

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Northeast Resource Recovery Association

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2018 Staff Outing



Board of Trustees President **DUNCAN P. WATSON**



The NRRA is truly a remarkable organization. Providing a calm and steady presence amidst utter chaos, the NRRA has weathered many storms. Today's market climate might be the most severe test as communities react to what is being termed an existential crisis. And while it's true that everything we have known for the past handful of years has been turned on its ear, it's a long overdue reckoning that will once again demonstrate the leadership of YOUR organization.

The President's report is usually just one big platitude. Rah, rah, and all that. But stop for a minute to reflect on one thing in particular that happened this last year. Glass was put on the WANTED posters as enemy #1. News report after news report indicated communities all over the country were no longer accepting glass as a recycling commodity. We all know the challenges glass has posed in towns that employ single stream processing. The easy thing to do would have been to just go along with the tide of momentum. But no. NRRA believed there was a better way. And without knowing where the path would lead, calls were made, leads followed, research done. A better way was found. The pioneering glass program created by the NRRA is up, functioning and has the potential to divert more glass than ever before. This is just a small example of the value of the NRRA. The glue of our organization is our shared belief in the value of discards as resources. It's built into our collective ethos. I'm proud of who we are, and my sense is we are just getting started in driving our mission.

I want to extend my appreciation to the staff at the NRRA. The talent of the staff is legion. The Board of Trustees- thank you for devoting your time and energy to guiding this ship. And to you, the members for which this organization exists- the heart only beats with blood coursing through the veins and you are the lifeblood of the NRRA. Thank you for believing.

Board of Trustees Treasurer **ROGER RICE**



It gives me great pleasure to report that NRRA has managed to navigate through the troubled waters of international recycling markets and finish the fiscal year with another balanced budget. Credit goes to the staff for keeping NRRA in the black despite continued market volatility.

I'm also happy to share that NRRA successfully moved over 54,000 tons of recyclables on behalf of its members as well as returned more than \$ 5.8 million in revenues – both increased amounts over last year. A large part of this achievement is due to the quality of materials marketed by NRRA members.

This year, the NRRA Board of Trustees made a commitment to increase its reserve account as part our long-term financial planning efforts. This goal will be achieved by setting aside a designated amount as part of the annual NRRA operational budget with additional funds being added when a surplus exists. NRRA's financial position remains strong, and we continue to make improvements such as IT upgrades and electronic payments/invoicing to provide our members with the most efficient service possible.

In August, NRRA confirmed it had received another USDA grant for the fiscal year 2018/2019. This \$140,193 grant will continue and build upon the work that NRRA has done in the previous four grants. Specifically, NRRA will be working with schools and towns in NH, VT and MA stressing "YIMBY" ("Yes, In My Backyard") as encouragement and training for more compost systems.

NRRA is fortunate to be financially secure so it can continue its efforts on your behalf, and we stand ready to face whatever challenges the upcoming year may bring.



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FYE: 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUES

MEMBERSHIP	\$92,256	9.1%
CONFERENCE	\$112,547	11.1%
CONSULTING/CONTRACTS	\$32,549	3.2%
COMPOST BIN SALES	\$20,027	2.0%
RURAL DEVELOPMENT & EPA GRANTS	\$141,000	13.9%
CO-OP MARKETING FEES	\$529,922	52.2%
INTEREST INCOME	\$5,661	0.6%
FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/MISC	\$7,430	0.7%
LEASE INCOME	\$39,484	3.9%
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/CLUB GRANTS	\$34,912	3.4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,015,788	100%

OPERATING EXPENSES

SALARIESFRINGE	\$549,731	57%
CONSULTING SERVICES	\$42,263	4%
COMPOST BIN SALES	\$15,355	2%
MORTGAGE	\$53,778	6%
PRINTING/COPYING/POSTAGE	\$7,185	1%
ACCOUNTING/LEGAL	\$7,772	1%
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	\$11,556	1%
SUPPLIES	\$9,206	1%
PUBLICATIONS/DUES/FEES/FR	\$5,616	1%
DEPRECIATION	\$23,000	2%
UTILITIES	\$14,345	1%
TRAVEL/MEETINGS	\$8,599	1%
CONFERENCE	\$55,814	6%
OFFICE EQUIPMENT (EXPENSE)/MISC.	\$5,104	1%
INSURANCE	\$4,820	0%
USDA	\$114,355	12%
BLDG./GROUNDS/EQUIP MAINTENANCE/CAP EXPENSES	\$10,767	1%
CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$25,000	3%
PROPERTY TAXES & UBTI	\$8,578	1%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$972,844	100%
NET SURPLUS (LOSS)	\$42,944	

