

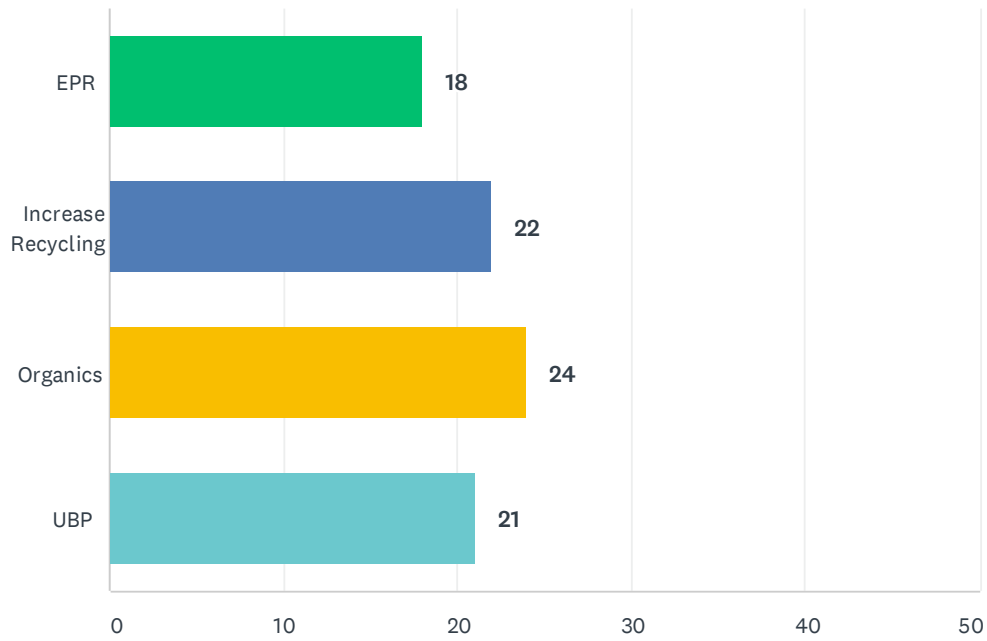
## Q1 Contact Details (for person filling out this survey)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Municipality	100.00%	60
Name	100.00%	60
Title	100.00%	60
Email	100.00%	60
Phone	100.00%	60

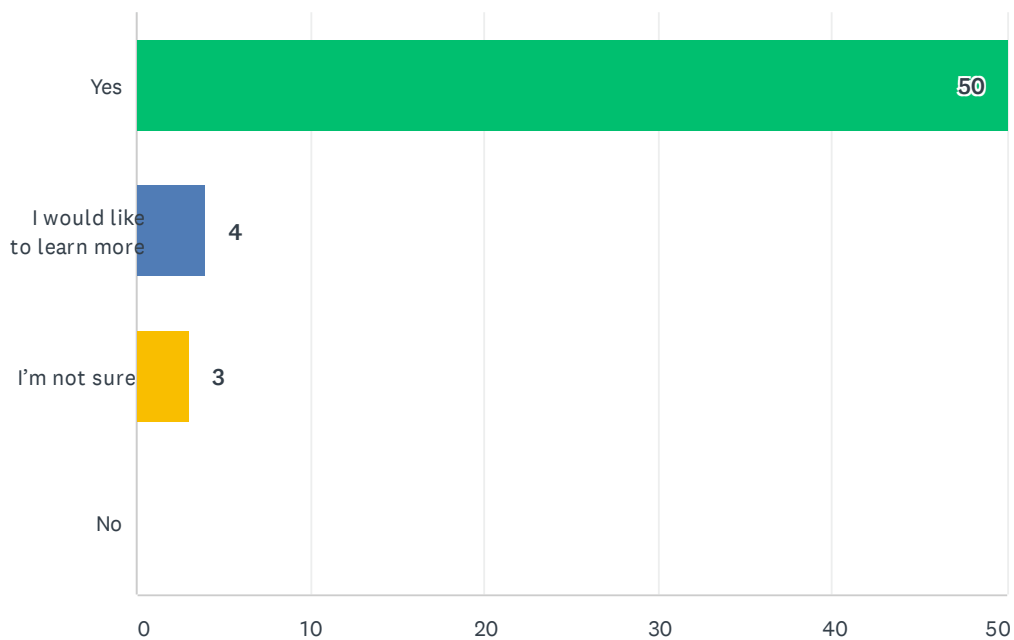
## Q2 In which CCSMM Working Group meetings did you or representatives from your municipality participate?(check all that apply)

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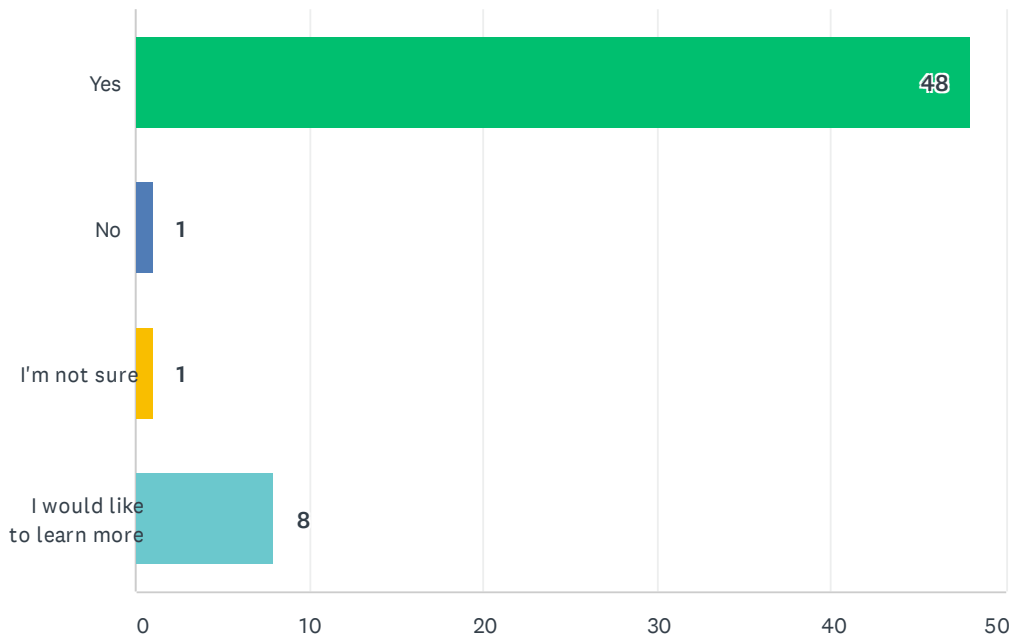
**Q3 EPR for Gas Cylinders.** Gas cylinders present a danger for haulers and Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) operators, when the cylinders are present on trucks and sorting lines; as well as for operators of WTE facilities. An EPR program for gas cylinders would create a safe recycling path for potentially hazardous (i.e., explosive) gas cylinders, and relieve municipalities' cost burdens for collecting and managing these difficult to manage items. Would you be likely to support a legislative proposal to create an EPR program for gas cylinders in the 2021 legislative session?

