



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) 2026-2030

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November 19, 2025

Thomas Kennedy
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District Manager

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This Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) conforms with Vermont's 2024 Materials Management Plan (MMP).

SWME Solid Waste Implementation Plan

Name of SWME	Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District
Year Chartered (if applicable)	1990
Mission for Sustainable Materials Management	The GUVSWMD is a union municipal district dedicated to providing solid waste management authority, services, and planning to our member towns.
Names of Member Town(s)	Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, Vershire, West Fairlee & Woodstock

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Data and Reporting

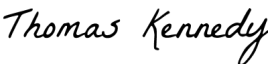
<p>S1.1</p>	<p>Disposal and Diversion Reporting.</p> <p>A. DISPOSAL RATE: To track progress with state waste reduction goals, GUVSWMD must report their disposal rate in SWIP years one and five. SWMEs may use the method in the <i>ANR Data Guidance</i> to calculate their disposal rate or another method approved by ANR. Disposal rate reports must be based on calendar year data and be submitted to ANR via ReTRAC by April 1st.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First (1st) Year SWIP Report: report year 1 annual per person per year disposal rate. 2. Fifth (5th) Year SWIP Report: report year 5 annual per person per year disposal rate. <p>B. DIVERSION RATE: SWMEs are not required to report diversion rates to ANR; however, it is strongly recommended that SWMEs track their diversion efforts to determine the success of their programs and services.</p>
<p>Describe method to be used for calculating Disposal Rate:</p>	<p>The district will report calendar year disposal data to ANR via ReTRAC for years one and five. GUVSWMD will use three sources of data to determine the disposal amounts generated by members of the district. 1) Any haulers who pick up MSW within the district boundary must report the tonnage back to the district and pay the necessary fee. For calendar years one and five, we will review this data, excluding C&D, and add the tonnage of MSW generated within the district to the total for that year. 2) Since many towns don't have transfer stations of their own, GUV residents are granted access to Hartford's transfer station for disposal of their waste, including MSW. All users of the Hartford Transfer Station must purchase punch cards for their waste disposal. In consultation with Hartford DPW staff, we assign an average value of MSW per punch card. We then track the number of punch cards purchased by GUV residents and multiply that by the average MSW rate associated per punch card to get the tonnage of waste disposed of by GUV residents at the Hartford waste facility. 3) District residents also have access to Lebanon landfill directly. Lebanon tracks disposal data from GUVSWMD towns. The total waste collected from GUV towns is combined with the other waste generation sources. The total from all three categories is added up, then divided by the number of residents in the district to give an annual disposal amount per person per year.</p>
<p>Sign and date to commit to requirement:</p>	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25 <i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

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Outreach

S2.1	<p>Accessible Communications. To ensure that all Vermonters have equal access to information and to minimize barriers to information access, GUVSWMD must critically evaluate their communications in light of best practices for accessibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. During SWIP Year 1, GUVSWMD must attend accessible communications training provided by ANR (or another training approved by ANR) on topics such as web design, plain language, accessible graphic design, public outreach and/or engagement, etc.B. GUVSWMD must review accessible communication best practices during SWIP Years 2-5. <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Year 1: List training taken by GUVSWMD staff.2. Years 2-5: Confirm review of accessible communications best practices.
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S2.2	<p>GUVSWMD Material Management Website. To ensure community members have access to local waste, recycling, and materials management information including state laws; disposal bans; how to reduce, reuse, recycle, donate, compost, and safely dispose of unwanted materials; and local hauler services; GUVSWMD must develop and annually maintain a website with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. SWIP: post approved SWIP on website within one month of ANR approval.B. A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide: maintain an accurate A-Z guide with regional management options for various materials.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. A-Z link must be easily found on website within 2 clicks or fewer from homepage.ii. The A-Z Guide must contain, at a minimum, information on how to manage, recycle, or divert all regional recycling and safe disposal options for all of the categories and key words in the ANR A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide Minimum Requirements document.iii. Each entry must contain contact information, such as address and telephone number for collection location(s) OR a direct link to webpage with contact information.iv. Entries for disposal-banned materials must indicate that the material is banned from disposal in the trash by state law.v. Entries for items that are accepted as a part of an EPR program must link to information on the EPR program.vi. Entries for items that can be recycled only through special collection must clearly explain that the collection of these materials is separate from curbside, or blue bin, recycling.C. Hauler Services List: establish and maintain an up-to-date hauler Services List with contact information for trash, recycling, and food scrap pick up services offered by all known commercial solid waste haulers operating within the SWME region.D. Waste Reduction for Events Resources: maintain a web page that encourages waste reduction at events such as bin signs, options for bin rental or loan, haulers for recycling and food scrap collection at events, and tips for successful diversion at events (can link to ANR web page for the tips). <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Year 1, provide links to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. SWIP;b. Updated A-Z Waste and Recycling guide;c. Hauler Services List;d. Waste Reduction for Event Resources.2. Years 2-5: Describe any significant website updates or changes.
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<p>S2.3</p>	<p>Digital Outreach. To build awareness of waste management topics and services provided by SWMEs and those available within their region, GUVSWMD must conduct annual outreach on at least two digital platforms such as Front Porch Forum, social media, electronic newsletters, etc. SWMEs may use existing ANR content or create their own. This requirement is separate from maintaining a materials management website.</p> <p>A. Annual digital outreach must include at least two forms of outreach per year on each of the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The A-Z Guide and disposal bans. ii. Waste reduction and diversion. iii. Household hazardous waste reduction and proper disposal. iv. Extended Producer Responsibility programs (i.e. batteries, E-cycles, mercury-containing products, paint, HHW EPR). <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the two digital outreach methods used per SWIP year, including platforms used for each topic covered.
<p>List platforms to be used for Digital Outreach:</p>	<p>GUVSWMD has recently made improvements to their website, with the goal of making information more accessible to district residents and businesses. In addition to posting required content, we plan to post events, activities and announcements on the website as well. Additionally, the district will post on local listservs and their Facebook account.</p>
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S2.4	<p>Print Outreach. To reach community members who do not use digital modes of communication, GUVSWMD must conduct at least one annual outreach in printed documents, such as press releases, newsletters, post cards, letters to editor/articles/ads in local newspapers. GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Year 1: Issue one press release about their SWIP to local newspapers or other media outlets within two months of SWIP approval. B. Years 2-5: Issue one printed outreach per year related to the main MMP goals and/or ANR or GUVSWMD initiatives related to materials management. Press releases could also be completed in partnership with ANR. Mailings can count but are not required. HHW event mailings or advertisements and press releases announcing grant receipt do not count toward this requirement. <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 1: provide a copy of the SWIP press release along with the date released and list of newspapers where it was sent. 2. Years 2-5: provide copy of press release along with topic, date released, and list of newspapers where it was sent OR copy of print outreach along with topic, date of release, and number of recipients.
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S2.5	<p>Municipality and Facility Connections. To further develop relationships with their local municipalities and to better understand local challenges and opportunities related to the movement of waste, GUVSWMD must conduct outreach to solid waste facilities, town offices, and public libraries. GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Within the SWIP term, GUVSWMD must conduct an in-person visit to each solid waste facility included in the SWIP. B. Each year, for each municipality within the SWME region, GUVSWMD must reach out to the town office and public library (as applicable). Outreach may be conducted in-person, via phone, or via email and must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Introduction of GUVSWMD and their role in the community. ii. Updates on any materials management-related laws, events, or initiatives. iii. For town offices: Discussion of collection plan for disaster debris and disaster-related Hazardous materials (see also C7 – Collection of Disaster Debris and Disaster-related HHW). <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of solid waste facilities, town offices, and libraries contacted.
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<p>List the town offices, libraries, and solid waste facilities in GUVSWMD's region.</p>	<p>Bridgewater:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Town Clerk Office (Nancy Robinson), 45 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT 05034 -Fast Trash w/ ABLE Waste (7093 US-4, Bridgewater, VT 05034 and 65 Schoolhouse Rd, Bridgewater, VT 05034) <p>Hartland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Clerk's Office (John Paulette), 1 Quechee Road Hartland, Vermont 05048 -Hartland Public Library, 153 US Route 5, Hartland, VT 05048 -Fast Trash w/ ABLE Waste (50 Route 12, Hartland, VT 05048) <p>Norwich:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Clerk's Office (Lily Trajman), 300 Main Street, Norwich VT 05055 -Norwich Public Library, 368 Main St, Norwich VT 05055 -Transfer Station 24 New Boston Road, Norwich VT 05055 <p>Pomfret:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Clerk Office (Becky Fielder), 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 05053 -Abbott Memorial Library 15 Library St, South Pomfret, VT 05067 <p>Sharon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town Clerk's Office (Catherine Sartor), 15 School Street Sharon, VT 05065 -Baxter Memorial Library, 5114 Vermont 14, Sharon, VT 05065 <p>Strafford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Town Clerk's Office (Lisa Bragg), 227 Justin Morrill Memorial Hwy, Strafford, VT 05072 -Morrill Memorial Harris Library, 220 Justin Morrill Memorial Hwy, Strafford, VT 05072 -Strafford Recycling Center, Rt 132 South Strafford Sub-Station, VT 05072 -Fast Trash with Nordic Waste (Rt 132 South Strafford Sub-Station, VT 05072) <p>Thetford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Town Clerk's Office (Tracy Borst), 3910 VT Route 113 Thetford Center, VT 05075 -Latham Library 16 Library Road (PO Box 240) Thetford, VT 05075 -Transfer Station 4706 Vermont Route 113. Thetford Center, VT 05075

