

35<sup>th</sup> Emerald Anniversary

2015  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

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**Northeast Resource Recovery Association**

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## Members Helping Members

Thirty-five 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 to members to market their recyclables but rather a minimum NRRRA fee is collected to reinvest into recycling and solid waste services for members!



## From Your BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT

In my e-mail inbox today was a gentle reminder that yet another year has gone by and it is time for me to submit the President's Statement for the Annual Report. With the reminder to get cracking was last year's Statement which of course I read to bask in the literary genius that are the hallmark of my President Statements. And I thought, hmmm I wonder if I could literally recycle, word for word what I wrote last year? Of course I would do it under the auspice of determining if anyone actually reads this stuff, and the simple fact is what I said last year is still relevant this year. It's staring us in the face- we must change. Our business model will ultimately not sustain us going forward. We cannot keep pulling rabbits out of our over three decade old hat. It's not like the fire is on the chair we are sitting in.



This is not a dire message. Dire was the Board of Trustee meeting where Paula, as cheerfully as she could, told us we didn't have enough money to shutter the NRRRA. No, this message is just reinforcing what many of us on the Board of Trustees have been grappling with for some time now. We need to evolve. The question is how. We've been ahead of the curve for so long, so consistently innovative that we have an association that is cognizant enough to see the warning signs in the distance and the driver is being alerted in time to take action. And staying true to our roots the NRRRA will be in front of the issues of recycling and waste diversion. This time, however, our goals are starting to coalesce around something loftier. A 20% recycling rate just isn't going to cut it anymore. Heck, even a 50% recycling rate isn't going to be good enough.

Remember, we are the Resource Recovery Association. If you are recycling 20% today that means 80% of the resources going through your facility are not getting the highest and best use. It is our expectation that we can do better. I think we are seeing that single stream isn't necessarily living up to its promise, mainly because it's costing more than the sales pitch ever contemplated. What do we do? We continue to provide the outstanding service that is the hallmark of our Association. And we look for opportunities to be the conduit in the dialog towards developing partnerships to press resource recovery forward, not backward. Environmental stewardship and economic responsibility are not mutually exclusive concepts. We will find a better mousetrap. Our future depends on it. Respectfully,

*Duncan P. Watson, President*

## From Your BOARD OF TRUSTEES TREASURER

Well, the challenges just kept coming in fiscal year 2014-2015 with staffing, mills and vendors going away and pricing continuing to plummet in several markets. Once again, the highly skilled and dedicated staff of YOUR organization, NRRRA, proved more than capable of handling it all while at the same time adapting to the new normal. Under the leadership of our Executive Director, together with the Board of Trustees, the budget was balanced, costs contained and new revenues generated. Thanks to the ever present diligence from the Finance Department, and watchful eye of the Director, NRRRA closed the year without a deficit! The Capital Reserve Account remained at \$100,232 with no withdrawals and thanks to the extra effort by the Executive Director and grant writers Cindy Sterling and Gwen Erly, NRRRA was awarded a Rural Development Grant from the USDA in the amount of \$146,000. In spite of the uncertain economy, Members, through the continued efforts and guidance of our dedicated and knowledgeable staff and peers alike, continue to be afforded the advantages of volume pricing, ending the year with 64,754 tons of reprocessed resources and over \$2,218,550 in recycling revenues collected and returned to participating members. Respectfully submitted,



