



NEWSLETTER

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Thanking Our Supporters!

Over the past three years, MRC has managed a 160,000 square foot property valued at \$80 million. This responsibility extended from a period when the property was under the bank's control, with minimal preservation efforts, to the final year of MRC's ownership. Throughout this time, we encountered various challenges, including extreme weather conditions, power issues, and maintenance needs. In such instances, we relied heavily on the knowledge and expertise of our dedicated colleagues, who form the backbone of MRC – our invaluable members.

Whether it was in matters of public relations, administration, or public safety, we firmly believe in not reinventing the wheel when facing complex issues. Instead, we turn to experts who possess the necessary knowledge and experience to address these challenges effectively.

As the dust settles and revenue starts flowing in through lease and management payments, and with new ownership actively working towards reopening the property, it is an opportune moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us, contributing their resources and infrastructure.

To show our appreciation, MRC has taken the initiative to personally visit and extend our thanks to these members, offering them a complimentary meal. In particular, we extend our deepest gratitude to Hampden Public Works, Hampden Public Safety, Bangor Public Works, Orono Public Works, and Orono Administration for their unwavering support.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

NEW MEETING DATE!

Quarterly Board of Directors Meetings
Wednesday, October 11

Finance Committee: 9:30 AM
Board of Directors: 10:00 AM

In person at Town of Orono (59 Main Street, Orono) or virtually. Please register in advance via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_agpEJvZnREuy06oSStOFIQ

After confirmation, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Maine Resource and Recovery Association Annual Meeting

Monday, October 23

Join the MRC and Innovative Resource Recovery for an update at the MRRRA's Fall Conference and Annual Meeting in Hermon. Representatives from both organizations are presenting during the conference. For more information and to sign up to attend visit <http://www.mrra.net>.



Are you going to the Maine Municipal Annual Convention in Augusta?

Stop by MRC's Booth on October 4 & 5!

ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



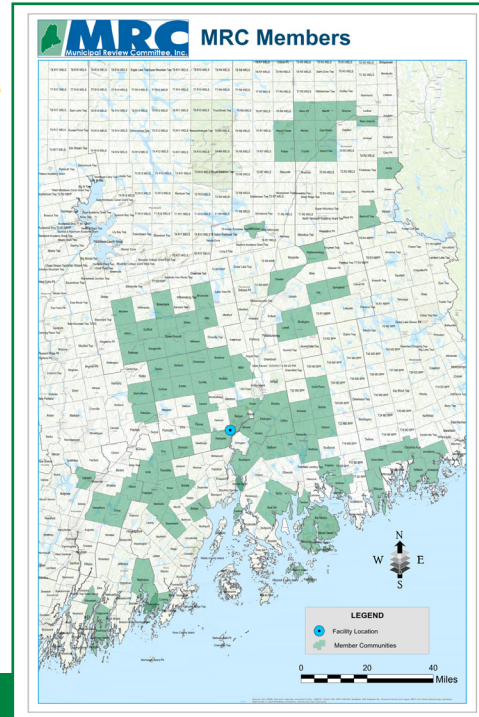
MRC regularly sends updates and announcements by email to those who have signed up for our alerts. We have an active Facebook account where we share articles and post about events and interact with members. Make sure to "like" or follow us through your town's accounts too! **Also, we're on YouTube!** Please subscribe and hit that notification bell so that you don't miss any of our uploads!

Maine Solid Waste Management & Recycling Plan

The MRC has been actively engaged in advocating for effective solid waste management and recycling practices. Recently, we submitted comprehensive comments DEP regarding the State Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan, set to take effect on January 1, 2024. Our comments focused on three key areas and are on our website (<http://www.mrcmaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Maine-DEP-SWP-2024-MRC-comments.pdf>). We look forward to seeing the updated plan from DEP.

MRC Visits

Over the next year, Michael Carroll, MRC Executive Director, has committed to personally visiting each and every one of our members. This endeavor reflects our unwavering commitment to fostering stronger connections within our MRC community and ensuring that our services align closely with the unique needs of our members. The Executive Director aims to engage in meaningful conversations, gain valuable insights, and actively collaborate with all our members to expand and enhance the services that the MRC provides. Stay tuned for emails from Michael or reach out to him at mcarroll@mrcmaine.org to schedule your visit!



ABOUT THE MRC

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. 115 members have joined together to ensure the affordable, environmentally sound disposal of MSW in the long-term and send their MSW to the facility in Hampden for processing.

Visit www.mrcmaine.org or contact Mike Carroll at 207-664-1700 or execdirector@mrcmaine.org to learn more about the Municipal Review Committee and to add your name to our email contact list.

Updates from MWS

MWS continues to advance the engineering and development activities to support a re-start of the Hampden Facility in 2025. Most notably, a trial run was conducted in late July where waste from five different communities was processed through the front-end material recovery equipment. The primary objectives of the trial were to verify equipment functionality for re-design purposes as well as obtain samples of the organic and fiber streams that will be processed in the expanded anaerobic digestion system. Those feedstock samples were shipped to MWS's AD technology partner for a series of lab tests to further support the overall design of the facility. In addition to the engineering activities, we continue to advance various commercial and regulatory elements of the re-start plan, including key workstreams such as working with the MDEP on permitting, identifying additional sources of feedstock that will allow us to fully utilize the plant's capacity, and developing markets for the various products that will be recovered at the facility. MWS expects to continue to progress the required detailed engineering packages through the balance of this year with an eye towards beginning construction activities in 2024 and commencing commercial operations in 2025.