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Western Connecticut
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West COG Regional Solid Waste Management Consulting Services

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Goals of the Study

- 1) Gain an understanding of current regional and municipal operations and relationships
- 2) Explore and identify opportunities for regional collaboration
- 3) Develop recommendations and next steps for interested municipalities

Project Approach

- Focus on opportunities for regional collaboration
- Engage with Municipalities
- Collect and compile operational data

Analyze current market trends

Market Trends & Assumptions

- Decreasing in-state solid waste disposal capacity
- Increasing development of long-haul infrastructure
- Local consolidation of private industry participants
- New disposal capacity being developed for other materials
- CTDEEP advancing efforts to reduce waste generation

Opportunities for Regional Collaboration

- Procurement of Contracts

- MSW
- SSR
- Bulky Waste
- Brush & Yard Waste
- Motor oil
- Antifreeze
- E-waste
- Textiles
- Scrap metal

- Food Scraps Drop Off Program

- Recycled Glass Program

Regional Procurement of Services

- Goal is to leverage tonnage for better T&D rates
- Many ways to implement:
 - Form Interlocal Agreement w/ Lead Town
 - Join existing Interlocal or RRA
 - Form new RRA
 - Have WestCOG take on larger role

Expanded Role for WestCOG

- WestCOG could expand its role into the delivery of regional solid waste and recycling services
 - B&L is investigating to the extent other COGs are performing this service in areas where a RRA does not exist
 - There may be funding available for WestCOG to provide staffing for this role
- Services WestCOG may be able to offer:
 - Develop Request for Bid documents for various T&D services
 - Negotiate with bidders on behalf of the municipalities
 - Secure multiple bids for different services from which the towns can select preferred vendor

Glass Recycling Pilot Program

- HRRA currently conducting pilot program
- Recording 25% glass recovery rate (% of SSR dropped off by residents)
- Contract with Oak Ridge to haul to UM facility
- May make sense for municipalities with higher SSR T&D costs

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