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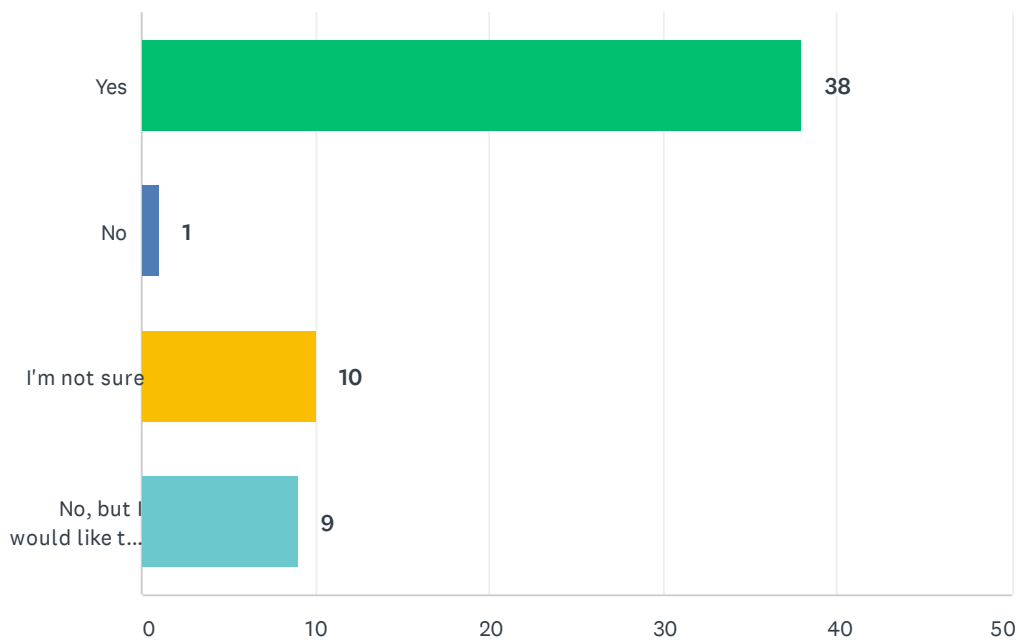
Q4 EPR for Tires. An Extended Producer Responsibility Program for tires would virtually eliminate illegal dumping by removing the financial incentive to dump. Such a program would promote higher end recycling over the current practice of burning for energy, by diverting tires to higher end recycling which will bring recycling industries to CT. It would also relieve municipalities' cost burdens for collecting & managing tires. If there is a legislative proposal to create an EPR program for tires in the upcoming legislative session, will your municipality support that proposal?

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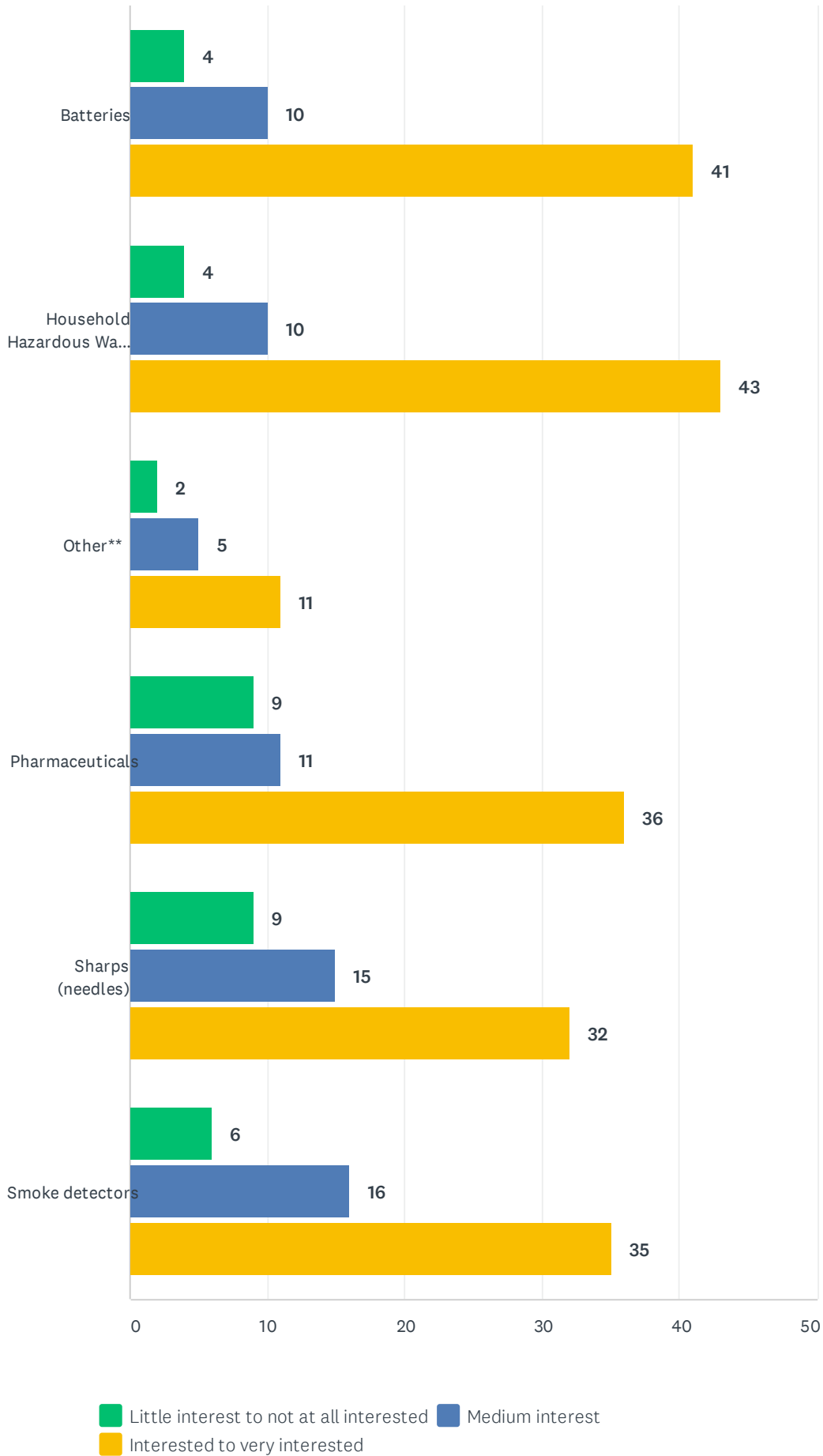
Q5 Packaging EPR could significantly change how municipal recycling programs are funded, potentially saving Connecticut municipalities \$40 million/year in recycling costs. Costs for collection and processing of recyclables could shift from municipalities to the producers of packaging – which includes everything typically included in residential “single stream” recycling programs. It is expected that discussions regarding Packaging EPR will continue through 2021 with a goal of proposing legislation in 2022. Is your municipality interested in participating in such discussions?

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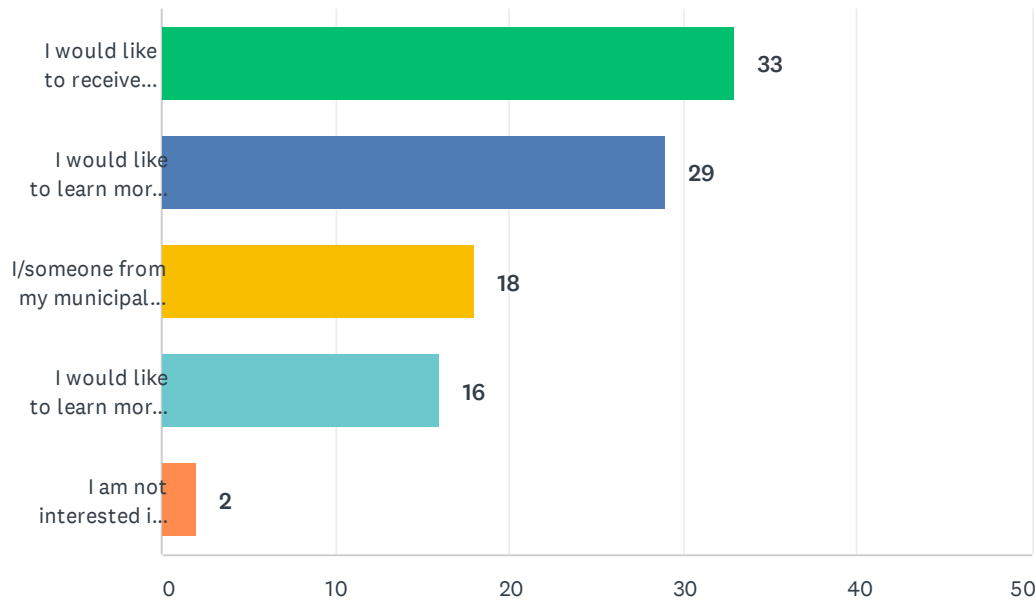
**Q6 How interested would your municipality be to see the General Assembly enact EPR programs for the following materials in the next 1-4 years, on a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being not interested at all and 5 being very interested)?**