**Please note: These are preaudited figures*

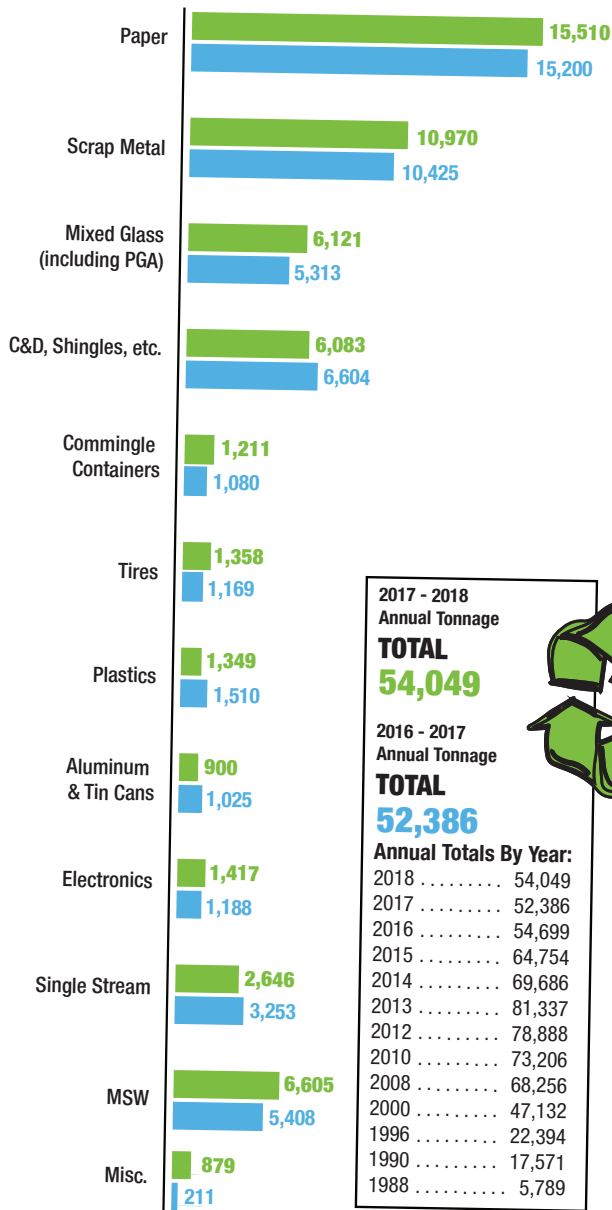
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NRRA MARKETING TONNAGES

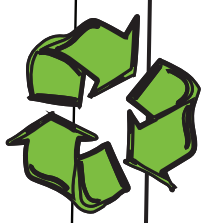
■ 2017 - 2018 Annual Tonnage Totals
 ■ 2016 - 2017 Annual Tonnage Totals



2017 - 2018 Annual Tonnage	
TOTAL	54,049

2016 - 2017 Annual Tonnage	
TOTAL	52,386

Annual Totals By Year:	
2018	54,049
2017	52,386
2016	54,699
2015	64,754
2014	69,686
2013	81,337
2012	78,888
2010	73,206
2008	68,256
2000	47,132
1996	22,394
1990	17,571
1988	5,789



**Board of Trustees Member/
 Operations Committee Chair**
JOAN CUDWORTH



This year our M.O.M. (Member Operations Marketing) meetings started. meetings started off with many questions about the future of recycling. Our meetings were well attended. So many questions, so many ideas, and lots of hope and optimism for the future of recycling. One thing was certain, no one was going to let the ban China had on our plastics and paper stop how we all felt about recycling our valuable material.

M.O.M. meetings are very informative. With lots of guidance and understanding from NRRA staff, every town had a good understanding of what was happening in the markets. This vital information helped all communities that attended in preparing not only for new load specs, but the budget impacts that came with the ban. New markets have opened up for glass too. Some communities are even starting to use glass in some DPW applications. The Department of Environmental Services is on hand to answer any questions about the compliance side of waste and recycling at our meetings.