*Lisa Stevens, Treasurer*

# FYE - 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT



REVENUES		
Membership	\$95,185	11.09%
Conference	\$109,236	12.72%
Consulting/Contracts	\$37,774	4.40%
Compost Bin Sale	\$22,685	2.64%
Rural Development & EPA Grants	\$0	0.00%
Co-op Marketing Fees	\$494,531	57.60%
Interest Income	\$475	0.06%
Fundraising/Donations	\$12,372	1.44%
Lease Income	\$38,715	4.51%
Technical Assistance/CLUB Grants	\$47,596	5.54%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$858,569</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries/Fringe*	\$560,607	65.30%
Consulting Services**	\$37,710	4.39%
Mortgage/Utilities	\$37,773	4.40%
Printing/Copying/Postage	\$6,537	0.76%
Accounting/Legal	\$39,043	4.55%
Bad Debt Expense	\$30,545	3.56%
Supplies	\$7,136	0.83%
Publications/Dues/Fees/FR	\$3,078	0.36%
Depreciation	\$19,500	2.27%
Fundraising (Direct Expenses)	\$573	0.07%
Travel/Meetings	\$8,834	1.03%
Conference	\$58,413	6.80%
Office Equipment (Expense)	\$8,938	1.04%
Insurance	\$8,771	1.02%
Compost Bin Sale (Direct Expenses)	\$16,950	1.97%
Bldg./Grounds/Equip. Maintenance	\$6,954	0.81%
Property Taxes	\$7,207	0.84%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$858,569</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Surplus (loss)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

Please note: These are preaudited figures.

\*Indirect program costs are included in Salaries/Fringe

\*\*Direct program costs are included in consulting services

## The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo

This year, the conference attracted over 500 attendees. As always, the conference featured many cutting edge workshops as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual School Recycling Conference which included workshops, activity booths and the popular Mini TOLD (Trash On the Lawn Day). NRRA thanks the attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors and sponsors for their continued support of this important educational event.

Thank you again to our 2015 Conference Sponsors!

### PLATINUM

- Empire Recycling
- NH the Beautiful

### GOLD

- American Retroworks Inc. DBA:Good Point Recycling
- E.L. Harvey & Sons
- ERRCO/LL&S C&D Recycling
- Interstate Refrigerant Recovery, Inc.
- MassRecycle
- NH Department of Environmental Services
- Paintcare
- Pinard Waste Systems
- Schnitzer Steel Ind., Inc.
- Waste Management

### SILVER

- Antioch University of New England
- Busch Systems International, Inc.
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- Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of New England
- EcoHub-USA
- Harding Metals
- Maguire Equipment, Inc.
- Naughton & Son Recycling Company
- OPRSystems, Inc.
- RMG Enterprise, LLC

### Congratulations to NRRA's 2015 Recycling Award Winners:

City of Walpole, NH - "Most Programs through NRRA in 2014"

Paul Coburn, Walpole, NH - "NH the Beautiful's 2015 Environmental Stewardship Award"

City of Concord, NH - "Outstanding Recycling Facility Website"

Danvers, MA - "Outstanding Recycling Program"

Windham Solid Waste Management District, Brattleboro, VT - "Best Bill of Lading (BOL)"

Brian Patnoe, Littleton, NH - "Rookie of the Year"

Steve Whitman, Alexandria, NH - "Volunteer of the Year"

Interstate Refrigerant Recovery, Inc., Foxboro, MA - "Business of the Year"