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	<p>Vershire: -Town Clerk’s Office (Gene Craft), 6894 VT-113, Vershire, VT 05079 -Vershire Community Library, 6946 VT-113, Vershire, VT 05079 -Vershire Recycling Center, 15 Durgin Hill Rd, Vershire, VT 05079</p> <p>West Fairlee: -Town Clerk’s Office (Staci Sargent), 870 RTE 113, West Fairlee, VT 05083 -West Fairlee Free Public Library, 894 VT-113, West Fairlee, VT 05083 -Fast Trash Floyd’s Rubbish/Quinntown Containter, 1009 West Fairlee Road, West Fairlee VT, 05083</p> <p>Woodstock: -Town Clerk’s Office (Charlie Degener), 31 The Grn #2, Woodstock, VT 05091 -Norman Williams Public Library, 10 The Grn, Woodstock, VT 05091</p>
S2.6	<p>School Outreach. To ensure all K-12 public and private schools are aware of the Universal Recycling law, state disposal bans; and how to reduce waste, reuse, repurpose, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly; and that waste reduction and diversion programs are being implemented effectively, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Conduct in-person outreach and assistance to K-12 public and private school administrators and/or facilities and food service staff at a minimum of 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater) within their jurisdiction each year. SWMEs should prioritize outreach to schools that have not yet been visited, but SWMEs may need to visit schools annually to meet the requirement.B. The outreach to each school must focus on school-wide waste reduction and diversion programs covering, at minimum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Disposal ban information.ii. How to recycle correctly.iii. How to separate food scraps for composting or anaerobic digestion.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. How to reduce wasted food and donate (such as through the use of share table) what is appropriate. v. How to responsibly manage hazardous waste. vi. Collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for HHW, electronics, paint, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs and thermostats. <p>C. If GUVSWMD is not able to reach school administrators or relevant staff in-person, phone calls, video calls, or emails may be conducted instead, with prior ANR approval.</p> <p>D. To keep track of their school outreach, SWMEs may use the ANR tracking spreadsheet template or another system of their own that meets ANR approval.</p> <p>E. Outreach to teachers and students is encouraged but is not required, although SWMEs may find it useful to talk to science, art, and shop teachers about proper management and disposal of hazardous materials.</p> <p>F. One of the primary roles of a SWME is waste reduction, diversion, and hazardous waste reduction outreach and assistance. If a school is not in compliance with the Universal Recycling law or other waste-related laws, and assistance is not effective, or if a SWME is not able to obtain a response from a school at all, SWMEs are encouraged to request follow-up assistance from ANR.</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a spreadsheet or other document including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of schools and person contacted; b. b. Dates visited/contacted; c. c. Status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs. 2. Describe outreach efforts, including notable successes or challenges.
<p>Provide the number and list schools in GUVSWMD’s region. Describe school outreach plan including the number of schools to receive outreach each year.</p>	<p>GUVSWMD has 13 public and/or private schools serving K-12 students within the district. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hartland Elementary (Hartland) Marion Cross School (Norwich) Sharon Elementary (Sharon) Sharon Academy Middle School (Sharon) The Sharon Academy (Sharon) The Newton School (Strafford) Thetford Elementary School (Thetford) Thetford Academy (Thetford) Westshire Elementary (West Fairlee) The Mountain School (Vershire) Woodstock Elementary School (Woodstock) Woodstock Union HS/MS (Woodstock) Prosper Valley School (Pomfret & Bridgewater) <p>GUVSWMD outreach staff will visit 2-3 schools each year. School visit details will be reported in the annual SWIP report submitted to the ANR via ReTRAC. All schools will be contacted at least once within the '26-'30 SWIP period.</p> <p>DEC announcements, program updates, grant opportunities, and all other important communications will be passed along to contacts at the schools. Additionally,</p>

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	GUVSWMD outreach staff will continue to serve as a resource to the schools in its district – offering advice, information and technical assistance to keep schools compliant with state recycling and waste laws.
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S2.7	<p>Business Outreach. To ensure businesses and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, correctional facilities, and other large waste generators) understand the requirements of the Universal Recycling law, state disposal bans, how to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, compost, donate, and safely manage materials responsibly; and that waste reduction and diversion programs are being implemented effectively, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. GUVSWMD must conduct business outreach and education either in person or via phone to at least 2% or 15 businesses/institutions (whichever is greater) within their jurisdiction each year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The number of businesses in a SWME region may be estimated by the Department of Labor list (instructions provided by ANR in Year 1 of the MMP term), or a SWME may use a different method that meets ANR approval. ii. SWMEs should prioritize outreach to businesses that have not yet been contacted or visited or those whose status is not yet known. B. The business outreach and education to each entity must cover, at minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Disposal ban information. ii. How to recycle correctly. iii. How to separate food scraps for animal feed and/or composting or anaerobic digestion. iv. How to reduce wasted food and donate what is appropriate. v. Single-Use Products law. vi. Resources for safely managing hazardous waste. vii. Collection options available from Vermont’s Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for HHW, electronics, paint, batteries, mercury containing bulbs and thermostats. C. To keep track of their business outreach, SWMEs may use the ANR tracking spreadsheet template or another system of their own that meets ANR approval. D. One of the primary roles of a SWME is outreach and assistance. If a business is not in compliance with the Universal Recycling law or other waste-related laws, and assistance is not effective, SWMEs are encouraged to request follow-up from ANR. <p>DOCUMENTATION in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a spreadsheet or other document including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of businesses and person contacted; b. Dates visited/contacted; c. Status of recycling and food scrap diversion programs; d. Interaction type (in person or phone).
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	2. Describe outreach efforts, including notable successes or challenges.
<p>List the number of businesses in GUVSWMD's region. Describe business outreach plan, including the number to receive outreach each year.</p>	<p>Using the Vermont Department of Labor website, GUVSWMD estimates there are 1,088 businesses within the district. $2\% \text{ of } 1,088 = 21.76$. Therefore, GUVSWMD plans to visit 22 businesses each year and will report its data in the annual SWIP report in ReTRAC.</p> <p>Priority will be given to businesses which have not been contacted by the outreach coordinator in recent years. Priority will also be given to businesses that generate larger volumes of waste and/or food-based businesses where food diversion is necessary.</p> <p>GUVSWMD outreach staff will engage with business owners/employees to learn about the status of the business' diversion programs for recyclable materials and food waste and answer any questions they may have. Appropriate literature and information will be given to the business for reference.</p>
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Collection Infrastructure