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### Q7 Would you be interested in getting further involved in EPR program development? Please check any of the following that apply:

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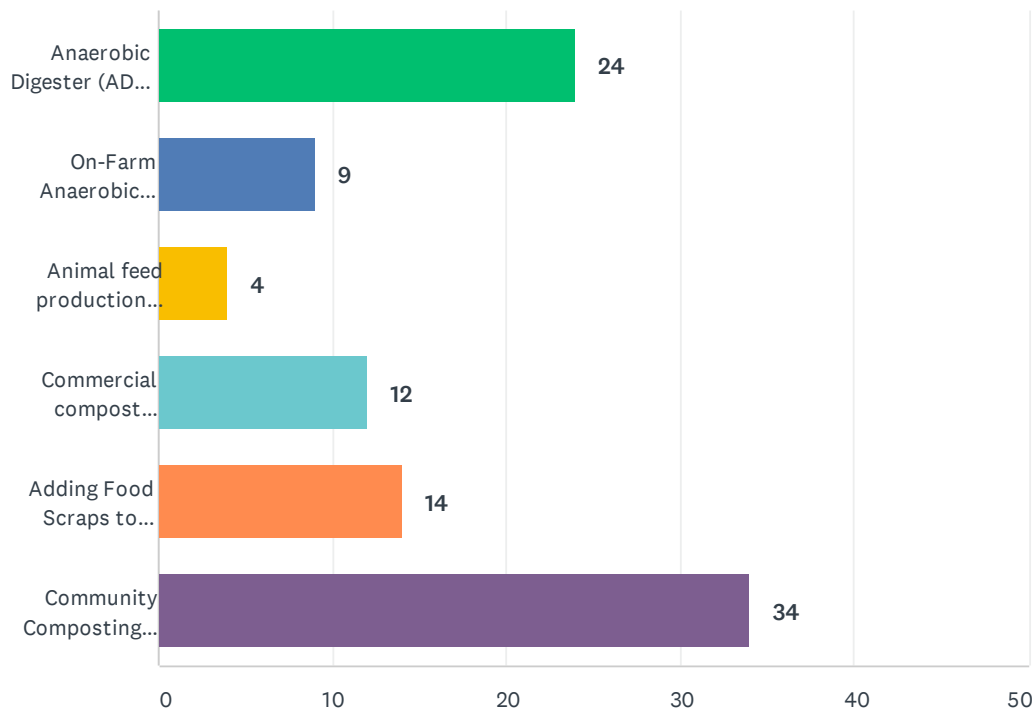


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I would like to receive periodic updates on the progress of EPR initiatives	56.90% 33
I would like to learn more about how EPR programs would be beneficial for my municipality	50.00% 29
I/someone from my municipality would like to work with other municipalities and DEEP to help generate an updated priority list of EPR materials	31.03% 18
I would like to learn more about or participate in activities of the CT Product Stewardship Council (CTPSC), an NGO whose focus is promoting EPR programs in CT	27.59% 16
I am not interested in getting further involved in EPR program development	3.45% 2
Total Respondents: 58	



### Q8 Hosting infrastructure. Which infrastructure, if any, would your municipality be interested in potentially hosting in your community? (check all that apply)

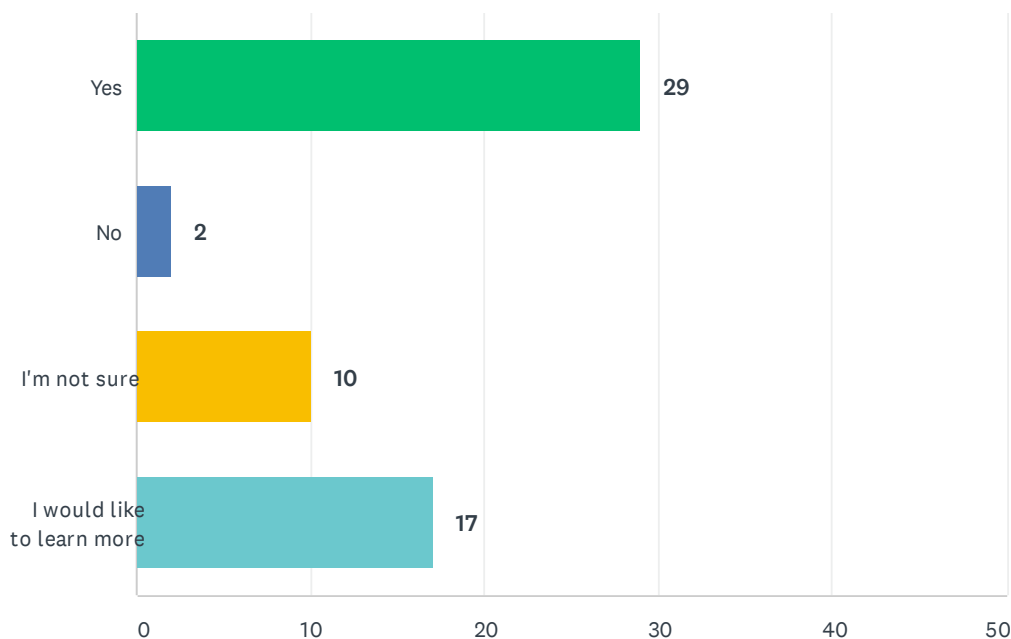
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Anaerobic Digester (AD) facility	48.98%	24
On-Farm Anaerobic Digester	18.37%	9
Animal feed production facility	8.16%	4
Commercial compost facility	24.49%	12
Adding Food Scraps to municipal leaf composting	28.57%	14
Community Composting (e.g., composting at a community garden)	69.39%	34
Total Respondents: 49		

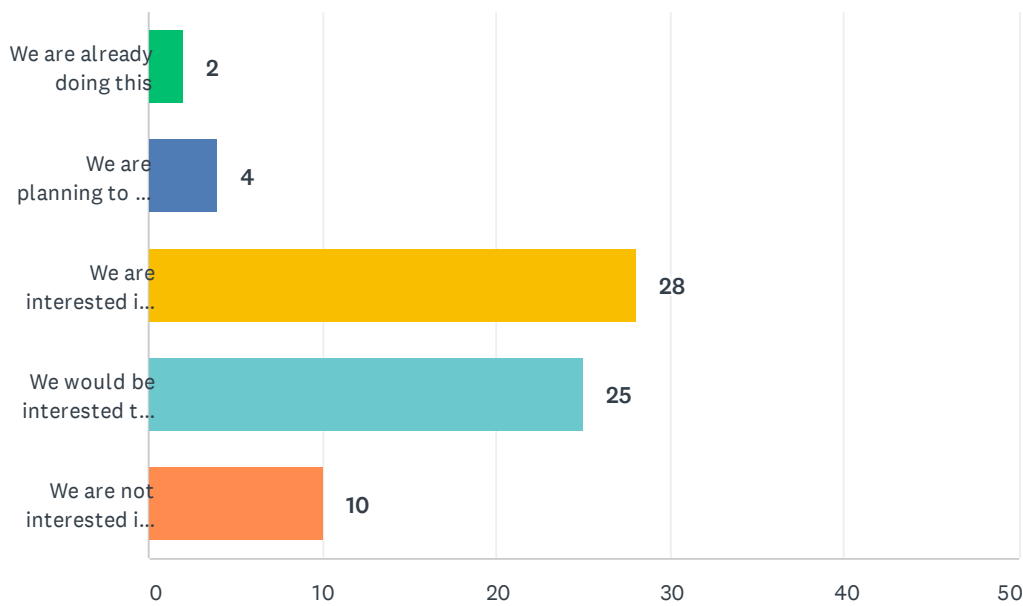
**Q9 Strengthening the Commercial Organics Recycling Law.** Connecticut law (CGS Sec. 22a-226e) currently requires that entities that generate more than 52 tons/year of food waste (e.g., industrial food manufacturers, supermarket, and resorts) and that are located within 20 miles of a source-separated organic material composting or AD facility must divert those materials to a composting or AD facility. Strengthening this requirement would create greater certainty for developers of composting facilities about the availability of organic waste streams, sending a critical investment signal for this needed infrastructure. If there is a legislative proposal to strengthen the commercial generator law (by increasing the number of facilities subject to the requirement) in the upcoming legislative session, will your municipality be likely to support that proposal?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 2



