# WasteHub

## **EXCITING NEWS:** MUNICIPAL WASTEHUB EXPANDS WITH JAY ACQUISITION

We're thrilled to announce a major milestone: Municipal WasteHub has acquired the former Androscoggin Mill site in Jay, Maine.

This strategic acquisition includes both the construction and demolition disposal landfill and wastewater treatment facility. Last month, DEP Commissioner Melanie Loysim signed the Permit Transfer Order, giving us the green light to operate both sections at its current status.





#### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MAINE

The Jay site will become a key "spoke" in our growing statewide network—serving as a potential future collection point that connects communities across Maine to our processing hub in Hampden. This expansion opens new doors for sustainability and recycling opportunities, whether your community is inside or outside of the WasteHub network.

This is just the beginning of an exciting chapter for Municipal WasteHub and the communities we serve Maine's most comprehensive waste management infrastructure!

#### **UPCOMING MEETING**

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Quarterly Board Of Directors Meeting

**Hybrid Meeting** 

Wednesday, October 22, 10:30am

The meeting will be held in person at the Hampden Municipal Building, 106 Western Ave, Hampden.

**Registration required** to attend virtually. Instructions below.

Virtual Meeting:

Public participants wanting to attend the Municipal WasteHub virtual Board Meeting should register in advance using the link or QR code below:

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### PROUD SUPPORTERS OF THE 89TH ANNUAL MMA CONVENTION

The Maine Municipal Association Convention was held on October 8–9 in Bangor. Municipal WasteHub was a sponsor this year, and we were able to connect with many municipal members in attendance. We live-streamed and shared event highlights on Facebook.





#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW COO, EDGAR PALACIOS**

We're excited to welcome Edgar Palacios as the new Chief Operating Officer of Municipal Waste Solutions. After several weeks of remote on-boarding, Edgar officially started on Monday, October 6. He brings strong leadership and operational experience that will strengthen our team and help advance our long-term goals.

#### PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over the past quarter, we met with towns and cities to discuss challenges at local transfer stations and landfills. Municipal WasteHub is seeking to partner with towns and cities in Maine to consult on best management practices at landfills and transfer stations, as part of the "hub and spoke" model.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### **OPENING OUR DOORS: ENR COMMITTEE VISITS MUNICIPAL WASTE SOLUTIONS**

Transparency is at the heart of what we do, and we're proud to continue welcoming the public into our facilities to showcase our mission in action.

On October 15, we had the honor of hosting the State of Maine's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources at our Hampden facility, Municipal Waste Solutions. With over 30 attendees and local media capturing the moment, the event was a resounding success.





#### WHY THIS MATTERS

The ENR Committee oversees the Department of Environmental Protection and shapes critical policy on air and water quality, natural resource protection, energy development, and waste management across Maine. Having them witness firsthand our innovative approaches to waste management and sustainability was both an honor and an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship.

#### **DEP WASTE DIVERSION GRANT AWARDED**

Municipal WasteHub has been awarded \$50,000 from the Maine DEP's 2025 Waste Diversion Grants Program, including \$12,500 in in-kind services. This funding will support education and outreach initiatives to help communities reduce waste and improve recycling participation. It's a strong endorsement of our ongoing leadership in sustainability.

#### **BOARD NOMINATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

Nomination forms for Board Member positions were mailed on September 11 and were due by October 15. Four seats are open this year—three for full three-year terms and one unexpired term through 2026. The slate for nominations will be presented at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

#### **WEBSITE UPDATES**

We're making strong progress on the new WasteHub website, with a design mockup ready for review at the October Board meeting.

Thank you to all member communities for your continued support and engagement. Together, we're building a stronger, more sustainable waste management future for Maine. If you have any questions about these updates, we are always here to help. Please call Michael Carroll at 207-664-1700 with any questions.