<p>S3.1</p>	<p>Variable Rate Pricing. To encourage waste reduction, GUVSWMD must:</p> <p>A. Implement a variable rate pricing system that charges for the collection of municipal solid waste from a residential customer for disposal based on the volume or weight of the waste collected. SWMEs may elect to establish licensing or registration programs to accomplish this requirement and can refer to the Variable Rate Pricing Guide for more information.</p> <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1: explain the method used to ensure haulers and facilities are charging residents for trash based on volume or weight. Years 2-5: provide any updates and/or instances of hauler or facility non-compliance.
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<p>S3.2</p>	<p>HHW Collection Events and Facilities. To ensure community members have convenient access to safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) hazardous waste (previously defined as Conditionally Exempt Generator hazardous waste (CEG)), GUVSWMD must provide access to one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A permanent HHW/VSQG collection facility defined within this MMP as a facility that is open at least one day per week, at minimum from May through October (ANR may consider approving requests for alternative operating days and seasonal openings and closures of permanent facilities when necessary). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Due to increased user convenience, lower costs per participant, and slightly higher participation rates for regional HHW facilities, SWMEs that provide access to a permanent HHW collection facility in their region are exempt from the requirement to offer all towns at least one annual collection event within 20 road-miles. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. A minimum of two (2) HHW/VSQG hazardous waste collection events per year. SWMEs utilizing collection events must at minimum offer at least one HHW and VSQG collection event scheduled in the spring and one in the fall and events must operate for a minimum of four (4) hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SWMEs that only offer collection events or operate HHW facilities with operating hours similar to collection events must annually provide each of its towns with access to at least one collection event (or to a facility) within 20 road-miles; meaning a maximum distance of 20 road-miles from any point in the town. ii. If a SWME provides additional events above the minimum requirement, waivers to the minimum duration for each event may be considered by ANR. iii. To meet this 20 road-mile convenience requirement, certain regions may need to hold more than two collection events each year. <p>Sharing Facilities or Events: SWMEs are encouraged to share access to events and facilities, provided a signed agreement confirming access by the SWME’s community members is obtained; and provided that a facility or event is within 20 road-miles from any point in a town that would be using that facility or event.</p> <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the HHW facility address and seasonal operating schedule, including days operating and hours of operation, OR the dates of the HHW events. 2. Provide the number of participants, the household participation rate, and the amount of HHW/VSQG hazardous waste collected in HHW ReTRAC report.
<p>Describe how HHW Collection services will be offered to</p>	<p>GUVSWMD will offer the required number of 4-hour events during each SWIP reporting year. We will schedule the collection events several months apart, in order to capture as much of the HHW as possible. These events will be advertised in two local newspapers, the Valley News and the Vermont Standard; on all District listservs; GUVSWMD’s website and Facebook page; in flyers sent to all district</p>

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<p>residents and VSQGs.</p>	<p>town office, and on A-frame signs. Collection event data will be reported to ANR via ReTRAC.</p> <p>GUVSWMD plans to continue collaboration with neighboring districts including the Town of Hartford, CVSWMD, and SWWCSWMD. Collaboration with different districts will allow us to fulfill the 20-mile radius ruling.</p>
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<p>S3.3</p>	<p>Collection of Landfill/Disposal-Banned and Dangerous Materials.</p> <p>To ensure that all Vermonters have year-round collection options for landfill-banned and dangerous materials, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Demonstrate that year-round collection options exist in their region (within SWME boundary OR within 20 miles of an Independent Town) for the following landfill/disposal banned materials: batteries, mercury containing lamps, mercury thermostats, gas cylinders as defined in Vermont’s HHW EPR law 10 V.S.A. §7181, electronics, paint, tires, used oil, and appliances (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwashers, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers). B. Collection locations can be privately or publicly owned, such as auto parts stores collecting used oil, or hardware stores collecting paint and fluorescent lamps. However, if the only collection location for a required material closes or reaches maximum capacity for collection during the SWIP term, the SWME must provide a collection option for its region. C. All collection locations must be open at least one weekday and one weekend day per week. <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm that this requirement is met. 2. Describe any changes in collection options from the previous year.
<p>List current collection locations within SWME boundary or 20 miles of independent town) and open hours</p>	<p>Batteries:</p> <p>ABLE Waste Fast Trash drops in Bridgewater & Hartland (Wed 2-5 and Sat 8-12); Norwich Transfer Station (Wed & Saturday 8- 4:45); Strafford Recycling Center (Sat 9-12); Thetford Transfer Station (Sat 8:30-12); West Fairlee Recycling Center (1st & 3rd Sat 8-11; Town of Vershire Recycling Center (Sat 8-1); Woodstock Ace Hardware (M-F 8-5, Sat 8-5, Sun 9-4); Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4); Pomfret, Hartland and Sharon town offices (24hr)</p> <p>Mercury containing lamps & Mercury thermostats:</p> <p>Norwich Transfer Station (Wed & Saturday 8- 4:45); Strafford Recycling Center (Sat 9-12); Thetford Transfer Station (Sat 8:30-12); West Fairlee Recycling Center</p>