Last year in my report I wrote about the possible ban China might enforce. As I write my report, the ban is happening and we, as a country, are learning from this. Lots of communities are starting to think outside the box. Some municipalities have starting composting fruit and vegetable scraps at their facilities, while others are trying new recycling markets such as white office paper. We are all learning to separate our glass differently. Two things are for certain, without the help, guidance and support from the staff at NRRA, and members helping members, we would not have been prepared for what has faced us this year in the recycling markets.

I want to thank every town, community and business for being NRRA members. I also want to thank the staff at NRRA. They are an outstanding group of individuals. It has been a challenging year for the NRRA staff as well, and their commitment and dedication to helping all its members did not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Please remember that Recycling is good for the planet.



**38TH ANNUAL
 CONFERENCE & EXPO**

Monday, May 20 —
 Tuesday, May 21, 2019
 at the Radisson Hotel & Expo
 Center in Manchester, NH

Presented by —
 Northeast Resource Recovery Association
 New Hampshire the Beautiful and NRRA School CLUB

**RECYCLING
 STILL
 RULES**
 and it's
COOL IN SCHOOL!



**10th Annual
 School Recycling
 Conference**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
 at the Radisson Hotel & Expo Center
 in Manchester, New Hampshire



**NRRA Executive Director
MIKE DURFOR**



RECYCLING STILL RULES! YIMBY! YES IN MY BACK YARD!

Last year at the annual meeting of this oldest and first in the nation recycling cooperative, we validated the absolute necessity to continue NRRA's two-part mission which it has followed since its inception. NRRA continues to provide a clearinghouse for current, up-to-date information and act as a source of technical and marketing assistance in the general areas of waste reduction and recycling.

Since last November, the world has seen a titanic shift in the international markets. This shift has exposed the urgent need for new domestic market capacity as well as increased pressure to reduce the production of material that cannot be reused or recycled.

In addition to the impact of China closing its markets to the US and the rest of the world, a second significant event has provided us with the opportunity to make a real difference.

Over the course of the last year, numerous articles on the crisis of plastic in the ocean have been noted virally by the world's population. These articles have galvanized the world to come to a common understanding that plastic in the ocean is plain wrong.

Much like the Cuyahoga River in Ohio being on fire in the 1960's, the Crying Indian anti-litter campaign of the 1970's, and, finally, the New York City garbage barge circling the globe looking for a home in the 1980's, the China National Sword impact and the plastic bag at the bottom of the Mariana's trench creates a new crucible moment in the resource recovery industry.

2019 will be the year of the worm as NRRA will be concentrating on reducing organics in the waste stream by putting composting programs in every back yard. Towns, schools, and residences can all benefit from reducing the increasingly projected higher MSW disposal fees.

I believe that the dedication of the NRRA Membership, the NRRA Staff and the NRRA Board will be a critical part, going forward, of the solutions needed to all the challenges we face today. Thank you all for allowing me to assist in these critical efforts.

Thank you again to our 2018 Conference Sponsors

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Congratulations to NRRA's 2018 Recycling Award Winners

Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster, NH
"NH the Beautiful's 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award"

Keene, NH; Rye, NH; Walpole, NH; Sunapee, NH

"Most Programs through NRRA in 2017"
BCEP Solid Waste District
"NRRA 2018 Outstanding Facility Website"

Kristen Bergeron, Henniker, NH
"2018 NRRA Rookie of the Year"

URT/Universal Recycling Technologies,
Dover, NH

"2018 NRRA Business of the Year"

Richard Lee, New London, NH
"2018 Sami Izzo, Recycler of the Year Award"

THE 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

This year, on May 21-22, 2018 NRRA hosted over 600 attendees, speakers and exhibitors at the 37th Annual Conference and Expo at The Manchester Downtown Hotel in Manchester, NH. While the recycling industry is struggling to combat issues such as China's recent ban on recyclable imports, organics/compost waste management, hauler & trucking shortages, flat recovery volumes and contamination issues, attendees were upbeat and chose sessions that gave them the opportunity to learn insights and updates from industry experts. This year's conference theme was "Recycling Rule\$" and Ben Harvey, President of E.L. Harvey & Sons in Westborough, Mass. was a perfect fit as our keynote speaker. Ben has been interviewed by USA Today, CNN, and CBS News in addition to most of the industry trade publications for his insight on the current state of the recycling industry that the Harvey

