

July, 2015

# Biosolids Resource Recovery Monthly Report

**NUTRIENTS and CARBON RECYCLING**

**FARMING**  
  
Provides carbon and nutrients valued at \$300.00 per acre.

**SILVICULTURE**  
  
Increases yield and improves sustainability.

**RECLAMATION**  
  
Restoring meads to their natural state and providing wildlife habitats.

**URBAN RESTORATION**  
  
Grow trees and reduce runoff.

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**GREEN ENERGY BIORENEWABLES**

**POWER FROM THE PEOPLE**  
  
Thermal Hydrolysis Process (THP) and Digestion Facility

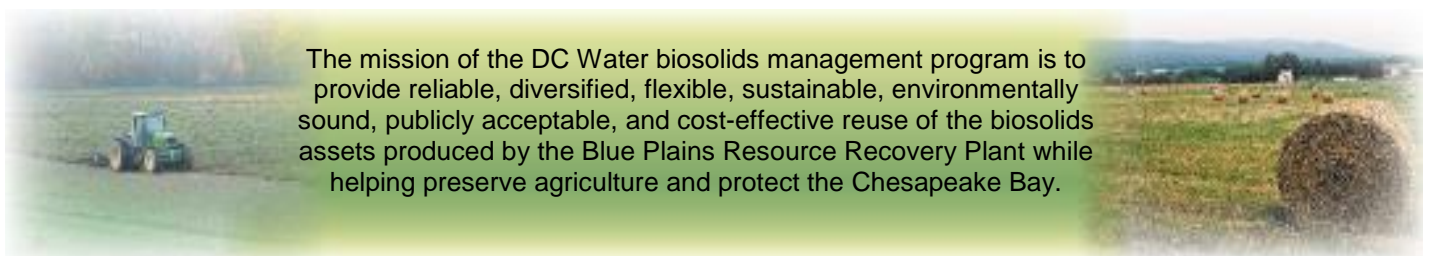
**DC Water will be the first in North America to use thermal hydrolysis for wastewater treatment. When completed, this facility will be the largest plant of its kind in the world.**

**GREEN BENEFITS:**

- Produce combined heat and power, generating 13 MW of electricity
- Save DC Water \$10 million annually cutting grid demand by a third (DC Water is the largest consumer of electricity in the District)
- Reduce carbon emissions by approximately 50,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year.
- Reduce trucking by 1.7 million miles per year.
- Save \$10 million in biosolids trucking costs
- Produce Class A biosolids to grow trees, sequester carbon and reduce runoff.

