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[SSRC and eight Member Towns commended for waste reduction successes](#)

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative and ten of its fourteen Member Towns were recognized for elements and benchmarks in their waste reduction programs at MassRecycle's December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh presented Certificates of Recognition for the following accomplishments:

- The **South Shore Recycling Cooperative** provides comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. SSRC towns hosted twelve HHW collections in 2015. Two hundred of the 1,923 residents and businesses that participated used the reciprocity program to attend events outside their home towns in 2015.
- **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Scituate and Plymouth** earned the most Recycling Dividend Program points this year. Those points translated into \$56,100 of easily accessible grant funding from MassDEP.
- **Duxbury, Hanson, Plymouth and Scituate** had the least disposed waste per household served and/or the greatest improvement from 2013-2014.
- **Hingham and Weymouth** recovered the most tons of textiles in 2014. Residents have learned that all clean, dry textiles, regardless of their condition, can be recycled through textile donation bins.
- **Hanson and Hingham** Boards of Health are successfully regulating their private haulers to provide recycling service, a difficult task.
- **Abington** showed the greatest commitment to curbside solid waste program enforcement, with the BOH authorizing its Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator Lorraine Mavrogeorge.
- **Weymouth** provides recycling service to its residents for used cooking oil (among many other items).
- SSRC Vice Chairman **Merle Brown** of Cohasset has actively volunteered for over twenty years. **Brenda Black** of Hingham, **Gene Wyatt** of Kingston, and **Jeff Stevens** of Middleboro are active and effective volunteers in their towns and schools.
- **Hingham Schools and Holly Hill Farm** demonstrates leadership in school composting.

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(Photo: MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney with Claire Galkowski, South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director)

[Town of Abington commended for waste reduction efforts](#)

The Town of Abington was recognized for its commitment to curbside solid waste program enforcement at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificate of Recognition.

The town of Abington employs Lorraine Mavrogeorge, a dedicated Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator, to educate residents about proper trash and recycling procedures, and authorizes her to enforce the Town’s recycling rules. Her position was initially funded in part by a MassDEP grant. Mavrogeorge accepted the certificate for the town.

Abington was also recognized as the Southeastern Mass. curbside town earning the most MassDEP “Recycling Dividend Program” points in the region for its comprehensive waste reduction program. The RDP rewarded Abington with a \$4,800 grant this year.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Abington is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Abington residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the Board of Health.

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(Photo: Lorraine Mavrogeorge, Abington’s WREC, and Janine Delaney, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator)



Town of Cohasset, Merle Brown commended for waste reduction efforts

The Town of Cohasset was recognized at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting for earning the most MassDEP “Recycling Dividend Program” points in the region for its comprehensive waste reduction program. The RDP rewarded Cohasset with a \$6,000 grant this year.

In addition, Merle Brown, former Cohasset Selectman, was honored for over twenty years of service and commitment to waste reduction and recycling. Brown was a force behind many program elements at the Cohasset Transfer Station, including the successful Pay as You Throw program, and a founding member and long-time Chairman and current Vice Chairman of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. He continues to volunteer weekly at the deposit trailer, which recovers valuable materials and raises funds for the Boy Scouts, and is a perennial volunteer Recycling Ambassador at the Marshfield Fair.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificates of Recognition.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Cohasset is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Cohasset residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photo: MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney with Claire Galkowski, South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director)



[Town of Duxbury commended for waste reduction successes](#)

The Town of Duxbury was recognized for the effectiveness and scope of its waste reduction program at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition for having one of the lowest rates of disposed trash per household in the region, and for earning more than 10 MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program points for its program elements. The RDP rewarded Duxbury with an \$8,800 grant this year.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Duxbury is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Duxbury residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photo: MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney with Claire Galkowski, South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director)

Town of Hanson commended for waste reduction successes

The Town of Hanson was recognized for several waste reduction accomplishments at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition for the largest reduction in disposed trash per household from 2013-2014 in the region, a whopping 64%; for having one of the lowest disposal rates per household in the region (less than 1200 lbs/household served); and for successfully regulating private haulers to provide recycling service to Hanson residents and businesses at no additional cost.

Board of Health Member Arlene Dias and Health Agent Donna Tramontana accepted the certificates for the Town.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Hanson is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Hanson residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the Board of Health.

