



## **2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Town of \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC), a voluntary association of fifteen South Shore towns established by Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) and Special Legislation in 1998. Members of the SSRC are: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.

Each member town is represented by town associates appointed by the Selectmen. \_\_\_\_\_ is represented by \_\_\_\_\_ (see attached list).

The mission of the SSRC as stated in the IMA is: "to provide a forum of cooperative management of solid waste by members, to assist each member Town to improve the cost-effectiveness of their recycling efforts by providing economy of scale while maintaining full control over solid waste management; to assist members to improve programs to divert waste materials from the waste stream and to reduce the amount and toxicity of wastes; and to provide such assistance on an individual basis to each member Town and cooperatively in joint programs with other Towns."

Each member town pays an annual membership fee of \$4,000. In 2005 the SSRC raised a total of **\$60,000** through these fees, which the SSRC supplemented with \$14,259.03 in grants from Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection and Covanta at SEMASS. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and support various solid waste and recycling activities during the year to benefit member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2005 these activities **saved member towns an estimated \$112,000**, and provided over 250 hours of direct services to the towns.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCT COLLECTIONS:** By using the regional contract negotiated by the SSRC with **Clean Harbors** for the collection and disposal of **household hazardous products**, Member Towns paid about 30% less than the State contract, and avoided the administrative time to bid and schedule them. The thirteen collections held in 2005, **439 residents** attended, and Member Towns saved approximately **\$28,400** for this service. The contract also enabled **101 residents and businesses** to attend other Member towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**, which is administered by the Executive Director. The SSRC publicized the events with several thousand **flyers** delivered to the town halls and libraries and ongoing press releases in all **local papers, on cable TV and the radio**. The Executive Director attended and helped run ten of the collections, handed out paint stirrers with cost saving instructions on latex paint disposal, provided signs and calculated the **proper billing** for the vendor to ensure that discounts and allowances were credited and visitors billed properly.

**CONSTRUCTION AND BULKY WASTE.** By using the arrangement negotiated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWME**, Member Towns enjoyed a disposal rate of \$70/ton for **construction and bulky waste**. The gate fee is \$75/ton. With a generation of 7,965 tons, Member Towns saved **\$39,825** in CY05 with this arrangement.

**MATTRESSES.** The SSRC conducted an RFQ for **mattress processing** when the surcharge at Bourne increased from \$10 to \$15 each plus the tip fee and transportation, coupled with the elimination of the 10 mattress/load allowance. Three companies responded, and the SSRC accepted an offer by Miller Recycling in Plainville to transport and process mattresses for \$14/each, including container rental. This arrangement saved the three participating towns approximately **\$7,400** on the 1,852 mattresses they collected in 2005.

**WASTE OIL.** The SSRC negotiated a 7-10¢/gal rebate from Cyn Environmental for waste oil. Towns had previously received nothing from either Clean Harbors or Cyn. This should have generated **\$5,000** for Member Towns for the six months it was in effect in 2005. Exact figures were not available.

**COMPOST AND BRUSH PROCESSING.** The SSRC re-bid its contracts for **brush grinding and compost screening**, which were awarded to Letourneau Corp. and Lion's Head Organics. The contractors made

presentations at a Board meeting, and the contracts were used by several of our towns in CY05.

**THERMOMETER SWAPS.** The SSRC assisted the thirteen member towns that have contracts with SEMASS to maximize their benefits from the **Material Separation Plan (MSP)**, including the provision by SEMASS of digital thermometers for exchange, Dunkin Donuts coupons as incentive for residents and contractors to turn in mercury thermostats, reimbursement for mercury disposal costs, and outreach assistance (HHP flyers, radio ads) valued at approximately **\$9,780**. These programs removed **121 lbs. of mercury** from the waste stream in 2005.

**RADIO ADS.** The SSRC produced sixteen **radio ads** promoting recycling and waste reduction, which were broadcast over 500 times on **WATD 95.9 fm** (Marshfield), **WPLM 99.1 fm** (Plymouth) and **WJDA 1300 am** (Quincy) from April through December. The SSRC obtained **grant funding from Mass. DEP** for the spring ads, **sponsorship from Covanta at SEMASS** to cover 1/3 of the airtime cost for the fall ads. We also partnered with the North and South River Watershed Association for reduced airtime costs on WATD. Total cost was **\$9,540**.

**EVENT RECYCLING.** With assistance from the Mass. DEP and the Town of Marshfield, the SSRC worked with event organizers to continue **event recycling programs at the Marshfield Fair**. While public education was the main benefit, five tons of material was also diverted from the trash for recycling. Recycling containers from a previous grant are available for loan to all Member Town events.