family has been dedicated to for over a century. The NRRA School CLUB held its 9th Annual School Recycling Conference which included student focused workshops, activities, awards and the always popular, Mini-TOLD (Trash On the Lawn Day). The highlight of the 2018 NRRA School CLUB Recycling Awards Luncheon this year was an entertaining and insightful play performed by Allenstown Elementary students led by teacher, Kimberly Berrigan. This was another successful attendance year for the School CLUB Conference with just over 140 students, teachers and school administrators from across New England in attendance. They proudly sported their Recycling Rule\$ Crowns throughout the conference hall and events. NRRA Thanks the attendees, speakers, volunteers, and sponsors for their continued support of this important educational event.



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Thirty-eight years ago, four New Hampshire municipalities joined forces to form the first-in-the-nation municipal recycling cooperative. The Goals of NRRRA were to pool recyclable commodities in order to maximize pricing, provide educational and networking opportunities to members and to help communities stay on the cutting edge of the latest recycling trends. Having far surpassed those goals, NRRRA now serves more than 400 municipal and business members throughout greater New England. Unlike traditional brokers, NRRRA does not charge a costly brokerage fee but rather a minimum NRRRA membership fee is collected to reinvest into recycling and solid waste services for members!



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 LRG Healthcare/Franklin Hospital
 Maine Resource Recovery Assn.
 Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
 MassRecycle
 Merrimack County Facility-Recycling Dept.

New Haven SW & Recycling Auth.
 NH Dept. of Environmental Services
 NH Food Bank
 NH Municipal Association
 Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.
 SCRRA
 South Shore Recycling Cooperative
 State of NH-Division of Procurement
 Sullivan County
 VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation

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 Barre Town, VT

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 City of Claremont, NH
 City of Dover, NH
 City of Franklin, NH
 City of Keene, NH DPW SW Div.
 City of Lebanon, NH
 City of Manchester, NH
 City of Montpelier, VT
 City of Nashua, NH
 Coos County Transfer Station
 Town of Acworth, NH
 Town of Alburgh, VT
 Town of Alexandria, NH
 Town of Allenstown, NH
 Town of Alstead, NH
 Town of Alton, NH
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 Town of Andover, NH
 Town of Andover, VT
 Town of Antrim, NH
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 Town of Ashland, NH
 Town of Athens, VT
 Town of Atkinson, NH
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 Town of Barrington, NH
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 Town of Bennington, NH
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 Town of Freedom, NH
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 BCEP Solid Waste District
 Central Vermont SWMD
 Chittenden Solid Waste District
 CMWRRDD, MA
 Coos County Recycling
 Greater Upper Valley SWMD - VT
 Hopkinton-Webster SWD
 Londonderry Solid Waste Group-VT
 Mad River Resource Mgmt. Alliance-VT
 NE Kingdom WMD
 Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District
 S. Windsor/Windham Counties
 Solid Waste Alliance Communities
 Souhegan Regional Landfill District
 White River Alliance SWD
 Wilton SWD
 Windham VT Solid Waste Mgt. District



NRRA School CLUB's 2018 Annual Report



Over the last year, The CLUB has been very busy working on special projects. In addition to hosting four terrific Trash On the Lawn Day (TOLD) events, we continued to provide school outreach in Vermont through our Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) program, as well as providing support for our latest USDA **Town & Gown** Grant. This unique grant worked to strengthen ties between schools and their municipal transfer stations and waste management districts. We helped produce webinars for town and school officials in NH and VT to cross-train them on their local recycling programs. In addition, the grant provided for updating a hazardous waste manual for schools, which is in publication at the time of this writing. Kudos to Grant Manager Cindy Sterling and School CLUB Special Projects Manager Sarah McGraw for their tireless work on this grant. There will be no rest for Cindy and Sarah. We are proud to announce that we have received another USDA grant! **YIMBY! Yes-In My Back Yard!** will focus on composting and battery disposal efforts in NH, VT and MA.

The Allenstown Elementary Drama Club delighted the Conference audience with their lively performance of *The Green Machine* in which the students sang and danced their way from a polluted park to a litter-free park.

Our Conference Workshops ran the gamut: Repair Cafes, Student Leadership, Vermicomposting, Share Tables, Sustainability and Ocean Plastics. We added an international flair to our Conference Awards this year by giving Special Recognition Awards to Queen Elizabeth II and Nadia Sparkes of the UK for their recycling initiatives. Please refer to the Awards list on this page and to our webpage for the details. Be on the lookout for outstanding school programs and individuals for recognition at the 2019 Conference.

