

History of Recent Sullivan County Municipal Cooperative Solid Waste Planning

2008-2009: *USDA grant awarded to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to provide technical assistance to Sullivan County towns.* Speakers were brought to meetings to cover topics such as full-cost accounting, food waste composting, local waste facilities, and recycling services. The RPC provided technical assistance as needed, coordinated transfer station attendant trainings with Department of Environmental Services recertification credits and peer lunch meetings to discuss daily concerns with neighboring towns. A pilot composting project was performed by consultant Anne Nordstrom at the Sullivan County facility in Unity incorporating food waste from the jail and nursing home with horse manure and leaves collected in area municipalities.

Under the RPC's grant, Antioch New England Institute (ANEI) worked with the volunteer Waste Action Collaborative to develop a drop-off recycling program at local box stores and educate the public about Pay-as-You-Throw. Antioch interns assisted two towns with recycling brochures, provided an Earth Day event in Claremont, and developed a document to review household hazardous waste collection options.

2007: *Sullivan County Leadership Forum on Solid Waste* - The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and ANEI convened the first Sullivan County Leadership Forum that was designed to establish a new opportunity for local elected officials in Sullivan County.

Recycling-Based Waste Management Action Plan for Sullivan County - ANEI and the Waste Action Collaborative worked with towns through a USDA grant to develop the *Recycling-Based Waste Management Action Plan* for Sullivan County. Recommendations included instituting Pay-as-You-Throw, development of a MRF with flow control measures, windrow composting, a household hazardous waste facility, a transfer station for consolidating waste, and a reused building supply center.

Resource Recycling Systems for the Sullivan County Commission, City of Claremont, Town of Newport, and ANEI - As a study to follow-up the *Recycling-Based Waste Management Action Plan*, the *Recycling Collection and Processing Options for Sullivan County* was written by the Resource Recycling Systems. It focuses primarily on processing options and costs including a county MRF.

Pay-As-You-Throw Waste Management Approach - The Waste Action Collaborative, with technical support from ANEI, initiated an outreach effort on a Pay-as-You-Throw for local governments.

2006: *Sullivan County Public Opinion Survey Completed* - The Waste Action Collaborative and ANEI conducted a public opinion survey.

RFP's and Responses on Waste Disposal Options - ANEI solicited and provided quotation from waste disposal firms. Quotations were received from six corporations

Pilot Recycling Grants awarded - Pilot recycling grants were awarded through EPA and USDA and conducted by ANEI for six community programs: Lempster, Acworth, Newport, Unity, Claremont and the Claremont School District.

Commission to Study the Feasibility of Developing a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Sullivan County - An advisory commission established by a NH House Bill determined Sullivan County should establish its own MRF or "at the very least, diverting much of its current municipal solid waste to an established or proposed MRF facility."

2005: *Sullivan County Solid Waste Forum*- Local citizens from Sullivan County municipalities organized and conducted a regional forum on solid waste including developing a regional vision map, list of priority actions, and local government support for a future USDA technical assistance grant.

Waste Generation Report for Sullivan County – Antioch New England Graduate School (ANEI) completed a waste generation report for the Sullivan County municipalities. This included estimated percent diversion/recycling.