**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST.** The SSRC held a **Legislative Breakfast** in April at which Rep. Kathleen Teahan (D-Whitman) was recognized with our "Environmental Hero" award for her sponsorship and support of bills and budget items that promote waste reduction. Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) also spoke at the event.

**ADVOCACY.** The Executive Director led advocacy efforts for State budget items that benefit municipal solid waste programs. She met with the **Senate Ways and Means** Environmental Policy Analyst to advise on state and local solid waste issues and budget concerns. She also attended policy meetings, forums and conferences hosted by the DEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, the Council of SEMASS Communities, the Mass. Recycling Coalition, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. In her capacity as **President of MassRecycle**, she was appointed to and attends Mass. DEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings. She shares what she learns with the Managers, and relays the Managers' concerns to the professional and State organizations and regulators.

**WEBSITE.** [ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info) provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, press releases, Business Partnership information, links to other sites, annual reports and the newsletter.

**ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.** The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers on such issues as curbside contracting, disposal of special wastes, alternative vendors for different materials, regulations and accessing grants. She **met with the solid waste managers from each town** to stay up to date on their programs, update them on current trends, and advise on specific needs each town had. She made presentations to **Whitman and Marshfield** officials and residents about PAYT, helped **Rockland and Marshfield** negotiate better disposal contracts, and assisted Mass.DEP in hiring Municipal Assistance Coordinator Rosemary Nolan.

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.** The SSRC publishes a newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community, including local solid waste news, regulatory and legislative proposals, meetings and seminars. The newsletter is circulated to over 300 town officials, legislators, regulators and volunteers, and is posted online at [ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info).

**PUBLIC OUTREACH.** The SSRC releases articles and provides information to the local press about waste reduction and recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste. The Executive Director also fielded **75 calls** from Member Towns' residents in CY05 to answer questions, mostly about HHP and CRT disposal.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS.** The SSRC provides valuable **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended **Solid Waste Manager meetings**, at which solid waste collection, disposal and recycling service, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed among member towns. Guest speakers provide information on subjects of interest to the local MSW community, including special waste disposal, regulatory compliance, legislative and budget issues, and grant assistance.

The SSRC exists to serve its member towns by facilitating their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

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 SSRC Representatives for the town of \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN	FIRST	LAST	C/O	POSITION
Abington	Susan	Brennan	BOH	Commissioner
Abington	Michelle	Roberts	BOH	Agent
Cohasset	Merle	Brown		SSRC Chairman
Cohasset*	Arthur	Lehr		Community Advisor
Duxbury	Thomas	Daley	DPW	Director
Duxbury*	Ed	Vickers	DPW	Assistant Director
Hanover*	Victor	Diniak	DPW	Superintendent
Hanover	Steven	Herrmann	DPW	Foreman; SSRC Vice Chairman
Hingham	Helga	Jorgensen		Community Advisor
Hingham	Joseph	Stigliani	DPW	Director
Hingham*	Randy	Sylvester	DPW	Assistant Director
Holbrook	Kenneth	Brown	DPW	Supervisor
Holbrook	Jeff	Lowe		Community Advisor
Hull	Nancy	Kramer		Community Advisor
Hull	JoAnn	Rose	Sewer Commission	Bookkeeper
Kingston*	Paul	Basler	Streets, Trees & Parks	Superintendent
Marshfield	Bob	Griffin	Recycling Committee	Appointee
Marshfield	Paul	Tomkavage	DPW	Project Manager
Marshfield	Deborah	Sullivan	DPW	Recycling Coordinator
Norwell	Joanne	Dirk	Recycling Committee	Chairman; SSRC Treasurer
Norwell*	Patti	Hainer	Recycling Committee	SSRC Secretary
Plymouth*	George	Crombie	DPW	Director
Plymouth*	Arthur	Douylliez	DPW	Maintenance Supt.
Plymouth*	Kerin	McCall	Parks Dept.	Recycling Coordinator
Rockland	Rudy	Childs		Community Advisor
Rockland	Victoria	Diebel	BOH	Commissioner
Rockland	Janice	McCarthy	BOH	Agent
Scituate	Anthony	Antoniello	DPW	Director
Scituate	Mike	Breen	DPW	Asst. Director
Weymouth	Bob	O'Connor	DPW	Director
Whitman*	Thomas	Burnett	DPW	Commissioner
Whitman*	Alfred	Scoglio	BOH	Health Inspector
Whitman*	Loni	Bezanson	DPW	Manager

## South Shore Recycling Cooperative Board of Directors 2005

\* need official appointment or reappointment