Incentives to Change
The Governor’s Executive Order 17-12 requires all state agencies to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030. Currently Lino Lakes facilities has a recycling rate of 43%.

Organization
MN Department of Corrections is a state agency operating 10 correctional facilities and is responsible for housing and rehabilitating criminal offenders.

Intern Project
Create a recycling program at the Lino Lakes facilities as well as develop educational materials for other facilities.

Solutions

Recycle Post-Consumption Organics
The facility can reduce costs and improve recycling rates by separating and recovering food waste from trays after meals and prevent 400,000lbs of food waste from going to landfills.

Standardize recycling bins
with standard colors and signage.

Reduce compactor pick-ups
by waiting for the waste compactors to become full before paying for pick-up.

Bale recyclable materials
Baling recyclable materials for credit to significantly reduce hauling costs at several DOC facilities.