

Advancing Reuse in Philadelphia

Building a Circular, Equitable Future

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Introducing ECHO Systems



Comprehensive Reuse Solutions

Designed and built reuse systems for grocery stores, cafés, and event spaces across Philadelphia.



Environmental Justice Commitment

Focused on ensuring equitable access to a just transition to circularity for all Philadelphia neighborhoods.



Empowering Communities

Provides education, technical assistance, and grant funding via Philly Unwrapped.

Example Impact:

Weavers Way Coopertive Food Association
Built end to end system across 4 locations

50,000 reusable containers circulated

Example Impact:

Mount Airy Neighborhood Event

5,000
attendees

900 lbs → 90 lbs
waste reduced in one day



ECHO's Director is a voting member of PR3, shaping the national reuse standard

Philly Unwrapped: A Citywide Collaboration for Waste Prevention



Citywide Coalition

30+ partners: city agencies, universities, nonprofits, and business associations



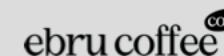
Unified Mission

Focused on reducing single-use waste and promoting equitable reuse adoption

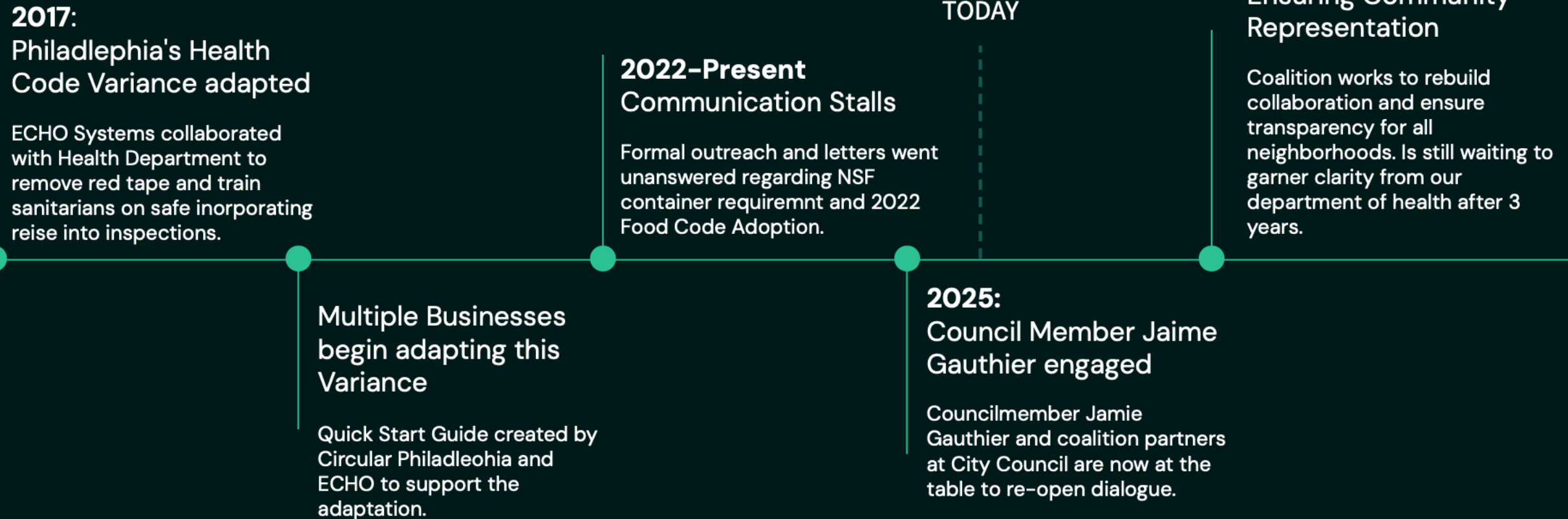


Community Impact

Delivering reuse solutions to corridors, cafés, and community events across Philadelphia



Collaborating with the Health Department



A Simple, Actionable Path Forward for Safe & Equitable Reuse



Modernize Food Safety Standards

Adopt the 2022 FDA Food Code for reuse-friendly practices



Enable Affordable Reuse Containers

Remove NSF-only restrictions to allow safe, certified options



Strengthen Collaboration

Establish a dedicated Health Department liaison for ongoing coalition support



Reuse isn't just an environmental win — it's a public health, equity, and economic opportunity for Philadelphia.

Let's Make Reuse the Norm



Federal Recognition of Reuse

Reuse is now acknowledged as safe and effective by federal standards.



Philadelphia's Leadership

Strong coalition of city agencies, nonprofits, and businesses driving innovation.



Collaborative Path Forward

Unified efforts create a healthier, more equitable, and sustainable city for all residents.

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