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Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro’s State of the County Event Achieved 94% Zero Waste Goal

Summit County Executive Shapiro’s 2017 State of the County address was a 94% waste free event. In partnering with ReWorks on a zero waste goal for the event, which took place on October 25th at the John S. Knight Center, 94% of the material that would have wound up in a landfill, was instead composted or recycled.

This year, nearly 700 people attended Executive Shapiro’s State of the County speech. The John S. Knight Center worked with ReWorks to implement various practices to divert materials from the landfill. In total, 660 pounds of food scraps were composted, 38.5 pounds of plastic bottles, cartons, metal cans, and paper were recycled, in addition to 120 pounds of cardboard.

“Working proactively to promote sustainability is very important to me, and it was my goal to ensure the 2017 State of the County address would be a near zero waste event,” said Executive Shapiro. “I want to thank ReWorks for partnering with my office to realize our zero waste goal, as well as the John S. Knight center for participating in zero waste techniques for this event.”

ReWorks is an organization focused on eliminating waste in Summit County through education, sustainable practices, leadership, and community engagement. In addition to partnering with local businesses and organizations to apply cost-effective, environmentally sound strategies for

recycling and waste reduction, ReWorks also provides planning tools and solutions for communities for their various waste management needs.

“Managing food scraps is key to achieving a high percentage of diversion like the one witnessed at this event,” stated Marcie Kress, Executive Director of ReWorks. “We must continue to support methods that reduce food waste in order to help others reach their zero waste goals.”

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