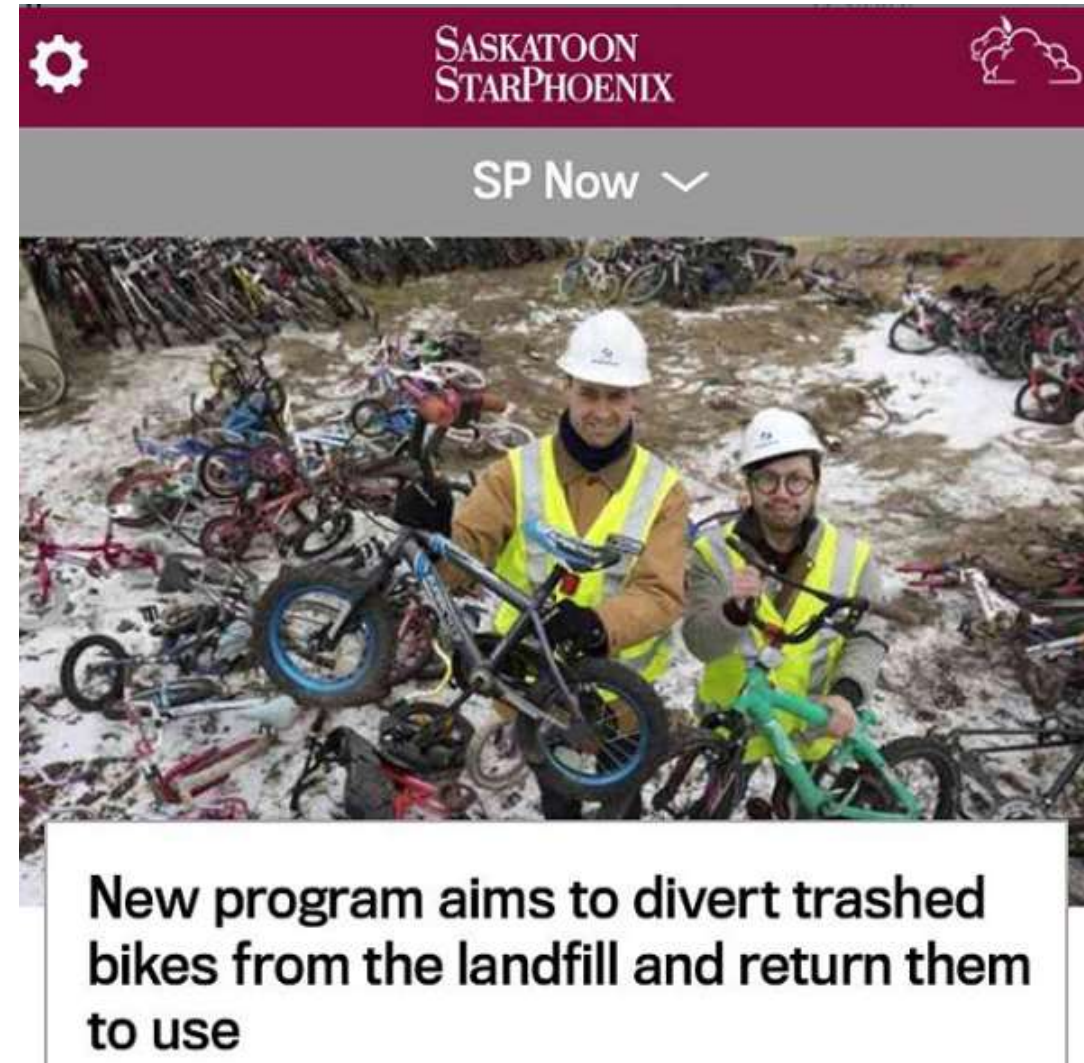


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How it works

- Self-haulers dropping off bikes at the Landfill are directed by Landfill staff to the designated/segregated bike area
- BCBC volunteers triage and organize the bikes at the Landfill on Sunday shifts as required
- Usable bikes/parts from the Landfill are brought back to the BCBC by BCBC volunteers
- Desirable bikes are fixed at the shop and are distributed back into the community by BCBC members