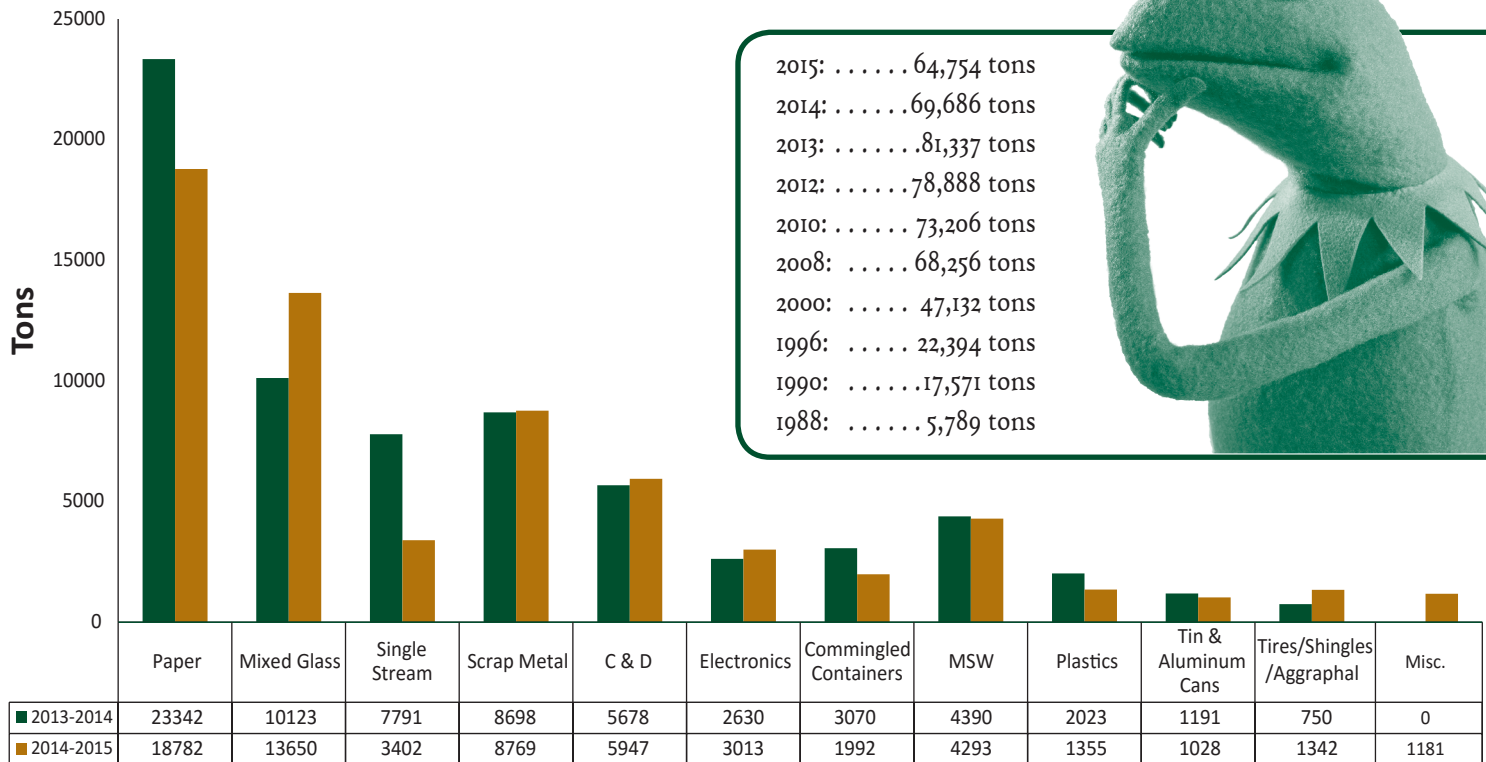
Donny Tebaldi, Keene, NH - "Special Recognition Award"

Steve Bennett, Loudon, NH - "Sami Izzo Recycler of the Year Award"

### Special Thanks to EarthShare New England

NRRA thanks the hundreds of people who support our work each year through payroll contributions in workplace giving campaigns. NRRA is a member of EarthShare New England, a federation of New England's most respected environmental and conservation charities. To learn more about supporting NRRA through EarthShare New England please call Jessica Wozniak at 508-410-3903 or visit [www.earthsharenewengland.org](http://www.earthsharenewengland.org).

# NRRA Marketing Tonnages



## YOUR MEMBERS/OPERATIONS MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to thank all of the towns and businesses for their continued support and efforts to make NRRA and our recycling efforts as successful as possible. I would also like to thank the NRRA staff and all the member communities who take the time to attend monthly M.O.M. meetings. This support and involvement is what makes this organization so successful. 2015 presented many challenges for the NRRA and its Member Organizations.



