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HAMDEN RECEIVES **2015 RECYCLING REWARDS PROGRAM GRANT**

HAMDEN – The Town of Hamden is delighted to announce the acceptance of \$6,750.00 in grant funding offered via the State of Connecticut’s 2015 Recycling Rewards Grant Program. Hamden was one of only seven communities within the State to be rewarded for demonstrable commitment to 21st century materials management strategies. Specifically, Hamden was awarded this funding in recognition of effective school recycling via the formation of student “green teams.” Additionally, the State has recognized that Hamden had an active recycling coordination staff who advocated for waste reduction and recycling initiatives, while also promoting and prioritizing initiatives such as backyard composting and grasscycling.

The awarded funding will be used to help the Town enhance its recycling program via an increased focus on outreach and educational opportunities for residents and businesses, the facilitation of “green” initiatives and events, and the dissemination of helpful recycling information to all Hamden residents.

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng commented, “I am incredibly pleased with the successful efforts of our recycling team. Over the past 2 years, Hamden has enhanced the ways in which we collect recyclables and the methods by which we offer helpful recycling information to residents. This grant will undoubtedly further our efforts to

ensure that Hamden continues to reap the environmental and financial benefits of increased recycling.”

In addition to diverting material that would otherwise end up in a landfill, Hamden saves close to \$100 for every ton of materials that is sent to a recycling facility instead of a solid waste disposal facility.

For further information on recycling policies and initiatives within Hamden, please contact Information & Research Officer, Patrick J. Donnelly at (203) 287-7009 or by email at pdonnelly@hamden.com.

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