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<p>S3.3</p>	<p>Collection of Landfill/Disposal-Banned and Dangerous Materials.</p> <p>To ensure that all Vermonters have year-round collection options for landfill-banned and dangerous materials, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Demonstrate that year-round collection options exist in their region (within SWME boundary OR within 20 miles of an Independent Town) for the following landfill/disposal banned materials: batteries, mercury containing lamps, mercury thermostats, gas cylinders as defined in Vermont’s HHW EPR law 10 V.S.A. §7181, electronics, paint, tires, used oil, and appliances (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwashers, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers). B. Collection locations can be privately or publicly owned, such as auto parts stores collecting used oil, or hardware stores collecting paint and fluorescent lamps. However, if the only collection location for a required material closes or reaches maximum capacity for collection during the SWIP term, the SWME must provide a collection option for its region. C. All collection locations must be open at least one weekday and one weekend day per week. <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm that this requirement is met. 2. Describe any changes in collection options from the previous year.
<p>for each material:</p>	<p>(1st & 3rd Sat 8-11; Town of Vershire Recycling Center (Sat 8-1); Woodstock Ace Hardware (M-F 8-5, Sat 8-5, Sun 9-4); Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4)</p> <p>Gas cylinders as defined in Vermont’s HHW EPR law 10 V.S.A. §7181 Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4), Evergreen Recycling, Inc (M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-1)</p> <p>Electronics Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4), Evergreen Recycling, Inc (M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-1); Norwich Transfer Station (Wed & Saturday 8- 4:45)</p> <p>Paint Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4); Norwich Transfer Station (Wed & Saturday 8- 4:45); Fogg’s Hardware, Norwich (M-F 7-5, Sat 8-3); Brittons Lumber, Taftsville (M-F 7-4, Sat 8-12); Woodstock Ace Hardware (M-F 8-5, Sat 8-5, Sun 9-4); Oakes Brothers (M-F 7-5, Sat 8-12); Aubuchon Hardware, North Windsor (Mon-Sat 7:30-6, Sun 8-5);</p> <p>Tires Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4), Evergreen Recycling, Inc (M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-1); ABLE Waste Fast Trash drops in Bridgewater & Hartland (Sat 8-12)</p> <p>Used oil AutoZone Lebanon, NH (Mon-Sat 7:30-9, Sun 8-8); Advanced Auto Parts West Lebanon, NH 7:30-9:00 Mon-Sat, Sun 9-8); HHW collections</p> <p>Appliances (including discarded refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, ranges, water heaters, dishwashers, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers). Hartford Transfer Station (Tues- Sat 8-4), Evergreen Recycling, Inc (M-F 8-4:30, Sat 8-1); Norwich Transfer Station (Wed & Saturday 8- 4:45); ABLE Waste Fast Trash drops in Bridgewater & Hartland (Sat 8-12)</p>

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Sign and date to commit to requirement:	Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25 <i>Thomas Kennedy</i>

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S3.4

Disaster Debris Plan. To ensure all Vermont towns are prepared to manage disaster-related debris, like HHW, hazardous waste, trash/MSW, construction and demolition (C&D) debris, and woody debris, during and after a disaster such as a flood, fire, storm, or other emergency, GUVSWMD must, by the end of Year 1 of the SWIP term:

- A. **Submit a Disaster Debris Plan:** work with each municipality to create a Disaster Debris Plan (“Plan”) for the management of disaster-related trash, C&D debris, and hazardous debris. The Plan must use the ANR Template, must cover all municipalities in the GUVSWMD region, and must include, at minimum:
 - a. **Municipal Disaster Debris Contacts:** Contact each municipality and obtain contact information for the emergency personnel who would be the point-of-contact for coordinating temporary disaster-related hazardous materials storage in that municipality. Referring to your local emergency management director is recommended.
 - b. **Disaster Hazardous Materials Staging Areas:** identify appropriate “Disaster Hazardous Material Staging Areas” (DHMSA) within the SWME region for the temporary storage of disaster-related hazardous materials and dangerous wastes. DHMSAs must be located:
 - i. On publicly owned land.
 - ii. Within either each municipality (which is recommended) or at minimum, one for the whole SWME region.
 - c. **Trash and C&D Disaster Debris Management:** This may include the identity of certified public and/or private solid waste transfer facilities that could be used for disaster trash and C&D debris management.
 - d. **Clean Wood/Vegetative/Inert Debris Management Sites:** list the locations of clean wood/vegetative/inert debris sites as required below in S-3.5.
 - i. S-3.5 is not due until Year four of the SWIP term. Re-submit the Plan after year four, if necessary.
- NOTE: Attending training by ANR and/or Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) is recommended. See ANR Action A-5.2 above for more details.
- NOTE: For communities wishing to pursue FEMA reimbursement: trash/MSW/C&D disaster debris management destination locations (like transfer stations, landfills, categorical disposal/recycling facilities like stump dumps and wood waste management sites must be certified, be out of a flood zone, have controlled access, and follow other debris tracking methods to ensure FEMA reimbursement requirements can be met.
- NOTE: During the historic flooding of July 2023 the State of Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Emergency Management Division, the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Department of Environmental Conservation, Solid Waste Management Program engaged a statewide debris contractor to assist towns with collection and disposal of disaster related debris when the capacity of local and regional resources were exceeded. Communities with a sound disaster debris plan may respond more quickly from a disaster, getting debris removed and properly managed or disposed of so that impacted residents and businesses have life return to normal in less time.

Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 1 only: provide Disaster Debris Plan with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of emergency personnel in each municipality within SWME region b. Locations of temporary “Disaster Hazardous Materials Staging Areas.” c. Trash and C&D Disaster Management. d. Locations of clean wood/vegetative/inert debris management sites. 2. Year 4 only: Re-submit Plan if there are updates to the clean wood/vegetative/inert debris management sites per S-3.5.
Sign and date to commit to requirement:	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25</p> <p><i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

S3.5	<p>Clean Wood and Inert Debris Management. To ensure Vermonters have access to management sites for clean wood (“wood waste”) and other inert debris during normal times and after a disaster, such as a flood, fire, storm, or other emergency, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. By the end of Year 4, identify at least one location within the GUVSWMD region to site and permit a categorical disposal or storage/transfer area (“stump dump”) that can be used to manage both normal clean wood and disaster-related clean wood/vegetative debris and other inert debris including: clean silt, soils, and gravel, brick and concrete, branches, trees, stumps, and wood that is untreated and free from paint, staining, is not odorous or otherwise suspected of contamination. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. SWMEs may share access to categorical disposal areas. The municipalities sharing access must provide a signed letter or agreement that documents this shared access. ii. Clean Wood and Inert Debris Management Sites should be adequate in size and operate frequently enough to meet the needs of the municipality(ies) they serve. iii. Having a permitted categorical disposal area for disaster debris management in every municipality within a SWME is recommended, but not required. <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 4: list location of the permitted categorical disposal facility or other facility in the GUVSWMD region where clean wood and inert debris can be managed.
Sign and date to commit to requirement:	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25</p> <p><i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

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<p>S3.6</p>	<p>Collection of Textiles. To ensure community members have access to textile reuse and recycling centers where used clothing and textiles can be donated, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Annually ensure that at least one collection location exists within their region (within SWME boundary OR within 20 miles of an Independent Town). Textile reuse/recycling locations can be either privately or publicly owned. B. If the only collection location closes or ceases collection during the SWIP term, then the GUVSWMD is responsible for providing a collection option for its residents. Collection of rag-quality (unwearable) items is encouraged but not required. C. Collection locations can also be shared amongst SWMEs so long as the facility is within the same county or SWME region. SWMEs must list where to donate and reuse/recycle “clothing/textiles” in their A-Z Guides. <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm that textile collection is available. 2. Describe any changes in collection options from the previous year.
<p>List textile collection location(s):</p>	<p>LISTEN Centers in Lebanon NH and Hartford VT provide opportunities for residents of VT and NH to donate unwanted items throughout the year (Mon-Sat 10-3). Apparel Impact Collection Bins also provide opportunities for residents within the district to divert their textiles from the landfill (various locations 24 hours/365 days year).</p>
<p>Sign and date to commit to requirement:</p>	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25</p> <p><i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