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(Photo: MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney with Hanson Board of Health Commissioner Arlene Dias and Health Director Donna Tramontana)

Hingham DPW, BOH, schools, and resident commended for waste reduction successes

The Town of Hingham, its schools and a local leader Brenda Black were recognized for several waste reduction accomplishments at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificates of Recognition.

The Town’s DPW was acclaimed for recovering the largest amount of textiles at a Transfer Station in the region, and for earning more than 10 MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program points for its program elements. The RDP rewarded Hingham with a \$9,600 grant this year.

The Board of Health was hailed for successfully regulating private haulers to provide recycling service to all Hingham residents and businesses.

DPW Director Randy Sylvester and Health Agent Betty Nee accepted the certificates for the Town.

Hingham High School was commended for leadership in school recycling and composting, in conjunction with Holly Hill Farm, for its in-house food waste composting program and use of the compost on the school’s raised beds. Ms. Nee and Holly Hill Farm’s Jon Belber accepted the certificate.

Dr. Brenda Black, a member of the Long Range Solid Waste Planning Committee, was also recognized for her volunteer leadership in the school and town waste reduction programs.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Hingham is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Hingham residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photos: Hingham Health Agent Betty Nee, Holly Hill Farm’s Jon Belber, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney; Agent Nee with South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director Claire Galkowski and Hingham DPW Director Randy Sylvester)

Kingston Schools, local leader commended for waste reduction efforts OK

The Kingston Public Schools and Kingston resident and volunteer Gene Wyatt were commended at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition for outstanding leadership and school recycling efforts.

Wyatt and the Schools have worked together for years to maintain and improve their material recovery programs. Wyatt has also led the Recycling Committee, assists the DPW in obtaining grants and optimizing transfer station use, and serves as a representative on the South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Kingston is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Kingston residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photo: Kingston leader Gene Wyatt, Hingham Health Agent Betty Nee, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney)

Middleborough Schools, Jeff Stevens commended for waste reduction efforts ok

Middleborough’s Jeff Stevens, a retired science teacher and elementary school principal, was recognized for his volunteer leadership of school recycling at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

Stevens wrote a School Wide Recycling Grant in 2012, and implemented paper, cardboard, bottle and cans, and textile recycling programs in Middleboro’s 5 school buildings and classrooms. In the past three school years, the Middleboro Public Schools recycled 178 tons of material with the help of students, teachers, custodians, and school administration. The textile program has raised over \$3000 for the schools.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificate of Recognition.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Middleborough is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Middleboro residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photo: MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney with Claire Galkowski, South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director)

Town of Plymouth commended for waste reduction successes OK

The Town of Plymouth was recognized for its waste reduction accomplishments at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition to Plymouth for having the largest reduction in disposed trash per household served in a curbside program from 2013-2014 in the region (42%), and for earning more than 10 MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program points for its program elements. The RDP rewarded Plymouth with a \$16,500 grant this year.

Kevin O’Reilly from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce accepted the certificates for the Town.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Plymouth is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Plymouth residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the Marine and Environmental Management Dept.

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(Photo: Plymouth COC Director Kevin O’Reilly with MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney)

Town of Scituate commended for waste reduction successes

The Town of Scituate was recognized for waste reduction accomplishments at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition to Scituate for having the lowest amount of disposed trash per household served in the region in 2014, and for earning more than 10 MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program points for its program elements. The RDP rewarded Scituate with a \$10,400 grant this year.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Scituate is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Scituate residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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Town of Weymouth, Public Schools commended for waste reduction successes

The Town of Weymouth was recognized for waste reduction accomplishments at MassRecycle’s December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented Certificates of Recognition for recovering the largest quantity of textiles in the region through its school and DPW collection boxes, and for its cooking oil collection program at the DPW. Weymouth Public Schools Community Relations Liaison Elizabeth (Betsy) Harris and Solid Waste coordinator Rosemary Nolan accepted the certificates for the Town.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Weymouth is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Weymouth residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the DPW.

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(Photos: Weymouth Schools’ Betsy Harris, Hingham Health Agent Betty Nee, and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney; Weymouth Solid Waste Coordinator Rosemary Nolan with Delaney)

