Feature Presentation NJDOT Sustainability Initiatives

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## Foam Glass Aggregate (FGA)



### from 100% RECYCLED container glass



### What Makes FGA Innovative

- Cost-effective engineering solution that is environmentally friendly
- Reduces landfill waste by repurposing glass into an innovative engineering material
- Alleviates the burden on waste management infrastructure and promotes a more sustainable approach to waste handling.
- Less energy to make and generates fewer carbon emissions compared to other materials.

### Benefits of FGA

#### Extremely Lightweight

- ✤ 85-90% lighter than quarried aggregates
- ✤ 55-60% lighter than lightweight aggregates
- Excellent Engineering Properties
  - \* Highly frictional
- Exceptional Insulating Properties
- Environmental Properties
  - \* Non-leaching, rot-resistant, non-flammable and durable
- Manufactured From 100% Recycled Glass

Crushed glass from recycling plant and after washing



# Manufacturing

The manufacturing process takes recycled glass powder and mixes it with a foaming agent, where it is then sent through a kiln and softened. During this process, bubbles are created within the softened glass due to the foaming agent creating foamed glass aggregates.



### Manufacturing

After the Foam Glass Aggregate cools, it cracks and forms the aggregate pieces seen here coming off the conveyor belt.



### **Transportation Applications**

#### Embankments

#### **Retaining Walls & Abutments**

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### Route 7 Wittpenn Roadway Installation

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Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge Kearny, NJ

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#### Behind Abutment on I-80 over Rockway River Denville, NJ

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### Behind Wire Wall On Fish House Road Kearny

# NJDOT Projects

Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge 32,000 cy 27.6 Million Bottles I-80 over Rockaway River 2,147 cy 1.9 Million Bottles Route 1&9 New Road, Contract 1 873 cy 0.8 Million Bottles Route 322 Mullica Hill 24 cy 21,000 Bottles

## NJDOT Projects

Route 40 & 322 Atlantic City 35,000 cy **30 Million Bottles** Route 47 Widening 8,000 cy 7 Million Bottles Route 29 Cass Street Drainage 6,375 cy 5.5 Million Bottles Fish House Road Kearny 12,904 cy 11 Million Bottles

# Resiliency

Production Emission and Energy ✤ 50% less CO2 than other lightweight aggregates Transportation Emission and Congestion \*1 Truck of FGA  $\approx$  7 Trucks Of Regular Backfill Trucks Off the Road Locally Recycled and Manufactured Material
Material Reduction  $\Rightarrow$  Less Weight  $\rightarrow$  Smaller Walls  $\rightarrow$  Less Materials (i.e., Concrete, Steel) -> Less Emissions

## **Future Applications**

Flood Mitigation Underground Reservoirs Noise Reduction \* Noise Walls ✤ MSE Walls FGA Backfill Rehabilitation Projects Abutment and Wall Reconstruction

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### Questions?

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