**Q10 Residential Food Scrap Collection Programs.** Curbside collection of food scraps is a convenient option for food scrap diversion for residents. It can result in a high percentage of MSW diversion, and if participation is robust enough, it can also reduce the frequency of MSW collection needed. Co-collection programs (food scraps segregated in designated bags and placed in trash bin for regular pickup) are also effective and low-cost. How interested would your municipality be in developing a residential food scrap collection program in the next 2-3 years? (check all that apply)

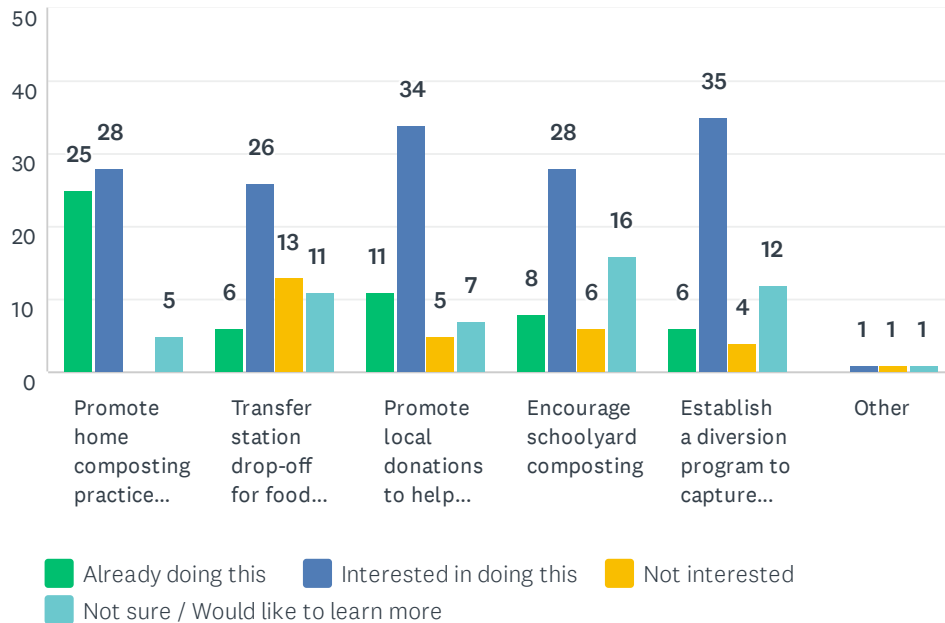
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
We are already doing this	3.51% 2
We are planning to do this	7.02% 4
We are interested in doing this or learning more about the opportunity	49.12% 28
We would be interested to work with a multi-town or regional group to do this	43.86% 25
We are not interested in doing this	17.54% 10
Total Respondents: 57	

**Q11 Additional Programs.** The following are low- or no-cost programs that can be implemented by individual municipalities to help divert organics and food scraps. Please indicate your interest in any of these program options:

Answered: 58 Skipped: 2



	ALREADY DOING THIS	INTERESTED IN DOING THIS	NOT INTERESTED	NOT SURE / WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE	TOTAL
Promote home composting practices for municipal residents	43.10% 25	48.28% 28	0.00% 0	8.62% 5	58
Transfer station drop-off for food scraps	10.71% 6	46.43% 26	23.21% 13	19.64% 11	56
Promote local donations to help increase food donation frequency	19.30% 11	59.65% 34	8.77% 5	12.28% 7	57
Encourage schoolyard composting	13.79% 8	48.28% 28	10.34% 6	27.59% 16	58
Establish a diversion program to capture food scrap from school cafeterias (food preparation scrap and student plate scrapings)	10.53% 6	61.40% 35	7.02% 4	21.05% 12	57
Other	0.00% 0	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	3

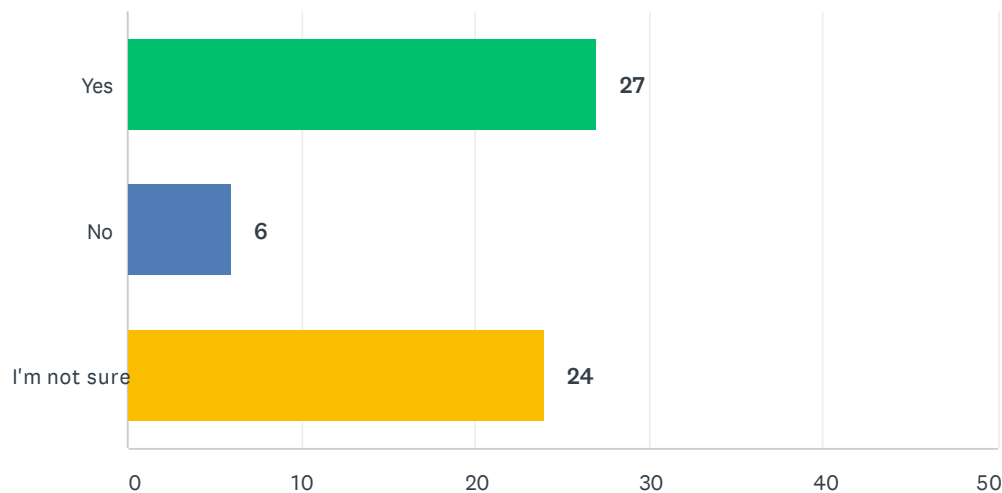
## Q12 What action steps is your municipality interested in pursuing in 2021-2022?(check all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unsure	50.88%	29
Form a multi-town or regional coalition to adopt and implement UBP	28.07%	16
Other (please specify)	15.79%	9
Seek cooperative implementation of UBP through Waste-to-Energy facilities	14.04%	8
Require haulers to register (in accordance with CGS 22a-220a(d)) and comply with bag-based UBP	10.53%	6
Establish ordinances for haulers to participate in UBP program	8.77%	5
Itemizing solid waste charges on property tax bill for transparency	8.77%	5
Municipality is not interested in pursuing or supporting UBP programs	8.77%	5
With new or renewed contract, require haulers to adopt UBP program	5.26%	3
Adopt UBP through a municipal ordinance	3.51%	2
Total Respondents: 57		

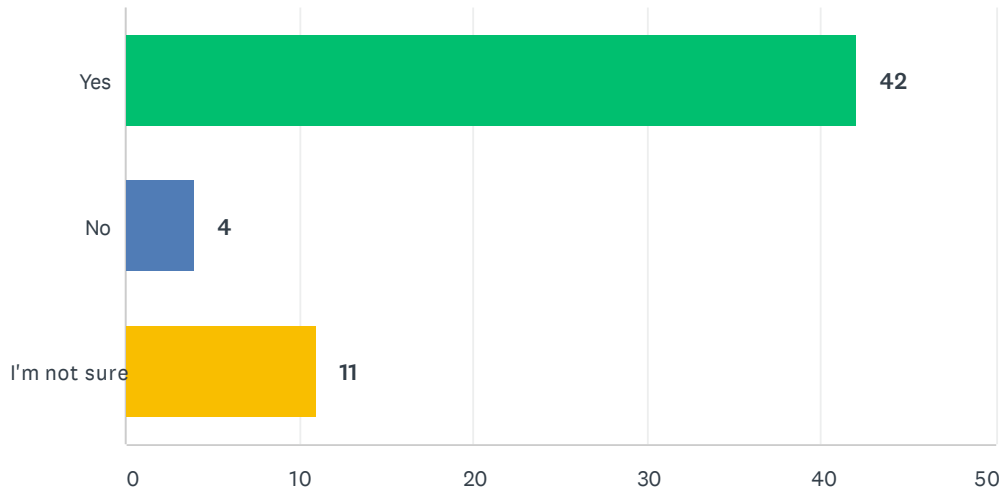
**Q13 Statewide mandate.** During the CCSMM process, municipal members indicated strong interest in UBP, and would like to see legislation to make UBP a mandatory program statewide. Statewide mandates could take any number of forms, and could be phased in over time to allow for advance planning and implementation. Would mandatory statewide UBP legislation make a positive difference in your municipality adopting UBP programs?

