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RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**
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The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fourteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.**

Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

In 2012, the SSRC raised **\$73,742**: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$2,390 from sponsorships, and \$10,742 in grant funding. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit member towns. With a budget of \$66,885 for FY13, the December balance is \$40,686 at the midpoint of the fiscal year.

In addition to technical assistance, these activities **saved and earned Member Towns at least \$138,000.**

Significantly, **disposed trash tonnage in our member towns, and its associated costs, dropped 6.9 %** from 2009 to 2011, the most recent year for which data is available.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Regional Disposal contract – The SSRC is combining the purchasing power of its member towns with that of **ten towns on Cape Cod**. In 2009, the SSRC was invited to join a regional long term disposal contract negotiation, facilitated and **funded by the Cape Cod Commission (CCC)**. The CCC has retained the services of John Giorgio, Esq., of Kopelman and Paige to assist. The SSRC has actively represented our member towns in this endeavor.

Five companies responded to a regional Request for Quotes. Negotiations will conclude this month, after which time a final award will be made by each town for contracts to commence on or after January 1, 2015. With an aggregated 85,000 tons of solid waste /year, this procurement could save our towns **millions of dollars** over the anticipated life of the contract as compared with each town negotiating individually. The competition also benefits the Member towns that opted to negotiate on their own.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids a contract on behalf of its member Towns for Household Hazardous waste Collections. The current contract was awarded to PSC Environmental. Member Towns avoided a setup fee and paid significantly less than State Contract rates. The SSRC restructured the contract terms to include lower rates for small quantities, facilitated more economical multiple town events, and staffed all collections. The resulting **savings to our**

towns was about \$29,000, which also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director administers the billing.

1,731 residents attended **ten collections** held in 2012. The contract also enabled **142 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

Books - The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$60/ton for used books and other media, to its members. In 2012, thirteen SSRC towns repurposed **224 tons** of material, with combined rebates and avoided disposal cost of **\$28,000**.

Textiles - Identified as a significant component of residential waste, SSRC intensified outreach and worked with textile recyclers to get maximum tonnage and return. We negotiated an increase in rebate from two companies to \$100/ton for used clothing and textiles. In 2012, thirteen towns utilized this program, up from eight in 2011, more than doubling diversion to over 400 tons of material and saving and earning over **\$70,000**.

Mercury - Covanta SEMASS extended free mercury recycling benefits to all SSRC members, even those that don't send their waste to SEMASS. SEMASS offers reimbursement for costs incurred, and also directly pays for mercury bearing waste delivered to Complete Recycling Solutions in Fall River. CRS direct billed SEMASS for **\$10,449** to recycle mercury bearing waste from SSRC towns in 2012.

Latex Paint collections – The SSRC was awarded a **grant by MassDEP** to collaborate with The Paint Exchange, LLC, a local company, to scale up their latex paint collection and recycling operation. TPE collected 809 gallons of leftover paint from residents and processed it into reColor, a premium interior latex paint priced well below the cost of retail virgin paint. It is estimated that diverting this material from the municipal waste stream saved our towns about **\$1,400**. More importantly, it helped to create a sustainable business to divert much more material for years to come.

Compost and Brush - The SSRC extended contracts for **compost screening** and **brush grinding** with Daniels Recycling, Letourneau Wood Products, Inc., and New England Recycling, Inc. Contract use was light in 2012.

Grant assistance: The SSRC assisted five of our towns in receiving \$310,642 in Sustainable Material Recovery grant awards for 2013 through MassDEP. SSRC and two member towns received \$5,650 in SMRP grants in 2012, from the 2011 awards.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Website - srcoop.info provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 2,854 visits in 2012, 2,407 which were first time visitors, up from 2011.

Press Contacts - The SSRC is a resource to the local press on waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste, and is a presence in print, radio and cable media.

10/10/2012 [Marshfield Fair Grounds Crew honored by SSRC](#) posted in Globe South Weekly

8/2012 [South Shore Recycling Coop Helps Marshfield Fair Save Tons](#) in the Patch

7/2012 **Letters to the Editor thanking Senator Hedlund, Rep. Nyman and Rep. Cantwell for support;**
South Shore legislator UBB scorecard Patriot Ledger

3/28/2012 [Not too shabby: Most old clothing can be recycled.](#) Patriot Ledger

[2/3/12 Satuit Hardware joins in mercury recycling](#) Boston Globe

Resident Contacts - Member municipalities referred over 100 residents' questions to the Executive Director in 2012 via phone and email to answer questions, about everything from paper recycling to medical sharps disposal.

Public and Professional Presentations - The Executive Director attended six professional workshops and conferences, and presented at one about SSRC Textile Recycling.

Tours - There's nothing like seeing firsthand how and where our waste materials are processed. In 2012, the SSRC hosted a tour for our solid waste managers and residents at **CRTRecycling** in Brockton, which processes electronic waste. The Executive Director did site visits and/or meetings at seven other facilities that manage discarded materials.

Marshfield Fair Recycling - With assistance from MassDEP, the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the ninth consecutive year. While public education is the priority, the Fair reached the fifty ton mark for material recycled and composted since the start of our involvement. The SSRC loans **recycling containers** from a previous grant for use at local events. In 2012, Hanover Youth Athletic Association softball, Sustainable South Shore, the Diva Dash and the South Shore Celebration borrowed them.

ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2012 included:

- Attended committee/board meetings in **Hanson, Weymouth and Whitman.**
- Coordinated and assisted with three meetings with a disposal service provider and several of our member towns.
- Assisted Rockland and Cohasset in obtaining surveillance cameras.
- Notified all managers of **grant and reimbursement opportunities** and deadlines, training and educational **workshops**, prescription **take-back programs**.
- Assisted Member town Health Departments in complying with new **medical sharps management** regulations.
- Provide current index and regional **commodity pricing** for materials of interest to our managers.

Newsletter - The SSRC publishes monthly **Updates** filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The Updates are sent via email, and are posted online at ssrcoop.info, click on Newsletters.

Monthly Meetings - The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

January - [Bay State Textiles](#)

February - [Windward Trading Group](#), CRTRecycling

March - [The Paint Exchange, grants](#)

April - [Creative Outdoor Advertising; Food waste](#)

May - [Legislative Breakfast with PCHA](#)

June - [KLT Industries](#)

August - [Bay State Textiles](#)

September - [Clean Harbors](#)

October - [Interstate Battery Systems; SCS Engineering](#)

November - Casella Waste Systems

ADVOCACY

- The Executive Director attends numerous **policy meetings** hosted by MassDEP, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Council of SEMASS Communities and Product Stewardship Institute. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations.
- The SSRC has been a strong and consistent voice both on its own and with coalitions of organizations to move resource- saving measures forward both at the State House and in the recycling community. In 2012, the SSRC Executive Director met with legislators on several occasions to discuss legislation, both individually and as part of various coalitions. We were deeply involved with legislation to expand the **Bottle Bill**, and an **Electronic Waste Producer Responsibility bill**.
- The SSRC co-hosted a **Legislative Breakfast** with the Plymouth County Highway Association in May.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Sullivan, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board of Directors 2012

TOWN	FIRST	LAST	C/O	POSITION
Abington	Susan	Brennan	BOH	Commissioner
	Sharon	White	BOH	Agent
Cohasset	Merle	Brown		Citizen, SSRC Chairman
	Mary	Snow		Highway Dept. Manager
Duxbury	Peter	Buttkus	DPW	Director
	Ed	Vickers	DPW	Assistant Director
Hanover	Victor	Diniak	DPW	Superintendent
	Steven	Herrmann	DPW	Foreman
Hanson	Deborah	Brownell	Recycling Committee	Appointee
	Joseph	Pelligra	Recycling Committee	Chairman
Hingham	Randy	Sylvester	DPW	Superintendent
	Stephen	Messinger	Transfer Station	Foreman
Kingston	Paul	Basler	Streets, Trees & Parks	Superintendent; SSRC Treasurer
	Douglas	Buitenhuys		Citizen
Middleboro	Andy	Bagas	DPW	Director
	open			
Norwell	<i>Joanne</i>	<i>Dirk</i>	<i>Recycling Committee</i>	<i>Chairman; SSRC Treasurer</i>
	Norman	Thoms	Recycling Committee	Appointee
	Brian	Flynn	BOH	Agent
Plymouth	Kerin	McCall	Environmental Mgmt.	Recycling Coordinator; SSRC Secretary
	open			
Rockland	Rudy	Childs		Citizen
	Stephen	Nelson	BOH	Commissioner
	Victoria	Diebel**	BOH	Commissioner
	Janice	McCarthy**	BOH	Agent
Scituate	Albert	Bangert	DPW	Director
	Kevin	Cafferty	DPW	Asst. Director ; SSRC Vice Chairman
Weymouth	Robert	O'Connor	DPW	Director
	Kathleen	McDonald	DPW	Principal Clerk
Whitman	Elonie	Bezanson	DPW	Manager
	Lou	D'Arpino	BOH	Health Inspector

Italics indicate partial year

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SSRC 2012 Annual Report benefit calculations

	Got Books tons	Got Books rebate, avoided disp cost	Bay State Textile tons	BST rebate, avoided disp cost	SEMASS Hg reimb, CRSdirect pmts	HHW cars	HHW SQ	HHW avoided setup fee	HHW SQ, setup, staffing net savings	paint, avoided cost	Total
Abington	18.0	\$2,247	16.72	\$2,759	\$555	57	18	430	\$695		\$6,256
Cohasset	0.0	\$0	26.66	\$5,199		10		860	\$967	\$224	\$6,390
Duxbury	0.0	\$0	100.71	\$20,142	\$1,105	76	32	430	\$893		\$22,140
Hanover	13.9	\$1,737	20.75	\$3,839	\$1,371	370	122	11442	\$12,591	\$134	\$21,450
Hanson	13.9	\$1,736	17.85	\$2,767		0		0	\$0		\$4,503
Hingham	51.1	\$6,386	48.38	\$9,918	\$2,782	216	89	860	\$1,861	\$168	\$21,115
Kingston	13.4	\$1,674	6.5	\$975	\$560	30	10	430	\$651	\$13	\$5,373
Middleboro	4.9	\$610						0	\$0		\$610
Norwell	6.9	\$858	0.2	\$27	\$277	36	11	860	\$1,075		\$2,237
Plymouth	32.6	\$4,079	38.17	\$5,726	\$2,174	255	122	1720	\$3,364		\$15,342
Rockland	0.0	\$0		\$0		48	16	860	\$1,124		\$1,124
Scituate	27.6	\$3,446	73.04	\$14,608	\$1,113	234	93	860	\$150		\$21,942
Weymouth	30.6	\$3,819	65.8	\$13,160	\$242	383	182	1720	\$4,013	\$840	\$22,074
Whitman	11.1	\$1,393	8.2	\$1,451	\$270	82	64	430	\$1,507		\$4,621
Total	223.9	\$27,984	422.98	\$69,792	\$10,449	1797	759		\$28,891	\$1,379	\$138,495