

We CAN SORT IT

In partnership with  **Frog Hollow**
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE 2

Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House is part of the Hastings Sunrise Community Food Network and is a community organization in East Vancouver, which offers & provides multiple services and programs for children, families, senior groups, and immigrants. 2

WHY IT MATTERS

THE ISSUE

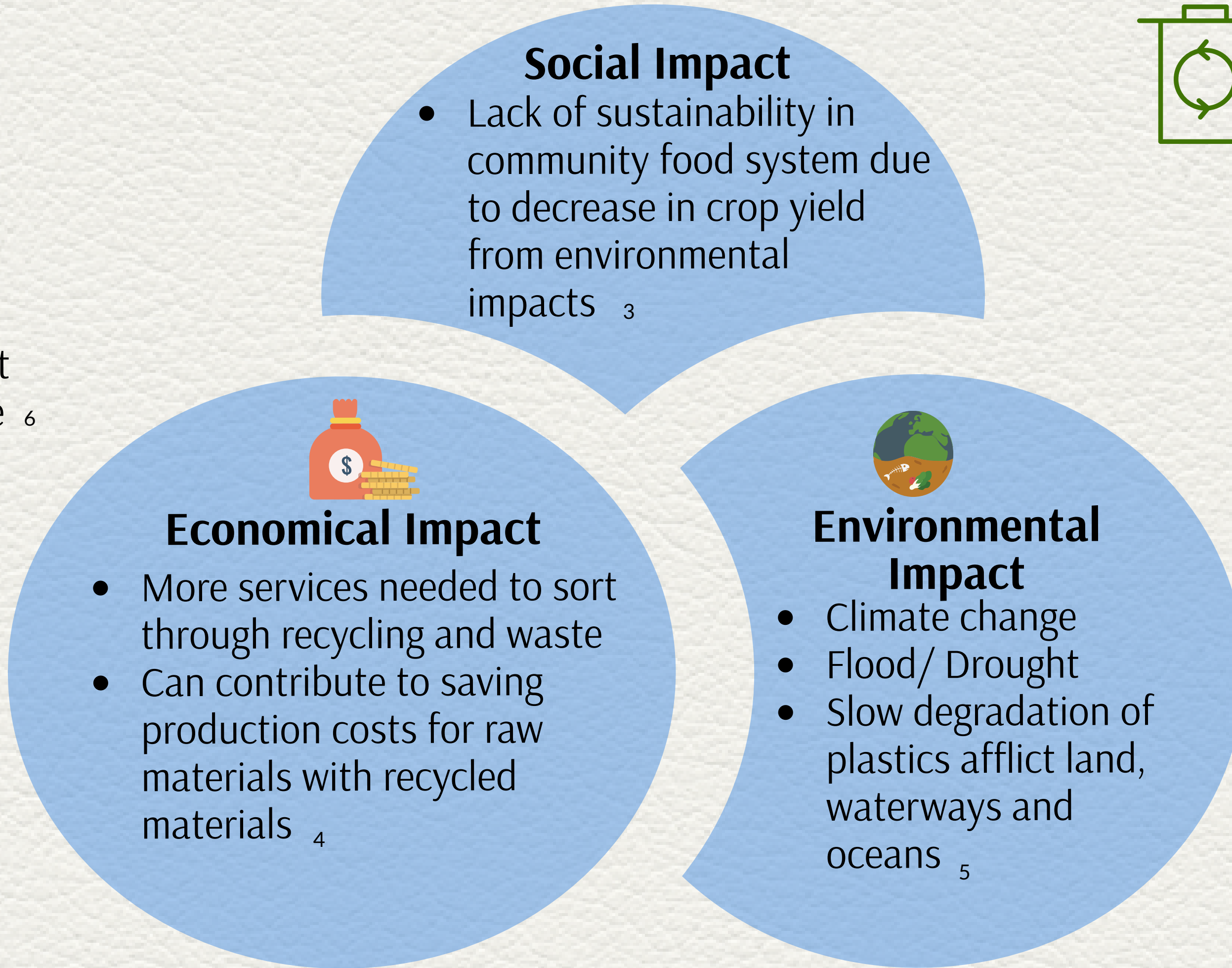
- Challenge of incorrect sorting of recycling, compost and waste materials & inconsistent signage throughout the House 6



- Resulted in most of the House's waste being disposed into the landfill

THE OBJECTIVE

- Implement changes to improve the House's current waste disposal system & educate staff on the three impacts to result in better sorting of items



THE APPROACH

Site Visit

- Observed the waste sorting process at the house
- Developed a presentation for the staff on proper waste disposal & its impacts