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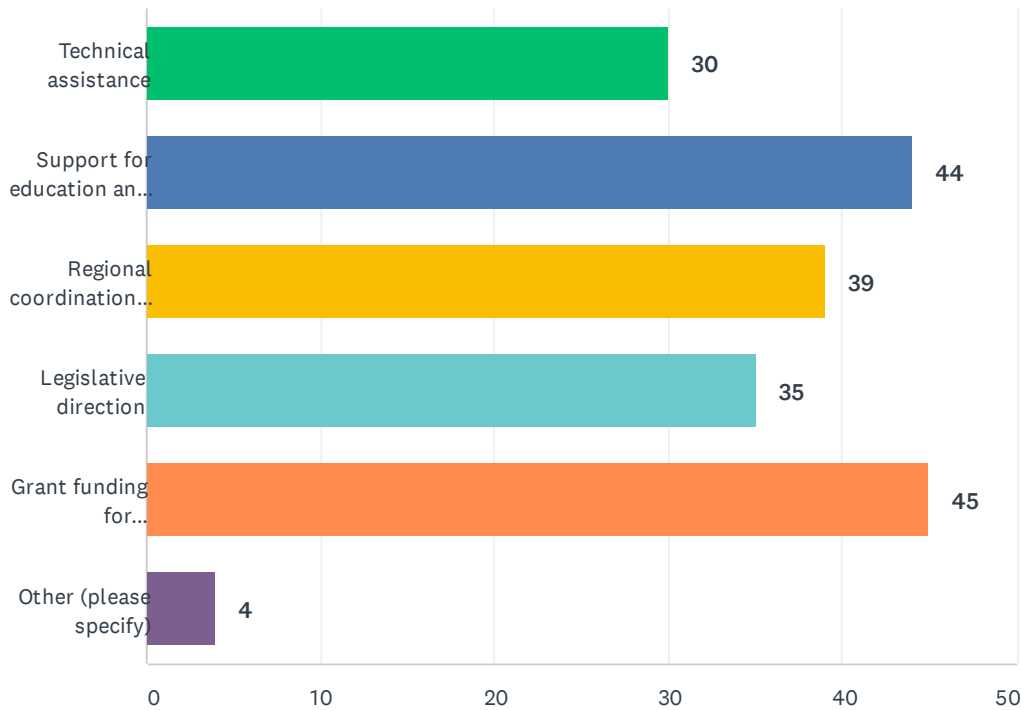
### Q14 Would your municipality be interested in continuing to engage in dialogue with other CCSMM members on developing and supporting UBP programs?

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### Q15 What kinds of support do you think are needed most to advance consideration of UBP programs in your community?(check all that apply)

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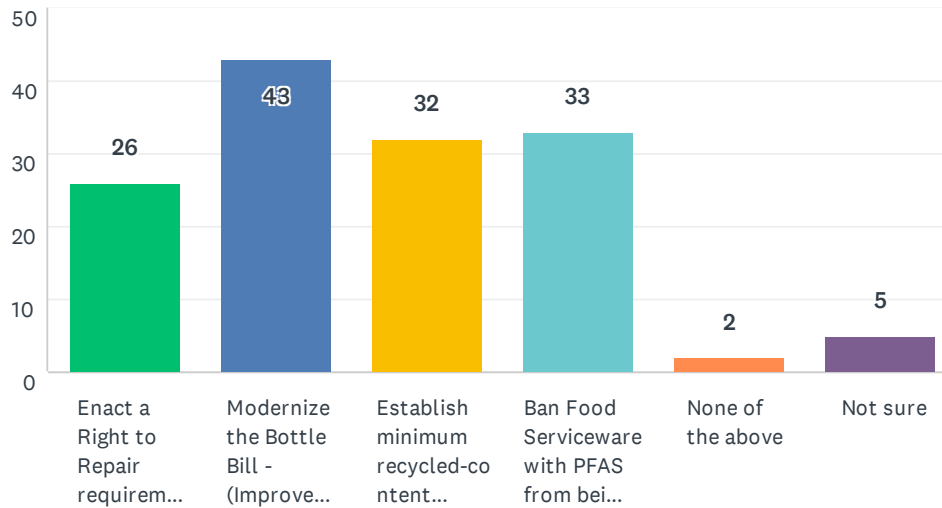


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Technical assistance	54.55%	30
Support for education and outreach to residents	80.00%	44
Regional coordination or implementation	70.91%	39
Legislative direction	63.64%	35
Grant funding for implementation costs	81.82%	45
Other (please specify)	7.27%	4
Total Respondents: 55		



### Q16 Legislative Actions. Would your municipality be likely to support any of the state legislative actions listed below, to help increase source reduction, reuse, and recycling in Connecticut?(check all that apply)

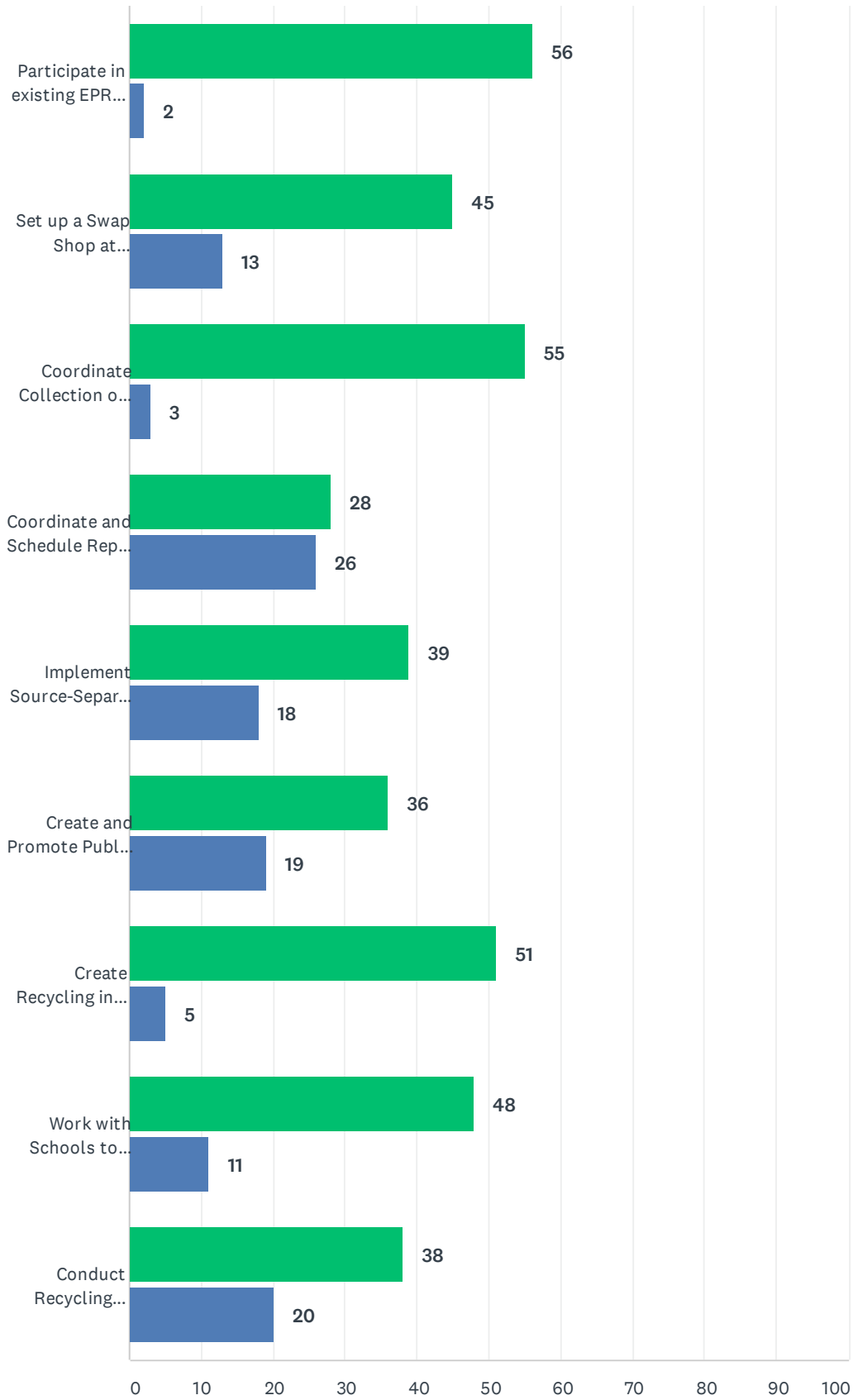
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Enact a Right to Repair requirement (to ensure consumers have access to parts and manuals to repair certain products, especially electronics and automotive information technology)	44.83% 26
Modernize the Bottle Bill - (Improvements could include expanding to include glass, nips, and other containers; increasing the deposit, updating handling fees).	74.14% 43
Establish minimum recycled-content standards (Requiring that products be made from a certain percentage of recyclables will boost markets for recycling commodities, and lower municipal recycling costs over time)	55.17% 32
Ban Food Serviceware with PFAS from being sold in CT (to prevent packaging that has PFAS used for food; PFAS are a class of long-lived contaminants that can pose risks to human health. NY recently enacted a ban on food serviceware with PFAS)	56.90% 33
None of the above	3.45% 2
Not sure	8.62% 5
Total Respondents: 58	

