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## **2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

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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 2013, the SSRC raised **\$73,702.57**: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$5440 in sponsorships, \$5,215 in grant funding and a \$47.35 donation. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. In addition to technical assistance, these activities **saved /earned Member Towns \$159,000.**

### **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

**Regional Disposal contract** – The SSRC combined the purchasing power of its member towns with that of **thirteen 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**. The CCC retained the services of John Giorgio, Esq., of Kopelman and Paige to assist.

Several disposal companies were considered to service a ten year contract, to begin in January 2015. Tip fees being offered to individual towns during the process were about \$72/ton. The process enabled our towns to identify competitors that vied for the over 100,000 tons/year of aggregated municipal solid waste. It resulted in proposals starting at \$55/ton, with the elimination of the Annual Minimum Tonnage, that can save our towns at least **ten million dollars** over the durations of the contracts. It also facilitated the establishment of advanced waste technology in the region.

**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 using both contracts, **saving our towns \$16,900**. They also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assists at most events, and administers the billing.

**1,794 residents** attended **ten collections** held in 2013. The contract also enabled **104 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

**Textiles** - The SSRC had introduced Bay State Textiles to the managers, and negotiated a doubling of the rebate to \$100/ton for used clothing and textiles. BST worked with SSRC to establish several School Box Programs in 2013. The twelve SSRC towns and school systems hosting this program

diverted 474 tons of material in 2013 and earned rebates and incentives of **over \$50,000**. In addition, the diversion of this material from disposal saved another **\$28,000**.

**Electronic Waste** - the SSRC did a request for Quotes for E-Waste, and received five quotes. The RFQ confirmed that the qualified vendor most of our towns were using offered the best rates.

**Mercury** - Covanta SEMASS extends free mercury recycling benefits to all SSRC members, even those that don't send their MSW to SEMASS. SEMASS directly pays for mercury bearing waste delivered to Complete Recycling Solutions in Fall River. The SSRC helped to get the direct pay accounts set up, and assists Member Towns in directing their material to avoid cost to the towns. CRS direct billed SEMASS for over **\$9,000** worth of mercury bearing waste recycling in 2013 for SSRC Member Towns.

**Compost and Brush** - The SSRC extended the contracts for **compost screening** and **brush grinding** with Daniels Recycling, Letourneau Wood Products, Inc., and New England Recycling, Inc. A few towns used these contracts in 2013.

**Grant assistance:** The SSRC assisted five of our towns in receiving \$108,494 in Sustainable Material Recovery grant for 2013 through MassDEP.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

**“Refrigerator door prizes”** - The SSRC produced 24,000 card stock 5”x8” handouts, thanks to grants from MassDEP and Covanta SEMASS, and the donated design work of David White Storyboards. The graphics depict items that are “too good” and “too bad for the trash”, directing the reader to the SSRC website and phone for more information. They are being distributed at municipal facilities, hazardous waste and other events, and through local realtors. Website traffic jumped 58% over 2012, and phone inquiries doubled.

[http://ssrcoop.info/images/keep\\_us\\_out\\_of\\_the\\_trash\\_handout\\_front\\_comp.jpg](http://ssrcoop.info/images/keep_us_out_of_the_trash_handout_front_comp.jpg)

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**Website** - [ssrcoop.info](http://ssrcoop.info) provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a monthly newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 4139 visits in 2013, 3154 which were first time visitors.

**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.

11/19/2013 [South Shore Recycling Cooperative lauds Merle Brown for fifteen years of service](#)

11/6/2013 [South Shore Recycling Cooperative, Member Towns awarded \\$475K DEP Grants](#)

11/1/2013 [Scituate students experience the power of hands-on learning](#) Patriot Ledger,

7/11/2013 [Senator Pacheco, Rep. Lewis, & Claire Galkowski of Westwood featured at Legislative Forum on Waste Reduction](#)

2/21/2013 [Turn your rags into riches for Middleboro; Turn castoffs to cash for Plymouth Schools](#)

**Resident Contacts** - Member municipalities referred at least 130 residents' and municipal departments' questions to the executive Director in 2013 via phone and email to answer questions, about everything from asbestos and iodine handling to concrete disposal.

**Public and Professional Presentations** - The Executive Director spoke at five professional

conferences about SSRC activities:

- **MassRecycle's R3 conference**, Universal Recycling Bill
- **Northeast Resource Recovery Association conference**, Universal Recycling Bill
- **MassRecycle Legislative Forum** panelist, Universal Recycling Bill
- **Boston Area Sustainability Group**, textile recycling
- **Solid Waste Association of North America Southern NE Chapter** conference, Universal Recycling Bill

**Tours** - In 2013, the SSRC hosted a tour for our solid waste managers and residents at **Ras Tech** in Brentwood, NH, which processes and remanufactures asphalt roofing shingles.