Bicycle Triage



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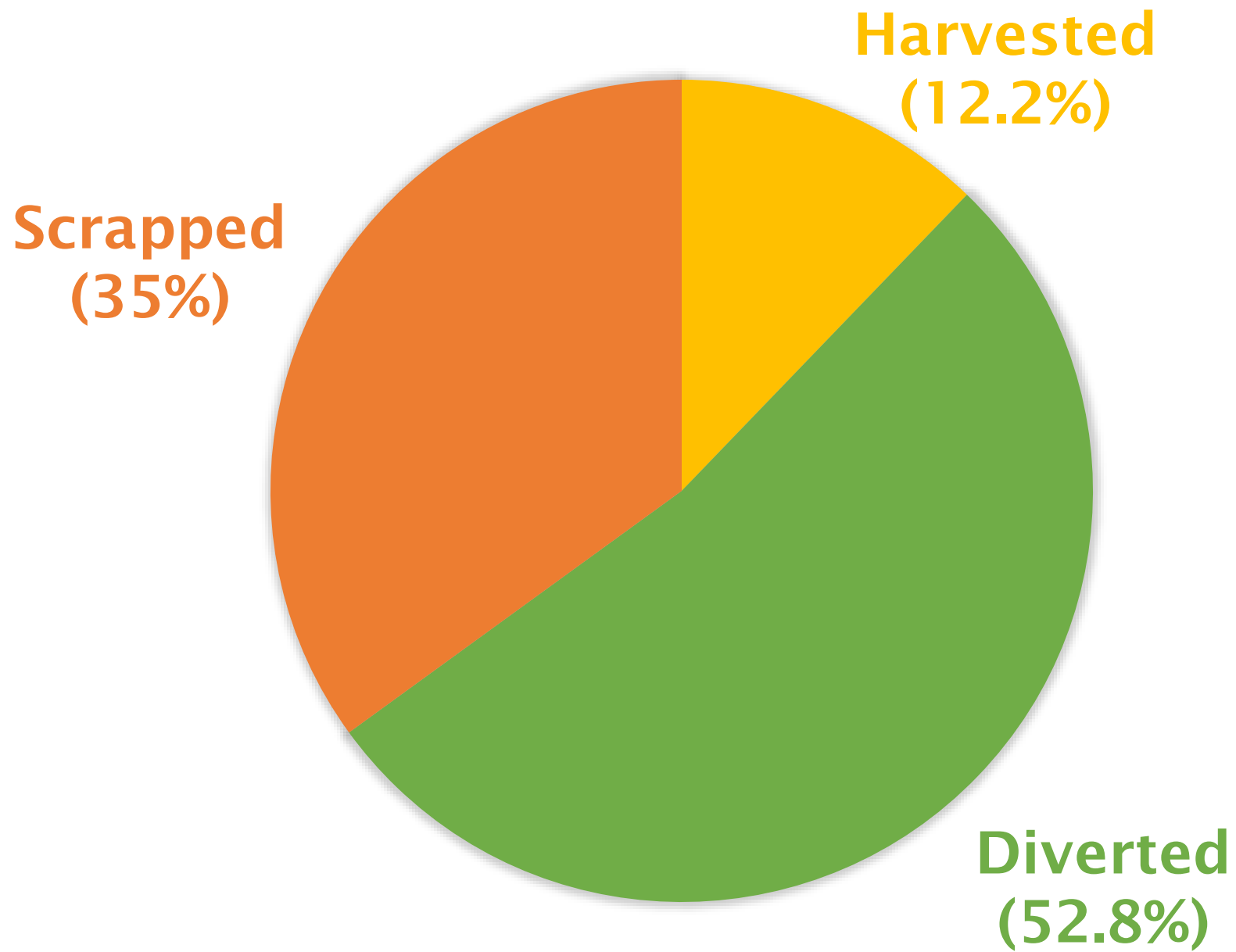
Bicycle Triage

Bike Repair Matrix		Bike Quality		
		High	Mid	Low
Bike Condition	Good	Repair	Repair	Repair
	Fair	Repair	Harvest	Harvest
	Poor	Harvest	Harvest	Scrap

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*Scrapped: sent to metal recycler

