

Solid Waste & Recycling Commission

Mission Statement: The Town of Hamden Solid Waste & Recycling Commission was created in April 1999. By ordinance its overall mission is to formulate recommendations concerning the solid waste management and recycling needs of the Town. It is also one of the Commission's responsibilities to establish recommended yearly goals and objectives for the Town's solid waste and recycling programs. From its inception the primary objectives to support the Commission's mission have been to: promote awareness of state and Town recycling mandates to residences, businesses, Town buildings, houses of worship and other institutions, and support enforcement of Hamden's solid waste management program by working together with other concerned citizens and Town officials.

Accomplishments: To achieve these objectives Commissioners have worked with Town officials and the Recycling Coordinator to expand, as well as strengthen, the town's policies and procedures with regard to solid waste and recycling.

Goals for the Future: In addition to continuing the efforts cited above, the Commission sees the following two goals as its primary focus: to increase Hamden's recycling rate to 30% through education and enforcement, and review and revise relevant Town ordinances to ensure compliance with state regulations.

The Solid Waste & Recycling Commission remains committed to doing all in its power to ensure a successful solid waste management program in the Town of Hamden. With the help of knowledgeable and concerned citizens together we can better safeguard our environment and conserve tax dollars. We'd like everyone to focus on ... reduce, reuse, recycle, compost.