Residuals Management Meeting

<p>S4.2</p>	<p>Residuals Recycling Meetings. To reduce pollutants in wastewater and septic systems that can hinder the reuse and recycling of biosolids and to increase awareness of topics of concern, like PFAS and other emerging contaminants, GUVSWMD must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attend the annual, virtual ANR meeting on residuals management each year during the SWIP term. ANR Residuals Program staff will organize the meetings and may choose to not hold a meeting in a given year. <p>Documentation in Annual SWIP Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm meeting attendance, as applicable.
<p>Sign and date to commit to requirement:</p>	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25</p> <p><i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

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Additional SWIP Requirements

Solid Waste facility Siting Criteria	Describe siting criteria that will apply to solid waste facilities which may be proposed by any public or private entity in the GUVSWMD region. Siting criteria shall not be less stringent than the criteria in Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules.
Description:	The siting criteria used by GUVSWMD follows the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules; all the criteria in Act 250; conformance to the town and regional plan; and conformance to zoning bylaws when applicable

Specify Facilities Included in SWIP & Describe How Proposed Facilities will be Reviewed for Inclusion	Explain the process and standards to be used to determine if newly proposed solid waste facilities would be included in the SWIP. The process may reference siting criteria and existing zoning ordinances, may require a host town agreement, or may defer to requirements in the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules for some or all types of solid waste facilities. The standard(s) for being included in the SWIP should be clear. Under State law (10 V.S.A. §6605(c)), the Agency shall not issue a certification or recertification for a solid waste facility (except for a sludge or septage land application project) unless it is included in the municipal solid waste implementation plan. <i>Note: The plan should also include any known solid waste landfills which have been closed since 1989 so that they can receive post-closure certifications.</i>
List current facilities and process for inclusion of new facilities:	<p>Process for inclusion of new facilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All projects must conform to SWIP. 2. If applicable, all projects must have received all federal, state and local permits. 3. All projects must be endorsed by a majority vote of the Selectboard in the corresponding town. 4. To be eligible for inclusion, all projects must add to the solid waste infrastructure and not be a duplication of existing infrastructure, especially when the existing infrastructure is meeting the solid waste needs of the district. <p>The siting of any solid waste facility within the district is subject to local, regional, state, and federal rules, regulations, permitting requirements, and planning restrictions.</p> <p>All owners/operators of solid waste facilities requiring certification by the State of Vermont which are not specifically identified in this Plan, except for sludge and septage land application projects, shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate that the facility will be in conformance with all local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances while it is in operation and 2. Obtain the formal support of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District in the form of a resolution of the District's Board of Supervisors to include the facility in this Plan.

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	<p>Disposal facilities (such as landfills or combustors but excluding categorical disposal facilities) not specifically identified in this plan shall, in addition to the above criteria, be subject to a site review and evaluation process substantially equivalent to the procedure used by the district in their siting process for the North Hartland landfill. Such an evaluation and review by an independent engineer shall be undertaken at the sole expense of the entity proposing the disposal facility.</p> <p><i>District Policy-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The District recognizes that a substantial investment has already been made by the private sector, member towns and neighboring municipalities to manage solid waste. The District will support the continued use of existing infrastructure provided that these facilities and programs responsibly and cost effectively serve the overall best interests of the District and its members in achieving the stated priorities and in meeting all responsibilities under charter and law. The District will seek to maintain open communication with public and private sector participants to meet the solid waste management needs of the District.</i> <p>Existing Permitted Facilities:</p> <p>Bridgewater – ABLE Waste Fast Trash at Town Garage (Saturday) Bridgewater – ABLE Waste Fast Trash at 7093 US Route 4 (Wednesday) Bridgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant - 52 US Rte. 4 Hartland –ABLE Waste Fast Trash at 57 VT Rte. 12 (Saturday) Norwich Transfer Station Strafford Recycling Center – Nordic Waste Fast Trash at Fire Station (Sunday) Thetford Recycling Center – Quinttown Container Fast Trash on site Vershire Recycling Center – Town of Vershire Fast Trash on site West Fairlee Recycling Center & Highway Sand Lot – Quinttown Container Fast Trash/Recycling</p> <p>Waste Water Treatment Plants: Woodstock, South Woodstock, Taftsville, & Bridgewater</p>

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	<p>The Town of Woodstock has three treatment plants (S. Woodstock, Woodstock, & Taftsville). All sludge is stored at the main plant at 21705 Maxham Meadow Way. There are two Aquastore wastewater storage tanks - a 304,000-gallon tank put in service in 1987 and a 136,000-gallon tank put into service in 1999. Both tanks are in good condition and inspected regularly. The sludge is dewatered spring and fall by P&H Senesac, Inc. who brings in a mobile dewatering unit and presses the sludge. It is then transported by Resource Management Inc. to their facility in Holderness, NH for composting. Tim Lynds-Supervisor</p> <p>The Town of Bridgewater WWTP is currently undergoing a major overhaul. Casella Waste hauls sludge to either the Rutland or Montpelier WWTP. Chris Hayes - Supervisor (Simon Operating Services)</p> <p>No other District towns have treatment plants.</p>

<p>Public Participation in the SWIP Approval Process</p>	<p>Describe the process to be used to ensure public participation in the development and implementation of the SWIP. The local community should be notified of opportunities to participate in the SWIP development and implementation. In accordance with state statute, GUVSWMD must hold at least two public meetings on the draft SWIP.</p>
<p>Describe process:</p>	<p>GUVSWMD will hold two public meetings to ensure the opportunity for public participation in the development of the SWIP. These meetings will be posted two weeks prior on all town listservs, town websites, GUVSWMD's website and Facebook page, as well as two area papers, The Valley News and Vermont Standard. We will submit a summary and documentation of the date of the public meetings to ANR as part of the approval process.</p>
<p>Sign and date to commit to requirement:</p>	<p>Tom Kennedy, District Manager, 6/30/25</p> <p><i>Thomas Kennedy</i></p>

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Ordinances	Include copies of any solid waste related ordinances with the SWIP.
List attached ordinances:	The details of GUVSWMD ordinances may be found at https://www.guvswwmd.org/waste-management-ordinance.html

Conformance with Other Plans	Demonstrate that the SWIP is in conformance with any regional plan adopted in accordance with 24 V.S.A Chapter 117. Demonstration may be in the form of a letter from the applicable regional planning commission regarding conformance of the solid waste implementation plan with the regional plan(s), copies of pertinent sections of the regional plan(s), or other documentation that proves conformance.
List attached letter or documentation:	Once feedback from the ANR and the public hearings are incorporated into the final version, a letter from Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission will be sought to insure the SWIP conforms to the regional plan. Upon receiving their letter of approval, it will be included with GUVSWMD's final submission.

December 9, 2025

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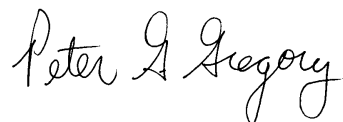
Dear Ms. Choquette:

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District's (GUVSWMD) Solid Waste Implementation Plan for 2026-2031 is in conformance with the adopted Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission's Regional Plan.

That Plan was adopted on February 26, 2025.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any further information or additional support for the application.