Data Collection

- Surveyed 21 staff members*** on the waste handling process on March 6th
- Conducted **two waste audits**:
 - On March 6th, the day of the presentation
 - On March 20th, two weeks after the presentation

Improve the Current Signage System

- Upgraded the signs of the bins on March 6th to be consistent throughout the House:
 - increased the font size
 - decreased the amount of text
 - used more images

Data Analysis

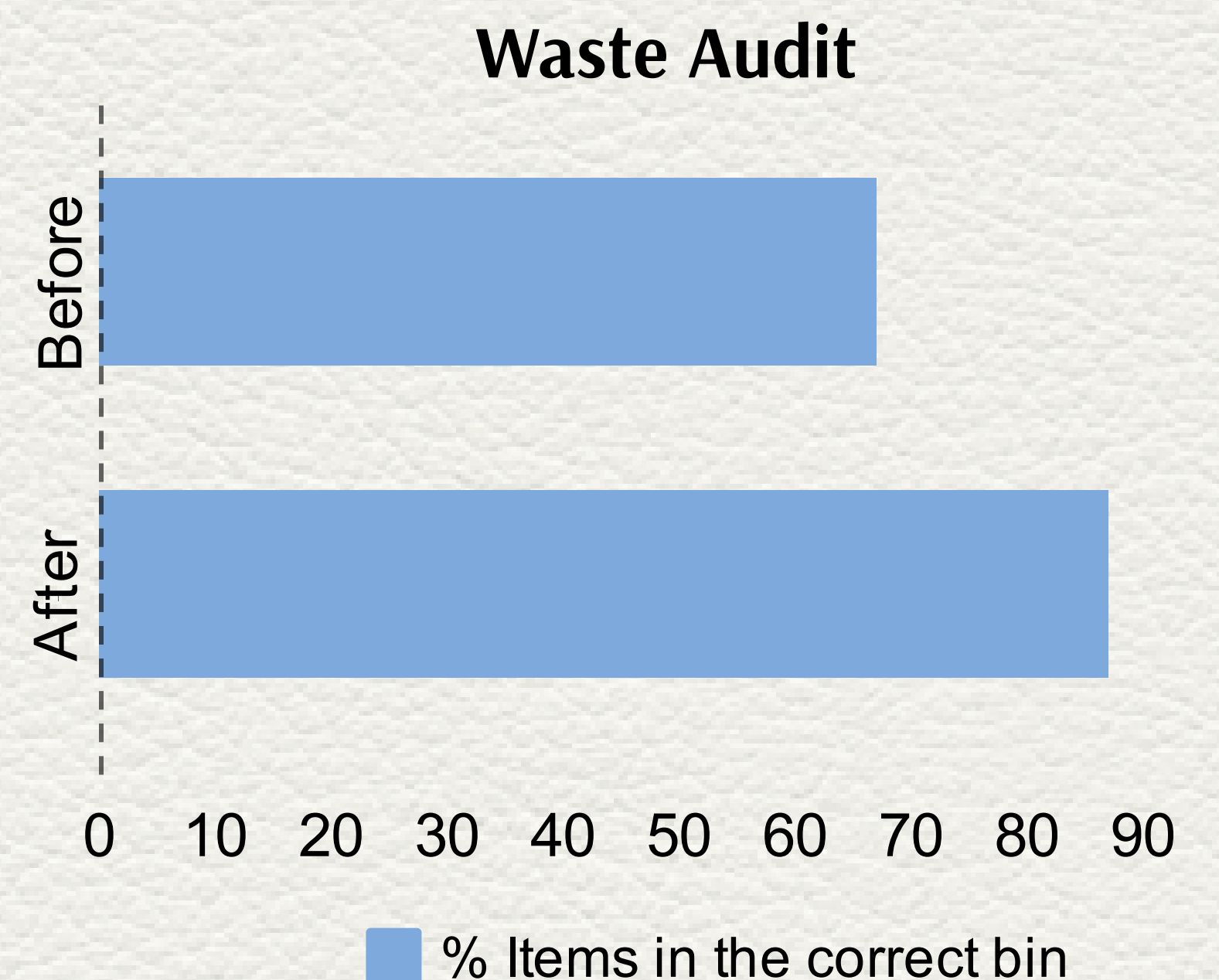
- Analyzed & compared the two waste audits' results
- Analyzed the survey's results

* not statistically significant

WHAT WE FOUND

12 staff members agreed that the **new signage** is sufficient in directing a proper waste system

9 staff members thought that **education** is necessary to instill good disposal habits



TAKE HOME MESSAGE

With frequent waste audits & continuation of education for the staff and community, we **CAN** reduce garbage in the landfill!



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