

SWRPA REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING

April 27, 2009 (as part of the non-MPO related agenda items)

Location: Norwalk Transit District

Kristen Brown, Managing Partner from Green Waste Solutions described Connecticut DEP's E-waste solutions program.

Green Waste Solutions' policies are aimed at providing both increases in waste diversion and recycling. Ms. Brown observed that the immediate benefits to a municipality are avoiding disposal costs, and the most important economic benefit occurs when recovered materials consist of manufactured products in the local community. Ms. Brown gave municipal examples in Massachusetts of before and after overall waste generation decrease. Closer to home in the South Western Region, Greenwich, Norwalk, Weston and Westport participate in the program. The program aims to have all eight SWRPA municipalities as participants. She cited specific examples of municipalities participating in the Save Money and Reduce Trash, or SMART program and indicated the tonnage diversion and the avoided disposal cost. The SMART program will save 500 pounds per person per year in waste, and participating in the program will result in a significant long-term behavioral change.

Respectfully submitted,
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