Sincerely,



Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (the "District") exists as a union municipal district under the laws of the State of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has approved and confirmed the creation of the District through the enactment of the District's governing agreement in No. M-26 of the Acts of 1990, with an effective date of March 6, 1990; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Charter and the State Solid Waste Management Act, the District has developed and adopted a Solid Waste Implementation Plan (the "Plan") providing for, among other things, separation, collection, transportation, Recycling and Disposal of Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that recyclable materials should be collected and recycled to minimize the consumption of resources, prolong the life of landfills, and protect the environment and the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority under the Charter and the General Laws of the State of Vermont to provide Solid Waste Disposal services for its member municipalities, to manage and regulate the collection, storage, transportation, resource recovery, recycling, and disposal of Solid Waste within the District, to make proper charges for its facilities, programs, and services, and to enact, amend, or repeal any and all rules, regulations, and ordinances otherwise necessary or desirable for the orderly conduct of the affairs of the District and for carrying out the purposes of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that this Ordinance is in the public interest; promotes public health, safety and welfare; promotes the efficient, economical and environmentally sound management of Solid Waste within the District; and is in furtherance of the District's Plan and the State's Solid Waste Management Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the District as follows:

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE; TITLE

1.1 Purpose. This Ordinance is enacted to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the District, its member municipalities and their inhabitants and the general community; to fulfill the District's responsibilities mandated under 24 V.S.A. 2202(a); to regulate the separation, collection, transportation, Recycling and Disposal of Solid Waste within the District; to facilitate the adequate provision of Solid Waste Recycling and Disposal services such that the generators of Solid Waste pay costs reflecting the real costs to society of Waste management; to regulate Waste Disposal practices that pose a danger to the public health and welfare and the environment; to make proper charges for the District's facilities, programs, and services; to implement and further the District Plan and the State's Waste Management Plan; and to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally sound management of Solid Waste.

1.2 Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "District Waste Management Ordinance".

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

2.1 As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. "Board of Supervisors" shall mean the governing body of the District.

B. "Designated Area" shall mean an area designated for placement of Solid Waste for collection, which must be readily accessible at all times by a conventional Solid Waste collection truck and not directly on the travelled portion of any public road or sidewalk. An area may be so designated through mutual agreement between a Person and his, her, or its Hauler. However, the location of a Designated Area shall not violate any applicable local or municipal ordinance.

C. "District" shall mean the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District and as appropriate in the context, the total area within the boundaries of all member municipalities within the District.

D. "District Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the District, or such Executive Director's designee.

E. "District Transfer Station" shall mean any facility that accepts and/or processes Solid Waste under contract to the District for ultimate transfer to off-site locations for disposal, processing, treatment, or incineration.

F. "Facility" shall mean any site or structure used for treating, storing, processing, recycling or disposing of Solid Waste. A Facility may consist of a single or several treatment, storage, Recycling, or Disposal units.

G. "Generator" shall mean a Person who produces Solid Waste by any means including, but not limited to, household, commercial, institutional, and industrial activities.

H. "Hauler" shall mean any Person that collects, transports, or delivers Solid Waste generated within the District.

I. "Hazardous Waste" shall mean any material or substance which, by reason of its composition or characteristics, is from time to time defined as hazardous either by 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq., or by 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), or by 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., or by 10 V.S.A. Chapter 159 as they may be amended from time to time, or by any laws of similar purpose or effect, or by any regulations promulgated under any of the foregoing, and any other material which the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources or its Secretary, or the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, or any similar governmental agency or unit having jurisdiction, shall determine from time to time is ineligible for disposal, whether by reasons of being toxic, reactive, ignitable, corrosive or otherwise.

J. "Household Solid Waste" shall mean any Solid Waste derived from households, including single and multiple family residences.

K. "License" shall mean any License issued or required pursuant to Article IV hereof. "Licensee" shall mean the holder of a License.

L. "Non-Regulated Hazardous Waste" shall mean Hazardous Waste that prior to its delivery to a Facility would be classified as either Household Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Waste from conditionally exempt small quantity generators, pursuant to and determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

M. "Person" shall mean an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, institution, unincorporated association, joint venture, trust, municipality, agency, department, or any other legal entity. In any provision of this Ordinance prescribing a fine, penalty, or denial or revocation of a License, the term "Person" shall include the officers and directors of the corporation.

N. "Plan" shall mean the Solid Waste Implementation Plan developed and adopted by the District in July 1992 in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 2202a, as such Plan is amended from time to time.

O. "Recyclables" shall mean clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars; aluminum, steel and tin cans; translucent high density polyethylene (HDPE) bottles and jugs (including, but not limited to, plastic milk, cider, juice, and water bottles); colored HDPE plastic bottles (including, but not limited to personal care/detergent bottles); polyethylene terephthalate (PET(E)) bottles; corrugated cardboard/kraft bags; newspaper; glossy magazines, catalogs and other publications; white typing, computer, copier, and notebook paper. This list may be amended by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, upon such publication notice as the Board of Supervisors may prescribe, due to factors such as, but not limited to, changes in market conditions or technology.

P. "Resident" shall mean an individual owning or occupying a dwelling unit in a particular city, town or village within the District.

Q. "Solid Waste" shall mean any discarded garbage, refuse, rubbish, (including materials destined for reuse or recycling, unless the context indicates that "Solid Waste" does not include such materials for the particular purpose of any part of this Ordinance), Special Wastes, Yard Wastes, and other discarded material including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous materials, but does not include: (i) animal manure and absorbent bedding used for soil enrichment, or (ii) solid or dissolved materials in industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under the Water Pollution Control Act (10 V.S.A. Chapter 47), or (iii) Hazardous Waste that does not qualify as Non-Regulated Hazardous Waste.

R. "Special Waste" shall mean; asbestos waste; infectious waste; septage; sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply plant, or pollution control facility; or other Wastes as may be designated by the Board of Supervisors which, for whatever reason, are to be managed separately from other Solid Wastes.

S. "Construction and Demolition Wastes" shall mean clean wood, stumps, non-hazardous painted, treated or stained wood, plaster, sheetrock, asphaltic roofing materials, insulation, flooring, brick, masonry and mortar, glass, soil and stone, small amounts of metal incidental to building demolition made from wood, foam and/or metal, and mattresses.

T. "Unlawful Conduct" shall mean any act, or failure to act, in violation of any provision of this Ordinance, or of any term, condition or restriction imposed upon, or required by any

License, or the failure to pay any civil penalty due the District within 30 days of a final judgment of any court of general jurisdiction under 4 V.S.A. §§113 or 437(8), as amended.

U. "Waste" shall mean a material that is discarded, or is being accumulated, stored, or physically, chemically or biologically treated prior to being discarded, or has served its original intended use and is normally discarded, or is a manufacturing or mining by-product and is normally discarded.

V. "Yard Wastes" shall mean brush, lawn clippings, leaves, weeds, and other organic materials accumulated during the normal maintenance or restoration of a yard, garden, recreational field, or other area covered with vegetation.

W. "Regulations" shall mean procedures or practices adopted by the Board of Supervisors, at a warned meeting for the purpose of implementing this ordinance.

X. "Tipping Fee" shall mean charges on a per ton and/or other unit basis for waste delivered to a District facility or under contract with the District.

Y. "Waste Generation Fee" shall mean a charge per ton of waste generated. This shall not include recyclables or other materials destined for reuse or recycling.

Z. "District Facility" shall mean any solid waste management facility owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of the District.

ARTICLE III
RESPONSIBILITIES OF GENERATORS

3.1 General. All Generators within the District shall separate their Solid Waste according to the provisions of this Ordinance and any procedures or practices adopted by the Board of Supervisors to implement this Ordinance.