**Q17 Recycling & Reuse Programs.** The following are low- or no-cost programs that can be implemented to promote recycling and reuse. Please indicate your interest in any of these program options.(check all that apply)

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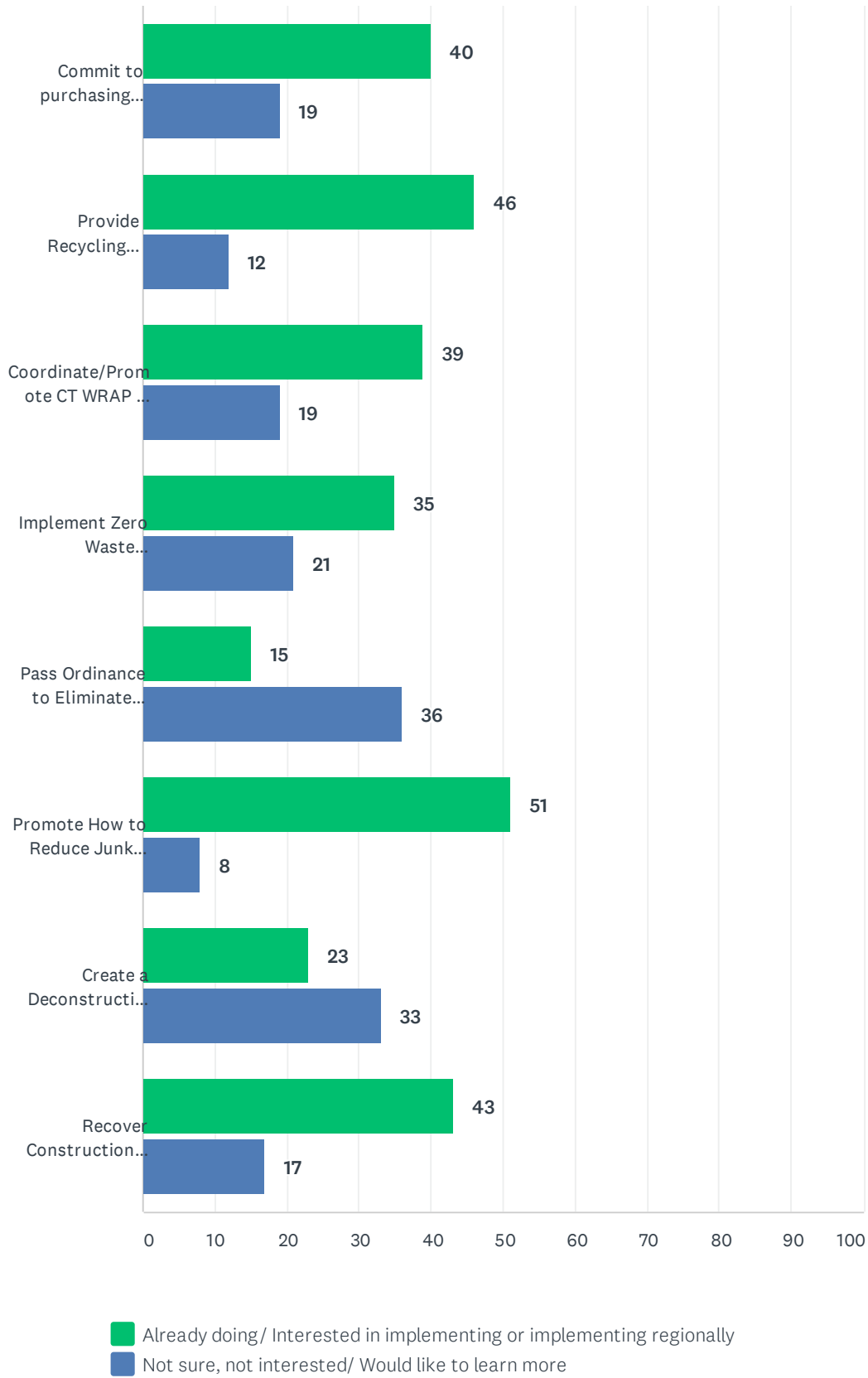


■ Already doing/ Interested in implementing or implementing regionally  
■ Not sure, not interested/ want to learn more

	ALREADY DOING/ INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING OR IMPLEMENTING REGIONALLY	NOT SURE, NOT INTERESTED/ WANT TO LEARN MORE	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Participate in existing EPR programs for electronic waste, paint and mattresses	96.55% 56	3.45% 2	58
Set up a Swap Shop at Transfer Station	78.95% 45	22.81% 13	57
Coordinate Collection of Textiles – at Transfer Station, Curbside, Other	96.49% 55	5.26% 3	57
Coordinate and Schedule Repair Clinics (once or many times)	52.83% 28	49.06% 26	53
Implement Source-Separated Glass Collection	70.91% 39	32.73% 18	55
Create and Promote Public Space Recycling	66.67% 36	35.19% 19	54
Create Recycling in Municipal Buildings	91.07% 51	8.93% 5	56
Work with Schools to maintain a strong Recycling program and assure your schools are members of the CT Green LEAF Schools program	84.21% 48	19.30% 11	57
Conduct Recycling Enforcement (curbside, transfer station, businesses)	67.86% 38	35.71% 20	56

**Q18 Recycling & Reuse Programs (cont.).** The following are low- or no-cost programs that can be implemented to promote recycling and reuse. Please indicate your interest in any of these program options.(check all that apply)

