

**Solid Waste Working Group
Meeting Agenda
September 12, 2008**
Mad Tom Notch Room, Osgood Building
State Office Complex, Waterbury

Homework before Meeting:

Review three handouts/documents:

- 1) Handout #1 (Minutes)
- 2) Handout #2 (ANR 2008 Solid Waste Report to the Legislature Solid Waste Working Group - 6/23/08 Comments)
- 3) Handout #3 (Solid Waste Report to the Vermont Legislature January 2008)

Come ready to discuss:

- 1) Does the Solid Waste Report to the Legislature and comments made at the 6/23/08 meeting encompass the most critical issues faced in solid waste management in Vermont?
- 2) What changes (if any) must be made in how Vermont manages solid waste in the next 10 years?

Meeting Agenda:

9:00 - 9:30 **Introductions and Overview**

9:30 - 10:00 **Boundaries and Process**

1) Working Group Goals and Objectives

- Evaluate ANR's Solid Waste Report
- Develop "Recommendations to Implement and Improve Upon Report" (Legislative mandate)
- Incorporate Existing Work on Solid Waste
- Determine if Modifications to Act 78 are necessary and if so in what areas (broadly)

2) Agreement on Working Group Process and Ground Rules

3) End Product (January 15, 2009 Report to Legislature)

10:00 - 10:20

Other Solid Waste Work/Processes Recap

- Waste Prevention Initiative - C Grodinsky (5 minutes)
- Composting Association of Vermont/Compost Study Committee (ANR Staff or Bob Foster - 5 minutes)
- District Managers' Association (Fred Moody - 5 minutes)
- Governor's Commission on Climate Change Plenary Group Recommendations (ANR - 5 minutes)

10:20 - 10:35

Break

10:40 - 11:40 ANR 2008 Solid Waste Report to the Legislature

**1) Report Summary and Recommendations/Vision
(Sustainable Materials Management) - Cathy Jamieson
(10 minutes)**

2) Discussion:

- 1) Does the Solid Waste Report to the Legislature and comments made at the 6/23/08 meeting encompass the most critical issues faced in solid waste management in Vermont?
- 2) Can we narrow the comments down to 3 - 4 critical issues for further work by the Working Group? - That is, what are the primary changes (if any) that must be made in how Vermont manages solid waste in the next 10 years?

**11:40 - 12:00 Summarize Key Changes, Set Agenda for Next Meetings
Schedule next 3 fall meetings - bring your schedules!**

Directions to the Mad Tom Notch Room:

From 89 take exit 10, head toward Waterbury. Take left on to Route 2, at 2nd set of lights turn right on to Park Row. After the stop sign, go straight. The Osgood is the first building on the left with parking on the right. The Mad Tom Notch Room is on the ground floor of the Osgood building.

Vermont Solid Waste Management Strategy for the Next 10 Years

Proposed Sustainable Materials Vision

In order to meet the goals of the Vermont Solid Waste Plan to reduce solid waste generation in Vermont and reduce reliance on disposal options, a new and innovative vision and approach are required. The vision and approach need to change how Vermonters think about “waste” and “waste management”, and it needs to address all of the environmental, energy, and other adverse impacts of waste management. In addition, the vision and approach can and should help Vermont achieve sustainable growth and community development goals.

The Agency of Natural Resources proposes a new Sustainable Materials Vision for waste management in Vermont, including goals, a list of key features, and framework for implementation, as described in this section.

Goals of the Proposed Sustainable Materials Vision for Vermont:

*To promote sustainable materials management,
To prevent waste from being generated,
To minimize reliance on waste disposal, and
To minimize energy consumption, green house gas emissions and other adverse environmental impacts.*

Summary of Key Features of the Proposed Sustainable Materials Vision:

- 1. Focus on Sustainable Materials Management**
- 2. Share Responsibility**
- 3. Establish Statewide Waste Generation Goal:**
- 4. More Integrated State-wide Strategies and Implementation**
- 5. Expand Current and Create New Partnerships:**
- 6. Continue to Meet Ongoing Responsibilities:**
- 7. Expand Criteria Used When Making Decisions**
- 8. Measure Progress Differently and Better**

Summary of Framework for Implementing the Sustainable Materials Vision for Vermont:

No vision is viable unless there is realistic framework for how to implement the vision.

- A. Evaluate Vermont’s Solid Waste Planning Entities:**
- B. Create Long-Term and Adaptable Outreach and Education Programs:**
- C. Target Certain Waste Streams and Establish Measurable Goals:**
- D. Increase Infrastructure and Evaluate New Technologies:**
- E. Participate in Regional and National Efforts, Initiatives, and Partnerships:**
- F. Strengthen Current and Create New In-State Partnerships:**
- G. Revise Vermont Statute, the State Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Solid Waste Management Rules**
- H. ANR Leadership.**

For details see full report – Solid Waste Report To the Legislature, January 2008
Available at: http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/pubs/Solid_Waste_Report.pdf