Diverted Bikes



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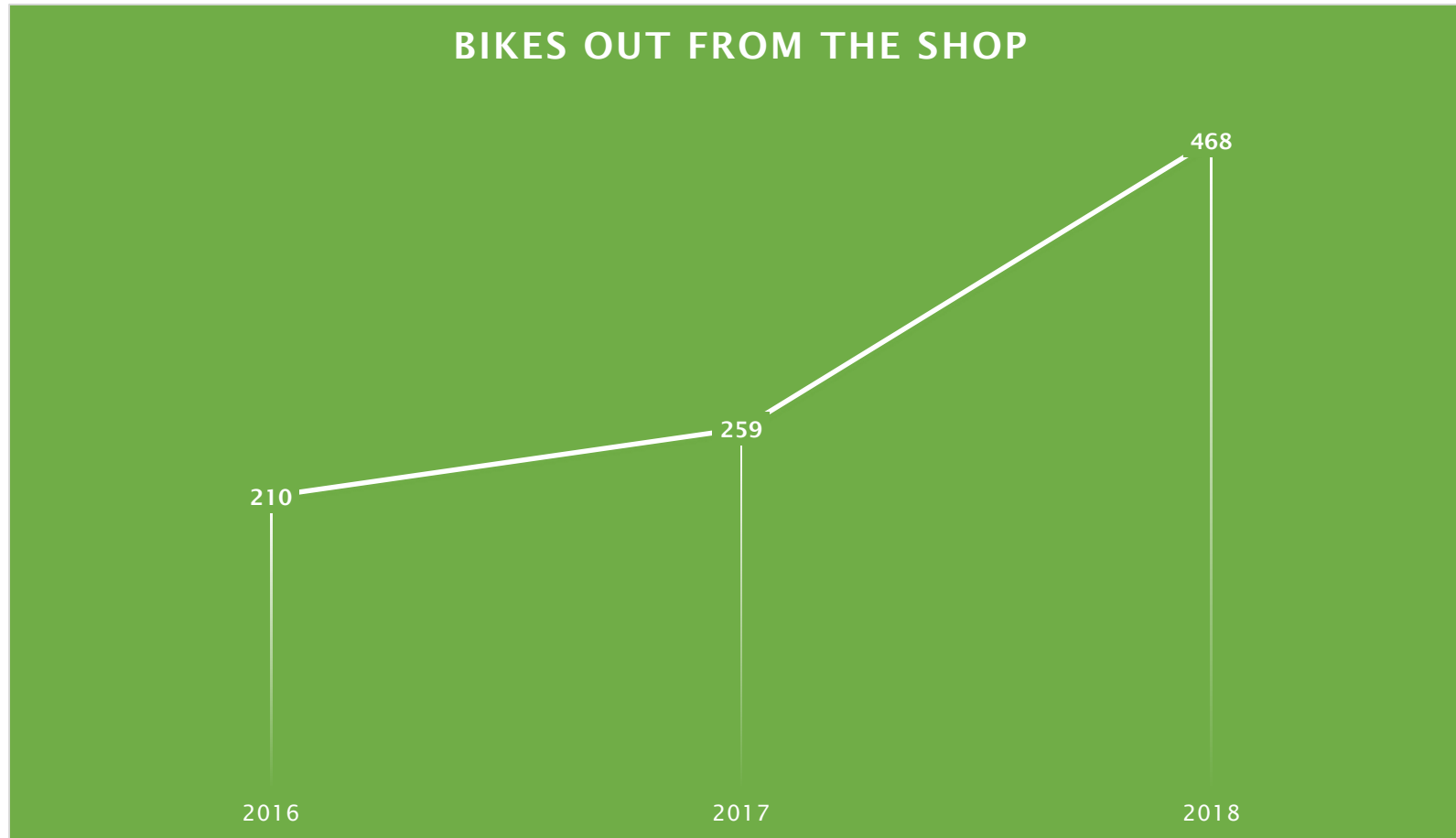


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Bikes at the BCBC

- Shop is for BCBC members
 - Adult memberships (18+) are \$20 or 2 hours of volunteering.
 - Children memberships are free
- Every BCBC child member is entitled to 1 free bike per year.
- Adult bikes are pay-what-you-can (or more volunteer hours in lieu of payment)
- Ready-to-ride Bike Sales priced to sell

From “trash” to road-worthy



*Records most accurate for 2018

Bottlenecks

- 193 Bikes in storage at landfill
 - + whatever is already at the shop
 - ~10 shop hours/week
 - 1-4 volunteer mechanics per shift
 - 1-4 hours per bike to become road-worthy
- 20+(++) weeks of bike backlog

Successes



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Successes

Bikes give Syrian refugees opportunity to explore city

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Stan Yu helps with some repairs at the Bridge City Bike Coop on Saturday, April 16th, 2016. The BCBC has been flooded with Syrian families looking for bikes. LIAM RICHARDS / SASKATOON STARPHOENIX

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Thank you!



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