3.2 Separation of Solid Waste. Except as hereinafter provided in Section 3.3, every Person who generates Solid Waste within the District shall separate Hazardous Wastes, Non-Regulated Hazardous Waste, Special Wastes, Construction and Demolition Waste, Yard Wastes and Recyclables as required by the disposal facility and/or town ordinance from such Solid Waste. Recyclables shall be free of food or other residues and non-recyclable parts. Special Wastes shall further be separated into components as the Board of Supervisors by procedures may prescribe.

3.3 Disposal of Solid Waste. After proper separation of Solid Waste, the generator shall either set such Waste in a Designated Area for collection by a Hauler or deliver such Waste to a Facility that is legally authorized and permitted to accept such Waste. All such Waste placed in a Designated Area shall be placed in the area in a manner such that each component may be collected separately by a Hauler. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict the composting by an individual of his or her own Yard Waste, or the recycling or reuse of any materials by any Person.

ARTICLE IV
RESPONSIBILITIES OF HAULERS

4.1 License Requirement. Except as provided in Section 4.2. of this Ordinance, no Hauler shall collect, transport, or deliver Solid Waste generated within the District unless such Hauler holds a valid

License from the District, issued as provided in this Article.

4.2 Exemptions. The following Persons are exempt from the licensing requirements of Section 4.1:

A. The District, and any member municipality of the District, in the transporting and delivery of Solid Waste generated in its municipal operations, utilizing its own vehicles including approved employee's vehicles.

B. A Person in the transporting and delivering of his, her, or its own Solid Waste or in the collection, transporting, and delivery of Solid Wastes of other Persons so long as such collecting, transporting, and delivering is performed without an intent to receive compensation.

4.3 License Application. Any Hauler, other than a Hauler exempt under Section 4.2, who desires to collect, transport, or deliver Solid Waste generated within the District shall apply to the District for a License on such form, containing such information, as is required under Section 4.7, or as is required by District regulation. Such application shall be accompanied by the fee established pursuant to Section 4.5 hereof.

4.4 Expiration of License, Renewal. Each License shall expire on the January 1st next following its date of issuance, provided however that in the event an application is made for renewal prior to the expiration date of a License, such License shall remain in force until such time as the Executive Director issues a final decision on the renewal application, but subject to Section 4.9 below. Any renewal application shall comply with the application requirements in this Article and be accompanied by the fee as prescribed in Section 4.5. A License shall not be assignable or transferrable, and upon any assignment or transfer, the License shall immediately expire and become null and void.

4.5 Licensing Fee. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this Ordinance and the licensing program established by the Board of Supervisors herein, the Board of Supervisors may impose an annual Licensing Fee as a condition to issuance and renewal of a License. The amount of the licensing fee shall be established, and may be modified from time to time.

4.6 Administration of Licensing Program. The Executive Director shall administer the licensing program established by this Ordinance. Any Hauler aggrieved by any decision or act taken by the Executive Director may appeal to the Board of Supervisors, which may hear the appeal, or may designate a Committee thereof to hear the appeal. Such appeal(s) shall be de novo. Upon notice and hearing, the Board, or such Committee, may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Executive Director. Except as provided in Section 4.9, any such appeal shall not stay the Executive Director's decision, and shall be filed with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of mailing of the decision to the Licensee, registered or certified mail, addressed to the Licensee at the address shown on the License, or to such other address as the Licensee may designate in writing mailed to the District by the aforementioned method, and if not so filed, the decision of the Executive Director shall be final and binding on such Licensee.

4.7 Standards for Issuance of License. In order to obtain or renew a License, a Hauler shall:

A. properly complete and file all necessary application forms and the materials described in subsections (C)-(D) below.

B. pay the License fees established under Section 4.5.

C. identify by make, model, state registration number, unloaded weight (supported by

the weigh slip of a state certified truck scale, and capacity, each vehicle the Hauler proposes to use to collect and transport Solid Waste, and demonstrate that each vehicle identified will not leak or spill Waste, and will not create a nuisance with respect to noise, odor, or litter. All such qualifying vehicles shall be noted on the License. If the Hauler proposes to use any additional vehicles not identified at the time of application, the Hauler shall identify the vehicle and make the demonstration required by subsections (C) and (D), and any such qualified vehicle shall be additionally noted on the License.

D. demonstrate that liability insurance is in force for each vehicle to be noted on the License in amounts as may be required in procedures established by the Board of Supervisors, by a Certificate of Insurance providing that such insurance shall not be cancelled, nor reduced in coverage, without at least 10 days prior written notice to the District.

E. pay any past due amounts owed to the District.

F. demonstrate fitness and an ability to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance and, in situations where a Hauler's License has been suspended or revoked pursuant to Section 4.9, demonstrate that corrective actions have been taken, as necessary, to ensure that the Hauler will comply with this Ordinance.

G. In the event a licensed vehicle is unable to operate and must be replaced by a leased/rented/borrowed vehicle while the licensed vehicle is being repaired, the license/permit for the disabled vehicle will be automatically transferred to the leased/rented/borrowed vehicle for a period of time not to exceed two weeks. The Hauler will notify the District of such occurrence and will provide the District with make, model, state registration number, unloaded weight and capacity of the replacement vehicle. Notification by the Hauler to the District will take place no later than the completion of the next business day.

H. In the event a licensed vehicle is replaced, permanently, by a new or used vehicle the license from the replaced vehicle will transfer to the new vehicle. The Hauler will notify the District immediately of such occurrence and will provide the District with make, model, state registration number, unloaded weight and capacity of new/used vehicle, and demonstrate that all other provisions and requirements of Article 4.7 have been met and satisfied. Notification by the Hauler to the District will take place no later than the completion of the next business day.

4.8 Responsibilities of Licensees and Other Haulers Who are not Licensees.

A. A Licensee shall not use any vehicle not noted on the License for the collection, transportation, or delivery of Solid Waste generated within the District, nor shall any such vehicle be used for such purposes during any period of time when the insurance required by Section 4.7(D) is not in force.

B. Each Licensee shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the License and the requirements of this Ordinance. Each Hauler who is not a Licensee shall comply with all the terms and conditions of this Ordinance applicable to Haulers who are not Licensees.

C. Each Licensee, and each Hauler who is not a Licensee, shall keep and maintain such records within the State of Vermont as will enable the District to determine compliance with this Ordinance.

D. Each Licensee shall offer, either independently or through subcontract with another Licensed Hauler, Designated Area collection of Recyclables to all the Licensee's customers in the District, except that such service need not be offered to a Resident in a member municipality of the District which has arranged for Designated Area Recyclables collection services for its Residents.

E. Each Licensee shall gather and submit, if requested by the District, information and documentation as to Solid Waste generated within the District. Proprietary information shall be kept confidential.

4.9 Suspension and Revocation. The Administrative Committee may suspend or revoke a License for Unlawful Conduct or repeated failure to pay one or more District billings rendered pursuant to Section 6.5 by their due dates. Any such suspension or revocation may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors, which may hear the appeal, or may designate a Committee thereof to hear the appeal. Such appeal(s) shall be de novo. Upon notice and hearing, the party hearing the appeal may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision. Any such appeal shall be filed with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of mailing of notice of suspension or revocation to the Licensee, addressed to the Licensee at the address shown on the License, or to such other address as the Licensee may designate in writing mailed to the District by the aforementioned method, and if not so filed, the decision of the Administrative Committee to suspend or revoke shall be final and binding on such Licensee. In the event of an appeal, such suspension or revocation shall not be effective until final decision by the Board of Supervisors or such Committee designated by the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE V **USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES**

5.1 Use of District Facilities. A Person delivering Solid Waste to a Facility owned or operated by the District, or under contract with the District, shall follow all of the procedures and practices established by the District for use of the Facility, and shall deliver to the Facility only such types of Solid Waste as: (i) the Facility is certified to accept, and (ii) the Board of Supervisors by resolution approves for delivery to the Facility.

