

Town of Windham
Solid Waste Alternatives - Current and Possible Automated Collection

Prior to 2001, residential collection was 100% private, with 3-4 haulers doing business in Windham. Recycling rate was under 10%, and there was no guarantee waste would be delivered to RWS (predecessor of ecomaine), which the town was contractually obligated to do. The town had a financial incentive to increase recycling rates and reduce its share of owner community assessments (now discontinued with the retirement of all debt).

CURBSIDE PAYT PROGRAM GOALS

- Guarantee delivery of waste to RWS (ecomaine) by providing the municipal service
- Improve efficiencies by contracting with one hauler
- Increase recycling rates/reduce exposure to assessment (increased from under 10% to nearly 40%)
- Have the trash portion of the program, more or less, supported by user fees - "the more you use, the more you pay"

CURRENT PROGRAM ISSUES

- Bags - cost and quality
- Diversion - cost disincentive to participate
- Global changes in recycling markets and materials mix

CURRENT CURBSIDE PAYT PROGRAM FINANCES

		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019
How We Deliver the Service		actual		actual		actual		actual		actual		budget		budget
Professional Services	\$	41,965	\$	4,790	\$	2,048	\$	12,235	\$	59,678	\$	54,540	\$	56,918
Contracted Services		589,825		573,223		597,581		617,378		610,851		633,030		649,030
Tip (Disposal) Fees		324,239		275,853		162,498		159,980		167,114		158,625		167,085
Totals	\$	956,029	\$	853,866	\$	762,127	\$	789,593	\$	837,643	\$	846,195	\$	873,033
How We Pay for the Service														
User (Bag) Fees	\$	504,168	\$	448,538	\$	450,420	\$	526,741	\$	585,363	\$	450,000	\$	550,000
Net Cost (General Revenues)	\$	451,861	\$	405,328	\$	311,707	\$	262,852	\$	252,280	\$	396,195	\$	323,033

POSSIBLE AUTOMATED CURBSIDE PROGRAM

Professional Services												\$	15,000
Contracted Services (10 year contract, includes carts, plus annual CPI adjustment, cost factor for trucks, etc.)													770,000
Tip (Disposal) Fees													167,085
Total												\$	952,085
User Fees													?
Net Cost (General Revenues)													?