## DC Water

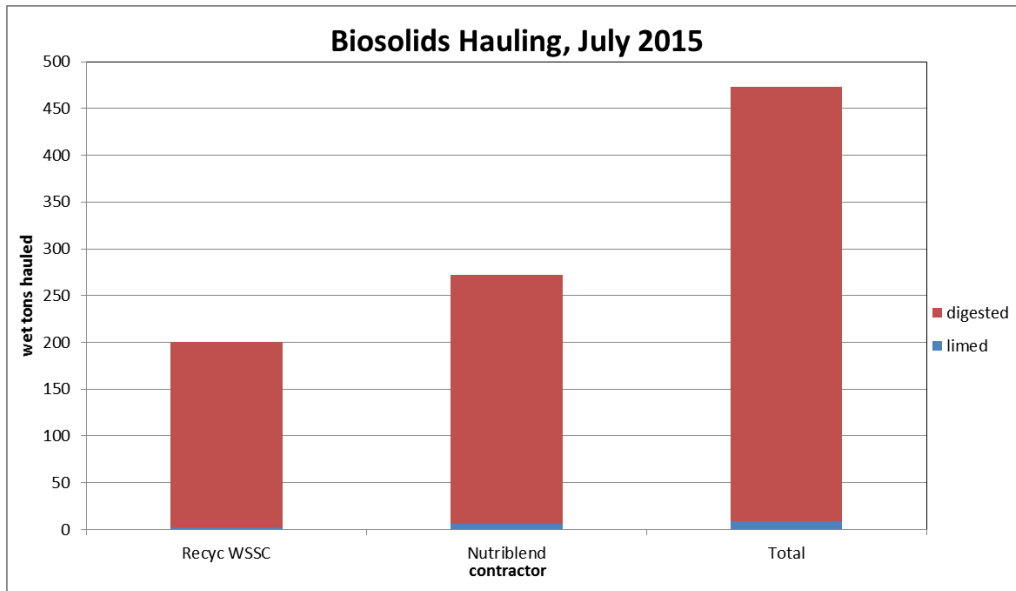
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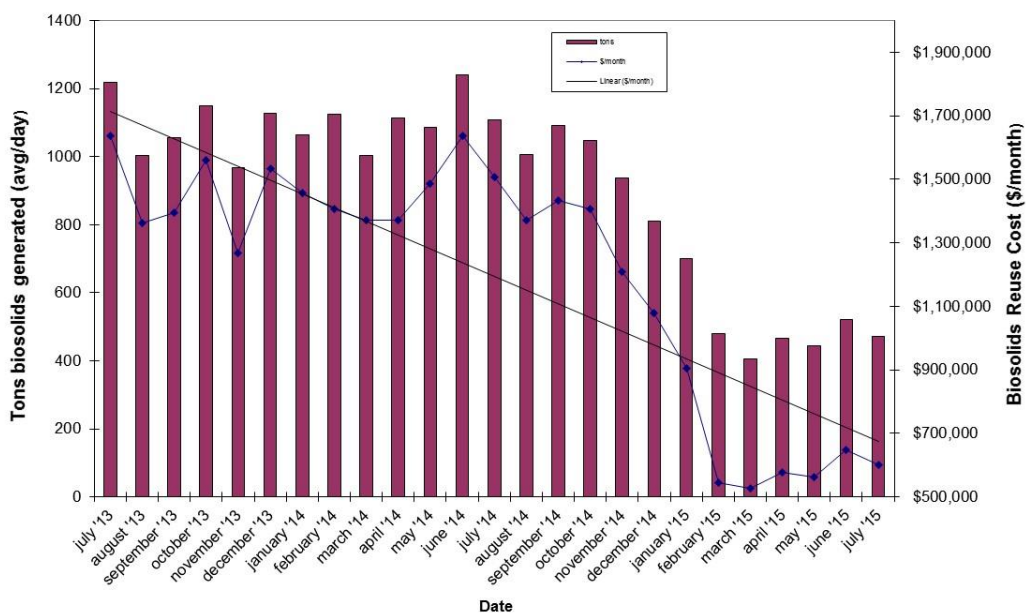
The mission of the DC Water biosolids management program is to provide reliable, diversified, flexible, sustainable, environmentally sound, publicly acceptable, and cost-effective reuse of the biosolids assets produced by the Blue Plains Resource Recovery Plant while helping preserve agriculture and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

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In July, biosolids hauling averaged 473 wet tons per day (wtpd). Of this total, 0 wtpd were lime stabilized Class B, and 473 wtpd were digested. The graph below shows the total hauling by contractor for the month of July. The average percent solids for the digested material was 32.3%. At the end of July the Cumberland County storage pad had approximately 200 tons (~25,000 tons capacity), Cedarville lagoon had approximately 0 tons of Blue Plains biosolids (~30,000 tons capacity), Goochland pad had 1000 tons, and Fauquier lagoon had 2000 tons (~15,000 tons capacity).



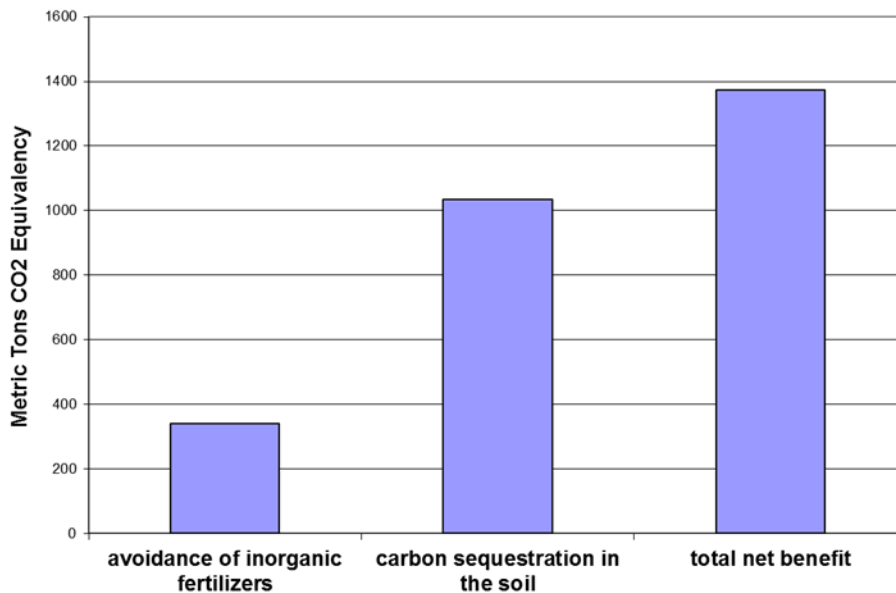
**Average Daily Biosolids Production and Reuse Cost**



