Pelican Packaging Company has been recycling post-industrial plastic waste since 1996. Each year, the company processes more than 30,000 tons of plastic films, bags, rigid, foams and other waste materials produced by manufacturers throughout the eastern United States. When materials arrive at the facility’s loading docks, company employees carefully inspect and sort them for processing. Pelican Packaging shreds, granulates, pelletizes and bales plastics based on client specifications. Once the materials are prepared, the company sells them to domestic manufacturing markets that make products like automotive parts, fabrics, plastic cutlery and injection molded components.

Pelican Packaging has increased its processing and production outputs every year since 2015. In 2017, the company recycled more than 31,500 tons of plastic and nearly met its processing capacity. The Recycling Business Assistance Center (RBAC) awarded Pelican Packaging a $40,000 grant to purchase additional processing equipment including a baler. This new equipment has enabled the company to collect an additional 1,500 tons of post-industrial plastic waste from manufacturers each year. With a higher capacity, Pelican Packaging intends to add new waste streams to its business model, provide more raw materials to plastic manufacturers and help clients save money by diverting more waste from landfills.

Pelican Packaging will purchase a baler to recycle more post-industrial plastic.