This year pricing became unstable early in the year. Most commodities values were significantly decreased due to factors such as lower oil prices, contamination from single stream programs and global market demand decreases. The only market that remained steady was OCC and mixed paper. Plastics, scrap metal and aluminum are among the commodities that saw significant decreases in 2015. Dual stream programs are becoming obsolete and single stream programs are not producing any revenues for the communities who invested heavily in personnel, trucks and equipment to implement the programs. The costs to tip single stream recyclables is fast approaching Municipal Solid Waste tipping fees for landfilling MSW. Proper recycling efforts are becoming a cost burden due to contamination and processing costs for commercial ventures. Combine this with lowering revenues and selective acceptance of non-contaminated commodities in the global market have recycling nay-sayers saying the future of recycling is in trouble because the bottom line is becoming red ink. It is the responsibility of the governmental and municipal officials to continue recycling and educate the public that recycling is a commitment to the environment even with the reduced revenues that we receive.

In the future we may be forced to increase our budgets accordingly to keep the programs going. All recycling professionals who work daily at the Municipal Transfer Stations statewide are to be congratulated and recognized for their efforts to keep recyclables out of the waste stream, whether it is incinerated or landfilled. Thanks to the NRRA staff for their continuing efforts to find profitable markets for all of our commodities.

I encourage every town and community to become a member of NRRA. The committed staff continues to provide beneficial service to all of its members. NRRA keeps purchasers of goods honest and typically the yield per ton for recyclables through NRRA is more than one can do directly on their own. NRRA now serves more than 400 municipal and business members throughout greater New England. Don't forget that by attending two M.O.M. meetings the NH DES will give you the required continuing education credits required for your Solid Waste Certification. I encourage you to attend the monthly M.O.M. meetings for the education credits, but also because we value your input. See you all in 2016!

*Tim Redmond, Chairperson, Town of Weare*

# From Your EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Last Year's theme of "Real Challenges and Real Solutions" set the tone for the entire year. The recycling markets continued their decline into the "New Normal" of relatively stagnant numbers, and took several long established vendors/mills with them. Movement of material requires longer lead time, better quality, and more precise recordkeeping at every stage of the transaction.

Throughout this hectic period the Member Services Team has gone above and beyond to support the changes that are demanded by these "New Normal" markets and the reality of their economics. Higher hauling and processing fees are driving budget projections for the upcoming year to be even more cautious. Members are advised to estimate low revenues and higher expenses for the upcoming year.

For 2016 our motto is "It's Not Easy Being Green!" In spite of all the current challenges, NRRA looks forward to new initiatives, to help weather the storm such as: online order processing, streamlined transaction accounting, and expanded training and outreach. The USDA grant award for Operator and Teacher training has already begun and will have a positive impact on all of the NRRA established programs in 2016. Additional opportunities to assist Members with MSW Contract Negotiations, NHDES Continuing Ed. Certifications, provide on-site facility assessments, as well as the expanded school program offerings will all contribute to an exciting 2016!

NRRA continues its research and due diligence regarding new opportunities that present themselves. It will continue to showcase those that appear to have strongest potential to be "game changers" in the industry as part of its education charge from the original Articles of Incorporation 35 years ago. The entire NRRA family is looking forward to the 35th Annual "Emerald" Anniversary Conference set for May 15-17, 2016 in Nashua at the Radisson "Castle." Our "It's Not Easy Being Green!" theme couldn't be more relevant. In these turbulent economic periods NRRA's value to its members only increases as it charts and sails a steady course promoting and supporting increased recycling throughout the towns and schools in New England.

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Trustees a heartfelt and sincere thank you to each and every Member. Thank you for your continued support, and thank you for the trust you place in NRRA to work on your behalf toward a better future for the planet and the generations to come. Thank you all for the honor of serving as your Executive Director.

