

WasteHub

QUARTERLY

The final countdown to frontend operations at Municipal Waste Solutions (MWS) in Hampden, Maine is officially underway, and we're excited to share several major milestones that bring us closer to delivering a long-term, sustainable waste solution for our member communities.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Over the past several weeks, significant progress has been made at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). One of the most notable developments was the successful arrival and installation of the facility's trommel, a critical component of the processing system.

With this milestone complete, all major equipment required for the MRF's reconfiguration is now on site and installed. The team has already begun fine-tuning operations and preparing for the next phase: comprehensive system testing. These "dry runs" will allow for full system activation and calibration, ensuring that conveyor belts, motors, and processing components are operating at optimal performance.

Additional infrastructure improvements are also advancing rapidly. New conveyor belt systems are in place and tested, while existing systems have been reconfigured and optimized to improve efficiency and material flow. At the front where the waste begins processing, shredders, stands and power units are now in place and ready for testing.

UPCOMING MEETING

Quarterly Board Business Meeting

Hybrid Meeting,
April 22, 10:30am

The meeting will be held in person at the Hampden Town Office (106 Western Ave) and virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually, registration is required. To register, please 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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A carefully managed ramp-up phase will be underway over the next few weeks, which material will start moving through the facility MRF for sorting and recycling. Operations will gradually scale over the following weeks as we work toward full throughput capacity for municipal solid waste.

This progress represents an important step toward achieving Maine’s long-standing goal of increasing recycling rates while providing a reliable and efficient waste management solution for our communities. We are incredibly proud of the coordination and dedication demonstrated by our team and partners throughout this process. WasteHub would like to give a special thank you to the staff on the ground at Municipal Waste Solutions in Hampden. Their dedication and the countless hours they have committed to reaching this milestone — the launch of the MRF — do not go unnoticed. None of this would have been possible without you.

MUNICIPAL WASTE HUB SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to operational updates, we’re pleased to announce we will be choosing the recipients of the Municipal WasteHub Scholarship’s Program for the 2026–2027 academic year. This initiative represents a \$10,000 investment in students from our member communities. Scholarships are awarded to eligible high school seniors and first-year post-secondary students planning to attend a Maine-based college, university, or trade school. Winners will be announced during our April 22, 2026 Board Meeting.

LEGISLATIVE & COMMUNITY UPDATES

On the legislative front, we continue to stay engaged in key discussions in Augusta. Recent Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) sessions have focused on proposals impacting wastewater discharge classifications, battery disposal regulations, and potential restrictions on landfill expansion over wetlands. While these discussions are ongoing, we remain actively involved in advocating for practical, sustainable solutions. Mike Carroll also attended the E2Tech 2026 Legislative Breakfast in Augusta in February.

Over the past quarter, we have met with municipal officials in several of our member communities including Orono, Bucksport, Castine, Jay, and Mt. Desert Island. Municipal WasteHub was also a sponsor and attendee of the 2026 MRRA Conference in Rockland this year.

Municipal WasteHub is making progress on all fronts, and we look forward to sharing more updates as we enter the final stages of commissioning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,
Municipal WasteHub

