

Subcommittee Meeting – February 26, 2008: Increasing Source Reduction & Recycling Rates

Subcommittee members discussed the following:

- Presentation: Increasing Source Reduction and Recycling Rates
Given by Athena Lee Bradley, Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC)
Resources available on the NERC website such as Solid Waste Environmental Benefits Calculator, Waste Audit Sheet and other valuable tips:
http://www.nerc.org/recycling_makes_sense.html.
Training on how to use the Environmental Benefits Calculator will be held in the DEP's computer room after the April Advisory Meeting. Sign up in March-details to follow.
- A workgroup was formed from the subcommittee to focus on education and outreach. Mary Sherwin and Nan Peckham from the Office of Pollution Prevention will lead the workgroup. Areas of interest to explore include:
What resources on DEP website would people like to see;
Good contract model for school or municipal hauler that hooks cost to recycling;
Fact sheets with frequently asked questions;
Post zoning regulations for each Town on website.
- Kim Trella from the Office of Pollution Prevention will explore obtaining funding through Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP's) to advance recycling issues. Kim also mentioned that by 2010 the state building code will be modified to "go green" for all private and public buildings.
- A second workgroup will possibly be formed to focus on unit based pricing/financial incentives.