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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 FY2014, the SSRC raised **\$75,385**: \$63,000 from municipal member dues, \$4,985 in sponsorships, \$5,400 for use of our logo on recycling containers, and \$2,000 in grant funding. 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 \$157,788.**

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Regional Disposal contract – The SSRC combined the purchasing power of its member towns with that of **thirteen towns on Cape Cod**. From 2009-2014, the SSRC participated in 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, and the elimination of the Annual Minimum Tonnage. This will save several of our towns over \$2 million over the durations of the contracts. It also facilitated the establishment of competitive waste technology in the region.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - The SSRC bids and administers 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 saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assists at most events, and administers the billing.

The SSRC also enabled five of our smaller towns to join their larger neighbors' HHW collections, relieving them of the time and expense of hosting their own. SSRC facilitates four towns' alternating collections.

1,786 residents attended **ten collections** held in 2014. The contract also enabled **164 residents and**

businesses to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**. This arrangement qualifies member towns for additional Recycling Dividend Program grants.

The total cost savings and benefits of this program for 2014 is estimated at \$24,180.

Textiles and Books- Bay State Textiles has worked with SSRC to establish and promote several transfer station and School Box Programs. BST pays \$100/ton to all box hosts for used clothing and textiles.

The thirteen SSRC towns and school systems hosting this program diverted 443 tons of textiles in 2014 and earned rebates and incentives of **\$44,300**. In addition, the diversion of this material from disposal saved another **\$33,440**.

The company that had been paying for recycled books and media, GotBooks, went out of business. The SSRC did a Request for Quotes for the service, and helped members find new service providers. Rebates and avoided disposal costs in 2014 from this service came to **\$4,450**.

Electronic Waste - the SSRC coordinated five free electronics and appliance collections in 2014 with CRTRecycling of Brockton. All were open to residents of all our member towns. Thousands of residents delivered 153 tons of material. The avoided disposal cost to our towns was about **\$24,500**.

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 **\$22,800** worth of mercury bearing waste recycling in 2014 for SSRC Member Towns. SSRC assisted **Hanson** in getting a **\$785** reimbursement for material sent to Veolia. In addition, SEMASS paid rebates to our contract communities of **\$3,300** for recycled mercury containing products.

Compost and Brush - The SSRC re-bid our contracts for **compost screening** and **brush grinding**, awarding to Lion's Head Organics, Wicklow Wood Recycling, Inc., and New England Recycling, Inc. Several member towns used these contracts in 2014.

Grant assistance: The SSRC assisted several member towns in applying for Sustainable Material Recovery grants for 2014 through MassDEP. Eleven of our towns were awarded a total of \$287,961.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

15th Anniversary Tour, Luncheon and Awards – Seventy five municipal, county and state officials, staff, volunteers and vendors toured the newly reconfigured Kingston Transfer Station, and learned about the state's new and existing Waste Bans. Four local heroes were recognized for their work to reduce waste and improve the environment.

"Refrigerator door prizes" - The SSRC continued to distribute thousands of 5"x8" handouts, purchased in 2013 with grants from MassDEP and Covanta SEMASS. The graphics depict items that are "too good" and "too bad for the trash", and direct the reader to the SSRC website and phone for more information. They are distributed at municipal facilities, hazardous waste and other events, and through local realtors.

Website traffic jumped 71% over 2013. Phone questions about what to do with everything from leftover paint to food waste rose sharply to 172, from residents of every SSRC town.

Website - 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 6,974 visits in 2014, 6,154 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.

11/4 [Powerful Women Revealed](#): Nicole Perry interviews SSRC Director Claire Galkowski on WATD

11/2 [The Argument: Should Voters Support Question 2?](#) Boston Globe South

6/10 [Holey Socks, Not in the Trash!](#)

4/17 [PACTV Community News South Shore Recycling](#), (5 minute video about 15th Anniversary Tour and Awards)

4/1 [South Shore Recycling Cooperative honors four Environmental Heroes at 15th Anniversary Celebration](#)

Resident Contacts – The director fielded over 250 calls and emails from residents and municipal departments in 2014 to answer questions about how to properly dispose of everything from asbestos shingles to carbon monoxide detectors to large quantities of school fluorescent tubes.

Public and Professional Presentations - The Executive Director spoke at four professional conferences about SSRC activities:

- **MassRecycle's R3 conference**, Universal Recycling Bill
- **Northeast Resource Recovery Association conference**, Universal Recycling Bill
- **Solid Waste Association of North America Southern NE Chapter conference**, Universal Recycling Bill
- **MassRecycle Question 2 Debate webinar**, Updated Bottle Bill
- **Southeast Municipal Recycling Council**: Mass. Product Stewardship Council, Paint product stewardship legislation

Marshfield Fair Recycling - the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the eleventh year. While public education is the priority, six tons of material was also recycled and composted. Since inception, 61 tons of Fair waste has been diverted to higher use.

