

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Solid Waste Management Plan is to identify a long-term solid waste management system which adequately meets the needs of Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) members. The primary purposes of the Plan are threefold. First and foremost, this Plan serves as a roadmap to interested parties illustrating the recent history of solid waste management within the District, the current system that exists to manage all components of the solid waste stream, and the future direction of CSWD programs.

Second, Vermont Law requires that all municipalities develop a solid waste implementation plan either through a solid waste district or regional planning commission. This Plan serves to meet that requirement for all CSWD member municipalities.

Third, under State law, facilities requiring a Solid Waste Certification from the State's Agency of Natural Resources must first demonstrate that the proposed facility is included in an adopted implementation plan. The Plan serves as the document which allows proposed and existing facilities to meet this requirement.

The Plan is organized into three Chapters. Chapter I summarizes the recent evolution which has occurred in solid waste management within the District and the legislative framework which was the impetus for these changes. Chapter II details the current solid waste management system that exists within the District. Chapter III outlines the future improvements that are most likely to occur as the District continues to evolve.

This Plan is intended to be in conformance with both the State of Vermont Solid Waste Management Plan and the Regional Plan developed by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

The Chittenden Solid Waste District first adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan on January 22, 1992. Since that time, this Plan has undergone numerous revisions in order to accurately reflect the rapidly evolving nature of the solid waste industry in Chittenden County. This Plan will be updated and amended as conditions warrant to reflect the changing nature of Chittenden County and of solid waste management.