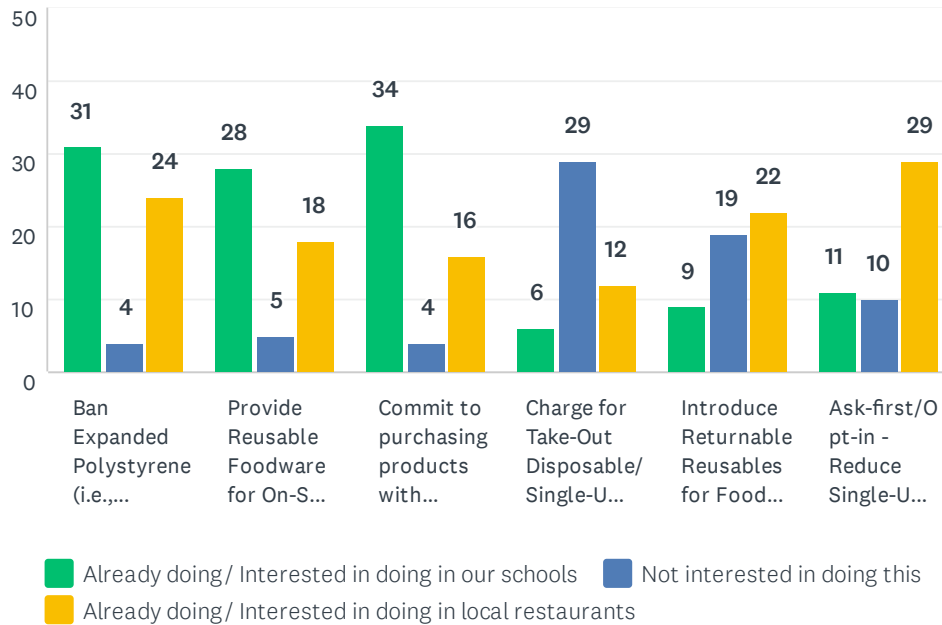
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	ALREADY DOING/ INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING OR IMPLEMENTING REGIONALLY	NOT SURE, NOT INTERESTED/ WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Commit to purchasing products with recycled-content	70.18% 40	33.33% 19	57
Provide Recycling Technical Assistance to Businesses in Your Town	82.14% 46	21.43% 12	56
Coordinate/Promote CT WRAP - Plastic Bags/Plastic Film "Return to Retail" Program	70.91% 39	34.55% 19	55
Implement Zero Waste Approaches	66.04% 35	39.62% 21	53
Pass Ordinance to Eliminate Hotel Single-Use Toiletries	30.00% 15	72.00% 36	50
Promote How to Reduce Junk Mail	89.47% 51	14.04% 8	57
Create a Deconstruction program (incl. Ordinance, workforce development program, etc)	42.59% 23	61.11% 33	54
Recover Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris (esp. Wood, GWB, Asphalt Shingles and Building Materials)	75.44% 43	29.82% 17	57

### Q19 What types of food-sector programs would you like to see implemented in your municipality? (check all that apply - note that only the first 3 rows below might potentially apply to schools)

Answered: 50 Skipped: 10



	ALREADY DOING/ INTERESTED IN DOING IN OUR SCHOOLS	NOT INTERESTED IN DOING THIS	ALREADY DOING/ INTERESTED IN DOING IN LOCAL RESTAURANTS	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Ban Expanded Polystyrene (i.e., Styrofoam) Food Service Ware	70.45% 31	9.09% 4	54.55% 24	44
Provide Reusable Foodware for On-Site Dining	71.79% 28	12.82% 5	46.15% 18	39
Commit to purchasing products with recycled-content	80.95% 34	9.52% 4	38.10% 16	42
Charge for Take-Out Disposable/Single-Use Items	13.33% 6	64.44% 29	26.67% 12	45
Introduce Returnable Reusables for Food Take-Out and Delivery	20.45% 9	43.18% 19	50.00% 22	44
Ask-first/Opt-in - Reduce Single-Use Accessories for Take-Out, Curbside Pick ups and Food Deliveries	25.58% 11	23.26% 10	67.44% 29	43



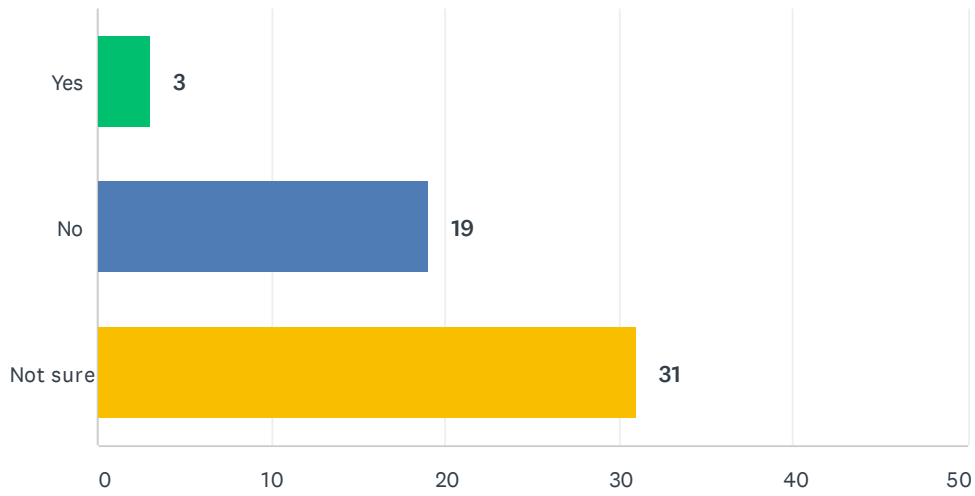
**Q20 Transfer Stations. Sharing transfer stations can be an great way to expand the impact of transfer station sites for multiple communities. Please indicate if any of the following apply:**

Answered: 51 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My municipality is seeking another municipality that would be willing to share their permitted transfer station	15.69%	8
My municipality has a permitted municipal transfer station and would be interested in partnering with another municipality to share it	27.45%	14
Not applicable / Not interested in sharing a transfer station at this time	62.75%	32
Total Respondents: 51		

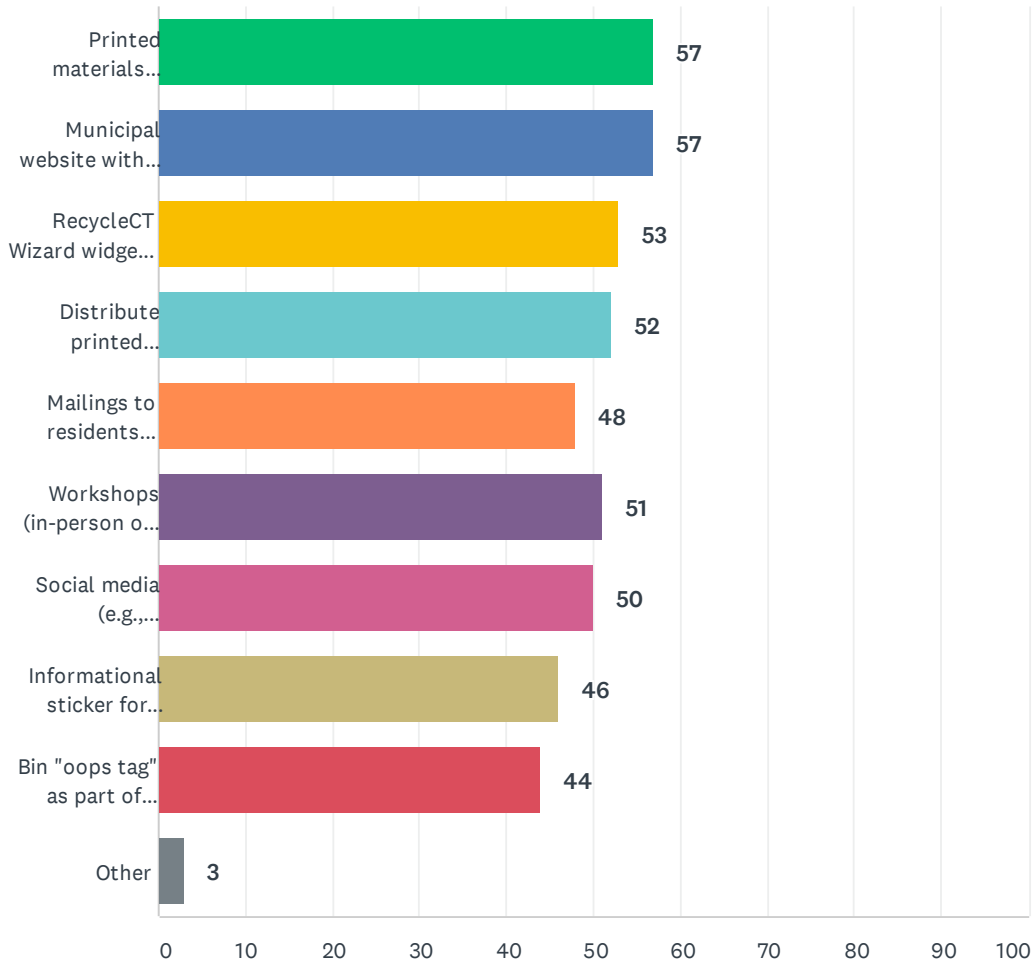
# Q21 Will you be pursuing the expansion of your programs with the use of Satellite Collection Sites (under Municipal Transfer Station General Permit)

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## Q22 What type of education/outreach are you providing or would you like to provide in your municipality to educate residents, businesses or other organizations about recycling and sustainable materials management efforts?