Middleboro Krazy Days –The SSRC facilitated recycling collection and exhibited at this 2 day 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 2014 included:

- Attended meetings with Boards and officials in **Cohasset, Hanson (3), Kingston, and Norwell**
- Conducted a Request for Proposals for **recycling services**; received 4 responses
- Collected, evaluated and shared **recycling and disposal cost, tonnage and fee data**
- Assisted **Cohasset** in finding a new electronic waste service provider
- Coordinated a bulk purchase of Single stream stickers for **Middleboro, Norwell and Rockland**

- Provided advice and help with a **wide range of issues** including DEP reporting, grant applications, abandoned hazardous waste, and fluorescent tube recycling at schools .
- 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

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

[January - book recycling](#) (Norwell)

[February - grind, screen contract awards](#) (Whitman)

[March - 15th Anniversary Celebration](#) (Kingston-no meeting)

[April - Materials Management Group](#) (Hingham)

[May - Bay State Textiles](#) (Abington)

[July - Covanta SEMASS \(Duxbury\)](#)

[September - PSC Environmental \(Weymouth\)](#)

[October - Environmental Integrity Company](#) (Kingston)

[November - November - Glycol Blending Services](#) (Plymouth)

ADVOCACY

- The Executive Director attends **policy meetings and conferences** hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, Northeast Recycling Council, 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.
- The Executive Director was appointed to the Steering Committee of the Mass. Product Stewardship Council
- In 2014, the SSRC Executive Director worked with Product Stewardship Institute, Mass. Municipal Association and other organizations to promote legislation beneficial to municipal solid waste programs: the Universal Recycling bill, Updated Bottle Bill, and Paint Producer Responsibility legislation.
- The Executive Director is a member of the Mass. Recycling Contamination Workgroup.

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 Galkowski, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board of Directors 2013

TOWN	FIRST	LAST	C/O	POSITION
Abington	Susan	Brennan	BOH	Commissioner
	Sharon	White	BOH	Agent
Cohasset	Merle	Brown	citizen	SSRC Vice Chairman
	Mary	Snow	DPW	Highway Dept. Admin. Asst; SSRC Treasurer
Duxbury	Peter	Buttkus	DPW	Director
	Ed	Vickers	DPW	Assistant Director
Hanover	Victor	Diniak	DPW	Superintendent
	open			
Hanson	Donna	Tramontana	BOH	Health Agent
	open			
Hingham	Randy	Sylvester	DPW	Superintendent
	Stephen	Messinger	Transfer Station	Foreman
Kingston	Paul	Basler	Streets, Trees & Parks	Superintendent
	Eugene	Wyatt	Recycling Committee	Appointee
Middleboro	Christopher	Peck	DPW	Director
	open			
Norwell	Brian	Flynn	BOH	Agent
	Vicky	Spillane	Recycling Committee	Appointee
Plymouth	Gregory	Smith	DPW	Solid Waste Coordinator
	Open			
Rockland	Rudy	Childs	citizen	Appointee
	Stephen	Nelson	BOH	Commissioner
	Victoria	Diebel**	BOH	Commissioner
	Janice	McCarthy**	BOH	Agent
Scituate	Kevin	Cafferty	DPW	Director; SSRC Chairman
	Sean	McCarthy	DPW	Asst. Director
Weymouth	Robert	O'Connor	DPW	Director Emeritas; SSRC Secretary
	Kathleen	McDonald	DPW	Principal Clerk
Whitman	Bruce	Martin	DPW	Director
	Lou	D'Arpino	BOH	Health Inspector

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quantifiable benefits

	HHW cars	HHW reciprocity use	contract cost savings (State Contract setup fee)	HHW admin, on site staff time (18 hours /coll)	Recy Div Program HHW awarded point values	HHW total value	Bay State Textile tons	BST rebates, avoided disp cost	Elec tronic / Appliance coll tons	ewaste collec tion event avoided disposal cost (\$160/ ton)	SEMASS Mercury proces sing subsidy, CRS direct pmts	SEMASS' rebate paid 2014	Big Hear ted Book tons	BHB rebate, avoide d disp cost	Total
Abington	37	8	\$450	\$315	\$800	\$1,565	23.58	\$3,914		\$1,750	\$395		7.78	\$980	\$8,605
Cohasset	29	6	\$900	\$315	\$800	\$2,015	36.15	\$6,687		\$1,750	\$281	\$39.00			\$10,772
Duxbury	78	11	\$450	\$315		\$765	89.09	\$18,113		\$1,750	\$944	\$364.10			\$21,936
Hanover	206	6	\$900	\$840		\$1,740	18.42	\$2,800	45	\$1,750	\$1,694		10.23	\$1,146	\$9,130
Hanson	89	4	\$900	\$630		\$1,530	13.75	\$1,855		\$1,750	\$784		1.87	\$178	\$6,097
Hingham	254	16	\$900	\$630	\$800	\$2,330	26.71	\$4,567		\$1,750	\$1,938	\$556.50	3.02	\$396	\$11,537
Kingston	47	11	\$450	\$315		\$765	27.78	\$3,766	28	\$1,750	\$3,034	\$244.00	6.46	\$618	\$10,177
Middleboro	6	5	\$900	\$315	\$800	\$2,015	11.82	\$1,478		\$1,750		\$594.00			\$5,837
Norwell	20	12	\$900	\$210		\$1,110	0.11	\$15		\$1,750		\$74.10			\$2,949
Plymouth	291	22	\$900	\$945	\$600	\$2,445	45.52	\$5,624	20	\$1,750	\$2,257	\$39.40			\$12,115
Rockland	20	24	\$900	\$210	\$800	\$1,910			34	\$1,750	\$70	\$52.50			\$3,782
Scituate	227	3	\$450	\$315	\$800	\$1,565	78.93	\$14,926	26	\$1,750	\$11,819	\$1,024.40			\$31,084
Weymouth	401		\$1,800	\$1,260	\$600	\$3,660	62.61	\$12,522		\$1,750	\$376	\$268.60	7.08	\$1,133	\$19,710
Whitman	81	6	\$450	\$315		\$765	9.00	\$1,521		\$1,750		\$22.20			\$4,058
Total	1786	126	\$11,250	\$6,930	\$6,000	\$24,180	443.47	\$77,787	153	\$24,500	\$22,808	\$3,278.80	36.45	\$4,450	\$157,788