*Mike Durfor, Executive Director*



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Solid Waste Alliance Committee  
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White River Alliance - VT  
Wilton SWD  
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 JTA Corporation  
 Lakeport Landing Marina  
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 Martyco Dumpster, LLC  
 MD's Trash Removal  
 Meredith Marina  
 Morgan Press, Inc.  
 New England Quality Service, Inc.  
 NH Automobile Dealers Assoc.  
 NH Marine Trade Association  
 NH Motor Speedway  
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 Shep Browns Boat Basin  
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 Londonderry School District  
 Lothrop Elementary School  
 LRG Healthcare/Franklin Hospital  
 Maine Resource Recovery Assn.  
 Mass. Water Resources Authority  
 MassRecycle  
 Merrimack Cty. Facility-Recycling Dept.  
 NH Dept. of Environmental Services  
 NH Municipal Association  
 Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.  
 Resource Recycling  
 Salvation Army Adult Rehab. Center  
 Stonehill College  
 Sullivan County  
 UMASS - Amherst  
 Winnisquam Regional Middle School

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# 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 doing the following:

- \*Donating 54,000 blue bags for litter pick up to communities & NH Departments of Transportation to assist in keeping NH roads and community areas litter-free
- \*Awarding a total of \$32,888 in recycling grants to 17 NH municipalities to help increase the efficiency of their recycling programs
- \*Providing over \$25,000 in funding to the NRRA School Recycling CLUB to provide recycling education to our future generations of recyclers
- \*Subsidizing the cost of 464 recycling bins and ClearStream recycling containers for schools and communities throughout the state

\*Granting \$8,302 worth of recycling signs to NH transfer stations and schools

\*Maintaining three RecycleMobiles used by communities throughout the year for various public events

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](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org)) and has since 2006.

## NRRA School Recycling CLUB



It is hard to believe that I celebrated my first anniversary with NRRA in August. What a year of firsts it was - my first Annual Report, my first Save the Date and Conference Program, my first NRRA & CLUB Conferences, my first workshops and technical assistance trainings, my first webinar, my first Facebook post, my first web site updates, my first CLUB newsletters, and now, my first USDA grant!

I am so proud to work with such talented and dedicated staff members and educators. I am excited to come to work every day. I am delighted when I see how eager and enthusiastic our students and teachers are to improve and strengthen their recycling programs.

NH the Beautiful made it possible for our NH CLUB members to receive discounted recycling materials and grants for workshops and even Conference fees.

Over the summer we revamped our Team Earth program and are now holding a Team Earth Poster Contest. Through Team Earth, schools and students complete activities and expand their recycling efforts to reach Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, receiving recognition and awards along the way.

One of my goals in the coming year is to get our School CLUB database up and running. Keep an eye on our website, [www.schoolrecycling.net](http://www.schoolrecycling.net) or our Facebook page for more information. You can always contact us at [theclub@nrna.net](mailto:theclub@nrna.net) or call 603-736-4401 Ext. 19 with any questions.

I welcome your inquiries. If I don't have the answer, I'll find it!

*Gwen Erley, CLNB Coordinator*

### Congratulations to our 2014-2015 School Recycling Award Winners:

School Recyclers of the Year

Danvers School District, Danvers, MA

School Volunteers of the Year

NH-Evelyn McMann, Mildred C. Lakeway Elementary School, Littleton, NH

MA-Fritzie Nace, Winchester Public Schools, Winchester, MA

Best Earth Day Event - 2015

Allenstown Elementary School, Allenstown, NH

Recycler of the Year - Teacher/Educator Award

Michelle Jimeno, Mason Elementary, Mason, NH

Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year

NH-Rick Griffith, Mason Elementary, Mason, NH  
VT-Stan O'Neil, Lothrop Elementary, Pittsford, VT

Best Composter Award

Oyster River High School, Durham, NH

Innovative Recycling Idea

Grace Cushing & Caroline Anastasia, Winnacunnet High School, Hampton, NH

Rookie of the Year

Allenstown Elementary, Allenstown, NH

Team Earth Best of the Best

Mason Elementary, Mason NH

Outstanding Recycling Educator

Cindy Sterling, Keene State College, Keene, NH

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