ARTICLE VI **ESTABLISHMENT AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES**

6.1 Tipping Fees. The Board of Supervisors shall adopt, and revise from time to time, charges on a per ton and/or other unit basis for Solid Waste delivered to a District Facility, or under contract with the District ("Tipping Fees"), in order to generate revenues and defray some or all of the direct and indirect costs of operation of the District Facilities and the costs of transportation to and disposal of Solid Waste delivered to any such District Facility. In establishing and from time to time revising the Tipping Fee, the Board will assign to (and may from time to time make additions to and/or deletions from) costs of operation all or portions of those costs which it desires to defray by the Tipping Fee charge, which may include, but are not limited to, labor, benefits, utilities, all or portions of fixed District costs and expenses, fuel, maintenance and repair, transportation and disposal, and taxes and fees. Tipping Fees shall be paid by any Hauler delivering Solid Waste to any Facility owned or operated by the District, or under contract with the District, based on tonnage or other applicable unit of Solid Waste delivered.

6.2 Waste Generation Fees. The Board of Supervisors shall adopt, and revise from time to time, a charge per ton of Solid Waste generated within the District which is collected and/or transported for disposal ("Waste Generation Fee"). As used in this section, and for purposes of computing the District Fee charge, the term "Solid Waste" shall not include Recyclables or other materials destined for reuse or recycling. The purpose of the Waste Generation Fee is to generate revenue to defray some or all of District costs other than those to be defrayed by the Tipping Fee and the Annual Towns' Assessment. In

establishing and from time to time in revising the Waste Generation Fees, the Board will include all or portions of the costs which it desires to defray by the Waste Generation Fees, which may include, but are not limited to debt service (principal and interest), capital reserves, any portion of the costs of operation not being defrayed by the Tipping Fee or Annual Towns' Assessment, Special Waste programs, recycling programs, educational programs, household hazardous waste and Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator programs, administration costs, and other District Facilities, programs, and services costs. These charges shall be paid regardless of the final disposal location, and shall be in addition to Tipping Fees.

6.3 Establishment of Fees. The fees described in Section 6.1 shall be set and may be amended from time to time by procedure described in the Charter. The fees described in Section 6.2 shall be adopted and amended by District Ordinance. The procedure for collection of fees described in Section 6.2 shall be through Regulations adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

6.3.1 Waste Generation Fee. The Waste Generation Fee authorized under Section 6.2 of this Ordinance is established at Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per ton.

6.4 Fee Variations and Surcharges. The Board of Supervisors may establish fee variations or surcharges on Solid Waste delivered to District Facilities to encourage or otherwise provide economic incentives to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

6.5 Payment of Fees. The District shall render bills for Tipping Fees and Waste Generation Fees to such Persons, and upon such terms, cash or credit, including furnishing of letters of credit on terms and in amounts satisfactory to the Executive Director, as the Board of Supervisors establishes by resolution. If a Hauler does not pay a District bill by its due date, the Executive Director may prohibit that Hauler's use of the District Facility, or facility under contract with the District, until the bill is paid. Any billed amount not paid when due shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from its due date.

ARTICLE VII **INSPECTION**

7.1 Vehicles used in the collection or transportation of Solid Wastes within the District shall be subject to reasonable inspection by the District or its agents for purposes of determining compliance with the terms of Licenses and this Ordinance and for the purposes of data collection. Failure to allow inspection shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

7.2 All Solid Waste generated within the District and set at a Designated Area for collection by a Hauler, and all Solid Waste deposited at Facilities owned or operated by the District shall be subject to inspection without notice by the District or its agents, for purposes of ensuring compliance with this Ordinance and for the purposes of data collection. Failure to allow inspection shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII **ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES**

8.1 Civil Remedies. The enforcement and remedies for violations of this Ordinance shall be civil in nature in conformance with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §1974a.

8.2 Civil Penalties. Any Person who engages in Unlawful Conduct shall forfeit and pay to the District a Civil Penalty of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each act or failure to act

constituting Unlawful Conduct. Such Civil Penalty may be recovered by the District in an action brought by the District in a Court having jurisdiction under 4 V.S.A. §113 or under 4 V.S.A. §437(8). Each day in which Unlawful Conduct continues shall constitute a separate violation. All penalties collected shall be paid to the District, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §7251.

8.3 Injunction. In addition to any other remedy provided in this Ordinance or available at law or in equity, the Board of Supervisors may cause the District to institute a suit in equity for an injunction to prevent, restrain or abate Unlawful Conduct.

8.4 Refusals and Rejections by the District. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Ordinance to the contrary, the Executive Director may refuse to accept Solid Waste or refuse to allow Disposal at any Facility operated by or on behalf of the District where such Solid Wastes does not meet the requirements of this Ordinance.

8.5 Other Penalties. The Board of Supervisors shall be authorized to impose any other penalty and fine to the maximum extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX PUBLIC SAFETY

9.1 No Person shall permit or cause any Solid Waste within his, her or its control to become a hazard to public travel, health or safety or to become a nuisance of any sort.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Local Regulation. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit any member municipality of the District from enacting and enforcing ordinances and regulations regarding the collection, transportation, storage, processing, and disposal of Solid Waste within its jurisdiction, provided that any such regulation or ordinance, is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

10.2 No Regulation of Hazardous Waste or Bio-medical Waste. This Ordinance does not regulate the storage, recycling, disposal, collection, or transportation of Hazardous Waste to the extent that such storage, recycling, disposal, collection or transportation is otherwise regulated by Federal or State laws, rules or regulations. This Ordinance does not regulate the storage, collection, transportation, recycling, or disposal of special medical Wastes, infectious Waste, or human or animal remains, so long as such storage, collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal remains under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

10.3 Waiver by District. Upon issuance of public notice, the Board of Supervisors may extend the commencement date for the separation of Solid Waste.

10.4 Existing contracts. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to interfere with or modify the provisions of any existing contract within the District on the effective date of this Ordinance in an unconstitutional manner, provided that no contract shall be renewed, and no new contract shall be entered into, which does not comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.

10.5 Construction. The terms and provisions of this Ordinance are to be construed in a manner so as to best achieve and promote the goals and purposes hereof, of the District's Charter, and of

24 V.S.A. §2202a. . The captions and headings in this Ordinance are inserted for purposes of convenience and reference only, and shall not be used in any way as an aid in the construction or interpretation of this Ordinance.

10.6 Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any Person or circumstances or within any part of the District is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, said invalidity shall not apply to any other portion of this Ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provision or application thereof.

10.7 Implementation Date. Sections 2.1 and 4.3 through 4.7 shall be implemented commencing with the adoption of this Ordinance. All other Sections shall be effective commencing January 10, 1995.

Enacted and ordained this 13 day of January, 1994.

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: [Signature]
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: [Signature]
District Clerk

Amended: 12/7/95