



VERMONT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION

# Vermont Solid Waste District Manager's Association

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# VSWDMA

- Consists of 10 Solid Waste Districts and 2 solid waste alliances
- Member communities represent 530,000 people or 85% of Vermont's total population
- Have reviewed and discussed the Act 148 SWIAC Report

# Recommendations

1. Maintain Act 148 Mandates on Recycling and Organics
  - a) Several of our member haulers, processors and districts and member municipalities are making plans and investments to meet the mandates and timelines

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## 2. Establish the 25% Grant Program

- a) Fund with a service fee on trash and recycling collection to generate \$2 million per year, sun setting after 6 years
- b) Create specific eligibility criteria and priority list for the grant program
- c) Establish a \$200,000 planning and feasibility grant program
- d) Grant money be available for private and public entities

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3. No longer require the haulers to imbed the recycling cost into the trash cost
  - a) Consider not allowing recycling cost to exceed trash cost
  
4. Consider broader exemptions for rural areas where the cost per ton to provide curbside service for mandatory recyclables and organics becomes 120% over disposal cost
  
5. Consider delaying the requirement for Haulers to provide organics collection in 2017 unless there is a receiving /processing facility within 20 miles