



Three community projects were awarded \$17,064.21 in CSWD Waste Reduction grant funds during fiscal year 2015:

Jericho Elementary School (JES) received \$2043.06 for their “Water Bottle Fountain with Fill Station” project. JES has previously been awarded CSWD funds for a fill station at one location in the school. There was dramatic reduction in bottle waste at that location, in response to the fill station and education efforts to get students and staff to use refillable water bottles. However, the school needed a second station at the other end of the school to maximize bottle waste reduction throughout the building. With this year’s grant award, a second fill station was installed and the school noted, via counting water bottle waste in both trash and recycling, an estimated reduction of 400 bottles per year. The counter at the school indicates that 5,089 bottles worth of water has been dispensed from the fountain – imagine if all that water had been consumed from disposable bottles!

South Burlington School District (SBSD) received \$13,821.50 for their “Hydration Station” project that installed eight water bottle fill stations at four schools: Orchard, Chamberlin, Fred Tuttle, and Marcotte Schools. The schools incorporated a lesson plan on less waste and healthier habits via using the water fill stations with reusable water bottles. Students who participated in the annual Fun Run were provided reusable water bottles. Prior to installation of the fill stations, SBSBD had purchased 2,520 to 2,800 disposable water bottles per week. Since their installation, the fill station counters indicate a total of 20,541 bottles worth of water have been consumed.

Brewster Pierce Memorial School received \$1,200.00 for their “Waste Reduction, Water Consumption: Everybody Wins!” project. This fill station was installed near the end of the school year, so at this point there is a school-wide promotion underway for students and staff to bring their own reusable bottles, hydrate and reduce waste, and start using the fill station at the start of the next school year.