Outreach work for the Keene School District is moving forward. Baseline Star Assessments were done last year and this year we were delighted to train school staff (and some Girl Scouts) on how to collect field data to conduct follow-up evaluations at their schools. We hope to complete our outreach this year with programming and recycling equipment for the Keene schools.

Through the generous support of NH the Beautiful, CLUB membership is **FREE** to all NH schools. NH the Beautiful makes it possible for our NH CLUB members to receive discounted recycling bins, bags and signs, as well as matching grants (50%) for school programming and Conference fees. In addition, this year NH the Beautiful added their first annual School Recycling Innovation Grant of \$500 which was announced at the Conference. Congratulations to Steve Watson of Inter-Lakes Elementary School in Meredith, NH. His winning essay is posted on our website under the 2018 Conference Awards tab. Sharpen your pencils and start writing – your school could be our 2019 awardee!

Our monthly **School News You Can Use** contains updates on all of our school programs and services plus timely articles on current recycling subjects. What is your school up to? Feel free to submit articles and pictures from your successful school programs and events so that we can share them with others. You can view all our recent newsletters on our website, www.schoolrecycling.net and on our Facebook page. Feel free to contact us at TheCLUB@nrna.net or call 603-736-4401 Ext. 19 with any questions, stories or insights.

We look forward to supporting and assisting your school recycling programs!

Gwen Erley, Programs Coordinator

What Did New Hampshire the Beautiful Do for New Hampshire Over the Past Year?

In just one year, New Hampshire the Beautiful has provided an enormous amount of support for recycling and anti-litter programs by:

- **Donating 872,900 blue bags** for litter pick up to communities & NH Departments of Transportation to assist in keeping NH roads and community areas litter-free
- **Awarding over \$46,986 in recycling grants to 24 NH municipalities** to help increase the efficiency of their recycling programs
- **Awarded a NH School with a \$500 School Recycling Innovation Grant** to help improve their school recycling program.
- **Providing over \$35,000 in funding to the NRRA School Recycling CLUB** to provide recycling education to our future generations of recyclers
- **Subsidizing the cost of 490 recycling bins and ClearStream™ recycling containers** for schools and communities throughout the state
- **Granting \$13,919.70 worth of recycling signs** to NH transfer stations and schools
- **Maintained two NEW RecycleMobiles** to be used by communities and/or Schools throughout the year for various public events.
- **Funded & Presented an Environmental Stewardship Award at NRRA's Annual Conference** to recognize and reward a dedicated transfer facility professional who goes above and beyond their facility recycling responsibilities and engages their entire community in better recycling for a better future.

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 School Recycling Award Winners

Special Recognition Award-Keynote Musical Skit: Allenstown Elementary Drama Club, Allenstown, NH
 NH the Beautiful School Recycling Innovation Award: Steve Watson, Inter-Lakes Elementary School, Meredith, NH
 Team Earth Best of the Best Gold Award: Milford Middle School, Milford, NH
 Best Earth Day Event: Milford Middle School, Milford, NH
 Outstanding Work Study Student Recycler: Gabriel Clark, Hollis Brookline High School, Hollis, NH
 Outstanding Community Involvement: Wendy Berkeley, Somersworth Farm to School Program, Somersworth, NH
 Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year: Tim Phillips, White Mountains Regional High School, Whitefield, NH
 School Recycler of the Year: Mike McGuinness, Oyster River Middle School, Durham, NH
 Teacher Recycler of the Year: Chelsea Petereit, Lancaster Elementary School, Lancaster, NH
 Special Recognition Award- Banning Plastics at Royal Properties: Queen Elizabeth II, London, UK
 Special Recognition Award- Team Trash Girl Initiative: Nadia Sparkes, Hellesdon High School, Norwich, UK



NH the Beautiful, Inc. (NHtB) is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage, and grocery industries of New Hampshire. By offering municipal recycling grants, signs, anti-litter programs, and technical assistance to recycling programs, NHtB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. New Hampshire the Beautiful also provides support to the NRRA School Recycling CLUB.

NRRA administers the programs for NH the Beautiful (www.nhthebeautiful.org) and has since 2006

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