## Environmental Benefits

The quantity land applied in June coming directly from the plant and from storage facilities equaled 19,314 tons. Taking into account the fuel required to transport biosolids to the field, the net benefit of the land applied material is 1372 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent avoided emissions. This is equivalent to taking 2,795,547 car miles off the road in the month of June (assumes 20 mpg, 19.4 lb CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions/gallon gas – EPA estimate). The cumulative total avoided carbon emission since December, 2006 is 143,703 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

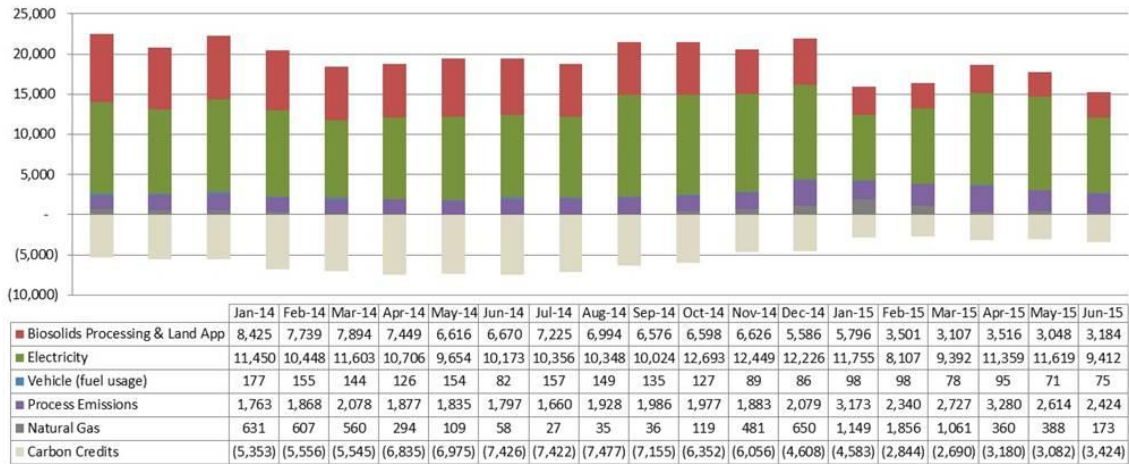
### DCWater Biosolids Recycling Program Greenhouse Gas Balance Benefits June 2015 Totals



## Highlights

Staff has developed a carbon footprint model that will allow for reporting on a monthly basis. Please see below the graph showing the DC Water carbon footprint for each of the past 18 months. As can be seen, since the beginning of this year, there has been a dramatic drop in carbon footprint due to the implementation of the digesters, and a reduction in biosolids hauling. Next month, the graph will show another substantial drop (July), as we saw a full month of CHP operation, reducing the power (coal) drawn from the grid at Blue Plains. This tool will allow for estimate of emissions with future process upgrades.

### DC Water Monthly GHG Emissions Estimates, 2014-June 2015 (Metric Tons CO2e)



Staff co-wrote a proposal for and will co-PI the awarded project sponsored by Water Environment Research Foundation that will look at products we can develop with our Class A biosolids. DC Water will participate in this project that will coincide well with our goals and our current research projects to develop mixes for sale in the horticulture and urban restoration markets. DC Water is currently developing mixes for use in urban agriculture, for tree planting, and for green infrastructure projects.

### Biosolids Reuse Map for June of 2015

