

WasteHub

QUARTERLY

A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION, INNOVATION, AND PARTNERSHIP

As we move into 2026, it's clear this past year has been truly transformational for Municipal WasteHub. From a new name and renewed facilities to innovative infrastructure and strengthened partnerships, the progress we've made together has positioned our organization—and our member communities—for a stronger, more sustainable future.

This past year, we officially rebranded as Municipal WasteHub, a name that better reflects our expanded mission and the comprehensive waste management services we now provide. The rebrand was more than cosmetic; it signaled a renewed commitment to serving our members with flexibility, efficiency, and responsiveness.

One of the most visible signs of this transformation was the reopening of our Hampden facility as a transfer station, along with the commissioning of baling operations for recyclable materials such as cardboard, which begins immediately in early 2026. As the final new equipment arrives and is installed, we remain firmly on track to start full Material Recovery Facility (MRF) commercial operations in late February to mid-March 2026.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Quarterly Board & Finance Committee Business Meeting

Wednesday,
January 28, 10:30am

The meeting will be held in person at the Hampden Town Office (106 Western Ave) and virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually, please register in advance using the link or QR code below:

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Participants can submit questions through the Q&A feature. If you're unable to attend, the meeting recording will be available to watch later on our YouTube channel.



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What makes these achievements especially meaningful is that they were **driven directly by you—our member communities**. Throughout the year, we visited every member municipality, conducted surveys, hosted focused discussion groups, and listened closely to your priorities. You told us you needed improved transportation solutions, more accessible collection points, expanded recycling opportunities, and economical ways to manage diverse waste streams. We listened, and we acted. Every major development in 2025 reflects that shared vision and collaboration.

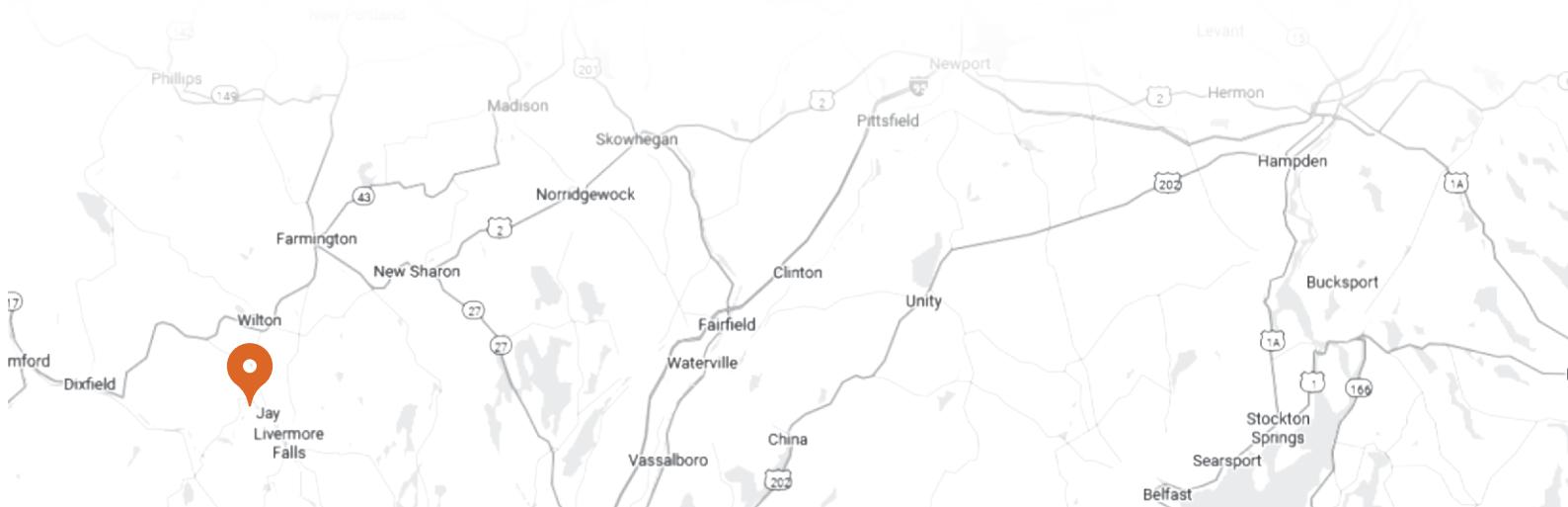
One of the most exciting advancements this year is the launch of our **Hub and Spoke model**, an approach that is redefining waste management in Maine. By partnering with strategically located member transfer stations to serve as regional “spokes,” all connected to our central “hub” in Hampden, we can now offer a much broader range of services under the Municipal Waste Solutions banner. From recyclables and construction and demolition debris to bulky items and tires, this model delivers comprehensive solutions while improving efficiency.

The addition of a dedicated transportation division by our partner, Innovative Resource Recovery, further enhances this system—optimizing truck loads, improving logistics, lowering costs for members, and reducing our collective carbon footprint. **We're working to save you money on waste hauling. We'll provide competitive pricing for all your waste transport and logistics needs, passing the savings from our logistics synergies directly back to you as a member.**

Throughout the year, we also focused on **building relationships and earning recognition**. We hosted facility tours for DEP leadership and the Legislature's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, highlighting the critical role Municipal WasteHub plays in serving the region. Nationally, we were featured in *Waste360*, a leading industry publication, enhancing our credibility and visibility. We secured \$37,500 in DEP Waste Diversion Grant funding to support education and outreach, and we engaged with potential stewards of Maine's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program, who expressed strong interest in working with us.



Another major milestone in 2025 was the **acquisition of the JayCo facility**—the former Androscoggin Mill construction and demolition disposal site in Jay—at zero cost to Municipal WasteHub. Completed with regulatory approval from the Maine DEP, this acquisition expands our network and establishes JayCo as a key spoke connecting communities across Maine to our Hampden hub. The site also includes a wastewater treatment facility, opening the door to potential expanded services for members. Importantly, the property came with required closure funds, and is professionally operated by an experienced partner. Community response in Jay was overwhelmingly positive, reinforced by favorable local media coverage.



Community engagement remained at the heart of our work. In 2025, we conducted more than 100 facility tours and community meetings across the state, supported Earth Day cleanups with donated supplies, expanded our scholarship's program to offer up to \$10,000 annually, and launched Scotty, our mascot and new video series character who shares waste reduction tips and updates in a fun, accessible way.

Scotty's
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None of this would be possible without our partners, host communities, regulators, board, and staff. Together, we've built momentum that positions Municipal WasteHub as the region's most comprehensive and forward-thinking waste management infrastructure provider.

Thank you for your trust, your collaboration, and your continued partnership as we move confidently into 2026. Please join us for our next Quarterly Meeting on January 28, 2026. More details on page 1.