**Kingston Transfer Station Grand Reopening** – the director spoke at this October celebration

**Marshfield Fair Recycling** - the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the tenth consecutive year. While public education is the priority, six tons of material was also recycled and composted. Since inception, 56 tons of Fair waste has been diverted to higher use.

**Middleboro Crazy Days** – The SSRC exhibited and mingled with residents at this 2 day event

**Scituate 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip presentation**- the director staffed the recycling station during this October school outing, and taught the students why recycling is important

**Scituate Municipal Department waste audit, recycling training**- the director evaluated municipal building waste management, and gave department heads a class in why and how to reduce their waste

**Leading the Sustainable Wey**- the SSRC exhibited at this Weymouth school and community event

### 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 2013 included:

- Attended committee/board meetings in **Abington, Duxbury, Hanson (3), Kingston, Norwell and Weymouth.**
- Convened meetings with **disposal service providers** to discuss proposals
- Collected, evaluated and shared **recycling and disposal cost, tonnage and fee data**
- Assisted **Scituate** in obtaining proposals for recycling services at the Marina
- Provided advice and help with a **wide range of issues** including curbside collection rate structure, Christmas tree recycling, propane tanks, textiles, a mercury spill, fluorescent tubes, school milk cartons and food waste management.
- 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/index.php/news-a-media/news-media-newsletters](http://ssrcoop.info/index.php/news-a-media/news-media-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 - Harvest Power](#)

[February - PSC Environmental](#)  
[March - Bay State Textile; Positive Effects, LLC](#)  
[April - Troupe Waste Services](#)  
[May - Secure-A-Lot; CRTRecycling](#)  
[June - New Bedford Waste Services](#)  
[August - Waste Zero \(no quorum\)](#)  
[September - Ras-Tech](#)  
[October - Covanta SEMASS](#)  
[November - Positive Effects, LLC; 15th anniversary](#)  
December - Zero Waste Solutions

### **ADVOCACY**

- The Executive Director attends **policy meetings and conferences** hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. She acts as a liaison between the Board and the State organizations and reports relevant information back to the Board.
- In 2013, the SSRC Executive Director met with several legislators to discuss pending legislation, and testified at two Committee hearings at the State House.

The SSRC has been a strong and consistent voice with a growing coalition of organizations to move these cost saving measures forward both at the State House and in the recycling community.

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 Galkowski, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

### South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board of Directors 2013

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

*Italics indicate appointment through June 2013*  
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quantifiable benefits

	Bay State Textile tons	BST rebates, avoided disp cost	SEMASS Hg reimb, CRS direct pmts	HHW cars	HHW reciprocity use	contract cost savings (State Contract comp)	HHW admin, on site staff time	HHW total value	disposal contract savings	Total
Abington	24.49	\$4,541	676.83	73	0	\$ 545.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 695.50		<b>\$5,913</b>
Cohasset	35.75	\$6,971		22	2	\$ 476.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 626.00		<b>\$7,597</b>
Duxbury	102.15	\$20,430	1099.31	64	20	\$ 584.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 734.00		<b>\$22,263</b>
Hanover	15.25	\$2,669	623.08	203	2	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,665.00	\$33,750	<b>\$38,707</b>
Hanson	12.63	\$1,958	521.06					\$ -		<b>\$2,479</b>
Hingham	39.76	\$8,151	1879.6	297	18	\$ 1,905.00	300.00	\$ 2,205.00		<b>\$12,235</b>
Kingston	24.39	\$3,659	1171.97	118	6	\$ 897.60	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,047.60		<b>\$5,878</b>
Middleboro	6.07	880.15		47	1	\$ 76.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 376.00		<b>\$1,256</b>
Norwell	0	\$0		27	17	\$ 472.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 622.00		<b>\$622</b>
Plymouth	63.79	\$11,069	1654.77	290	11	\$ 1,023.60	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,623.60		<b>\$14,347</b>
Rockland				35	10	\$ 484.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 634.00		<b>\$634</b>
Scituate	78.41	\$15,682	1111.07	129	3	\$ 1,136.25	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,286.25		<b>\$18,079</b>
Weymouth	63.25	\$14,150	747.21	419	6	\$ 4,153.72	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,753.72		<b>\$19,651</b>
Whitman	7.88	\$1,395	127.53	34	8	\$ 477.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 627.00	\$21,525	<b>\$23,674</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>473.82</b>	<b>\$78,180</b>	<b>\$9,612</b>	1758	104	\$13,595.67	\$3,300.00	<b>\$16,895.67</b>	<b>\$55,275</b>	<b>\$159,963</b>