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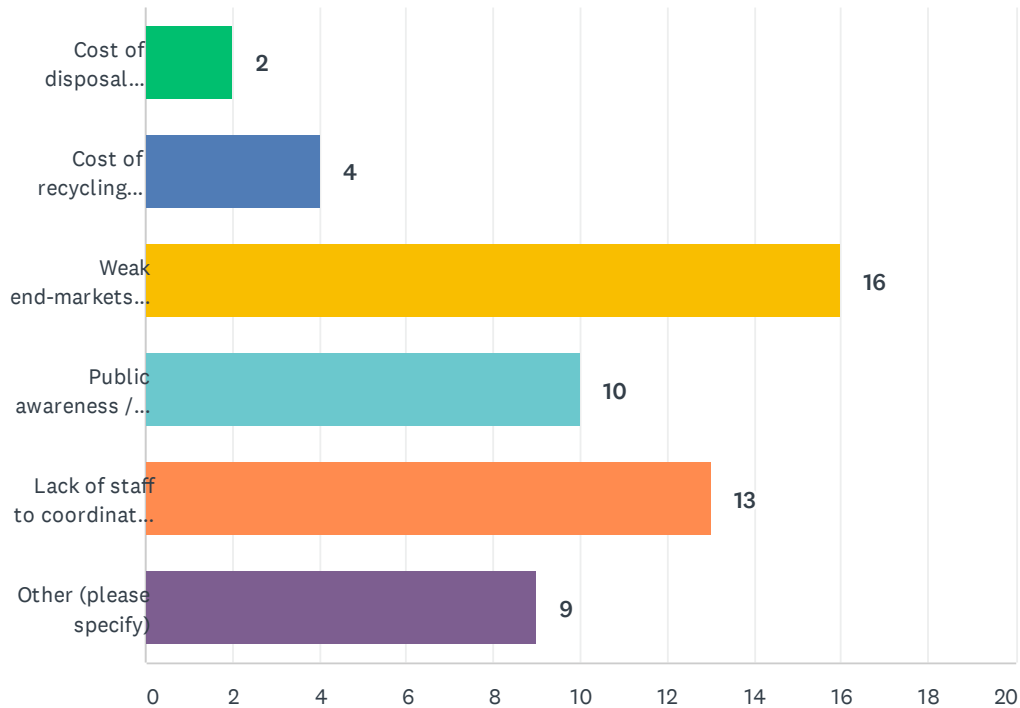


Legend:  Already providing, would like to provide/ Interested in providing on a regional basis

	ALREADY PROVIDING, WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE/ INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ON A REGIONAL BASIS	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Printed materials (e.g., brochure, flyer, poster)	105.56% 57	54
Municipal website with online resources (e.g., brochure, flyer or other guidance)	103.64% 57	55
RecycleCT Wizard widget on town webpage	100.00% 53	53
Distribute printed material to library, community center, town hall, etc.	100.00% 52	52
Mailings to residents (incl. Mailing of brochure, insert with bills)	94.12% 48	51
Workshops (in-person or virtual)	100.00% 51	51
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram, Twitter)	100.00% 50	50
Informational sticker for recycling cart or bin	90.20% 46	51
Bin "oops tag" as part of enforcement	89.80% 44	49
Other	100.00% 3	3

**Q23 What do you think is the largest barrier to increasing recycling in your municipality? (i.e., barrier for participation by residents and/or a barrier in motivating the municipality to do more recycling?)(select one)**

Answered: 54 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Cost of disposal (collection/tip fees)	3.70% 2
Cost of recycling (collection/tip fees)	7.41% 4
Weak end-markets (companies that buy recyclables)	29.63% 16
Public awareness / Lack of resources to educate	18.52% 10
Lack of staff to coordinate programs	24.07% 13
Other (please specify)	16.67% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>

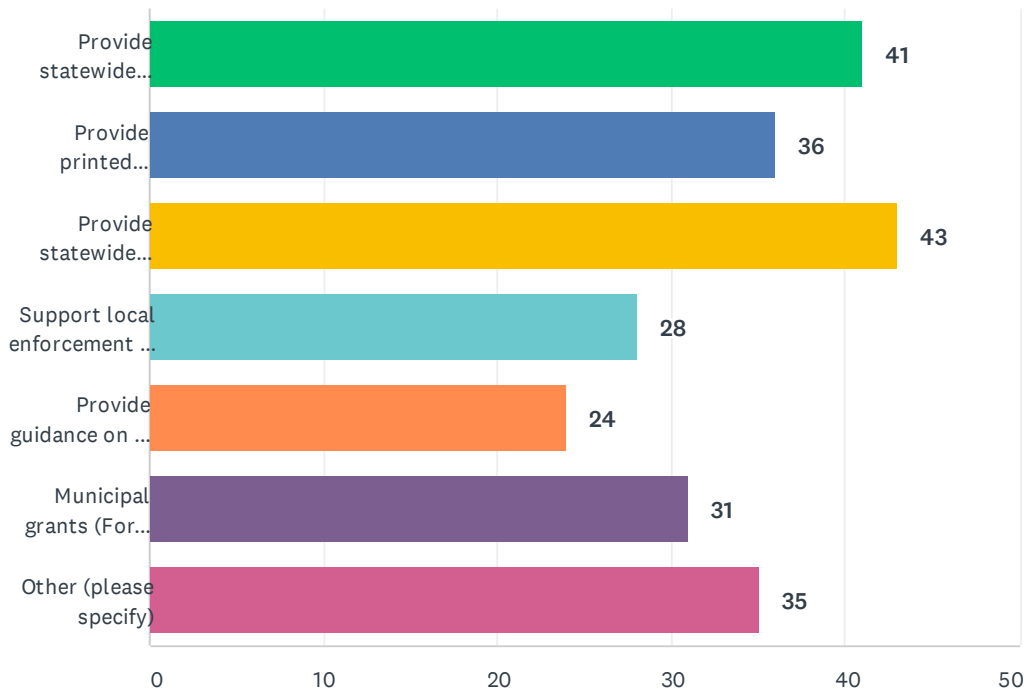
**Q24 If additional funding was available to help increase source reduction, reuse, and recycling efforts in your municipality, how might those funds be spent?(please rank options below)**

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5

	LOWEST PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGHEST PRIORITY	TOTAL	SCORE
Curbside carts, public space containers, equipment costs	13.73% 7	37.25% 19	49.02% 25	51	2.35
Capital for large infrastructure projects	32.08% 17	22.64% 12	45.28% 24	53	2.13
Recycling coordinators, start-up costs for the position	36.00% 18	36.00% 18	28.00% 14	50	1.92
Staffing for recycling promotions	25.53% 12	46.81% 22	27.66% 13	47	2.02
Education, promotion, printing or other materials	38.78% 19	40.82% 20	20.41% 10	49	1.82
Start-up funds for special projects (organics collection, swap shops, textile collection, events)	58.49% 31	22.64% 12	18.87% 10	53	1.60

### Q25 How can DEEP better assist your municipality in increasing source reduction, reuse, and recycling efforts?(check all that apply)

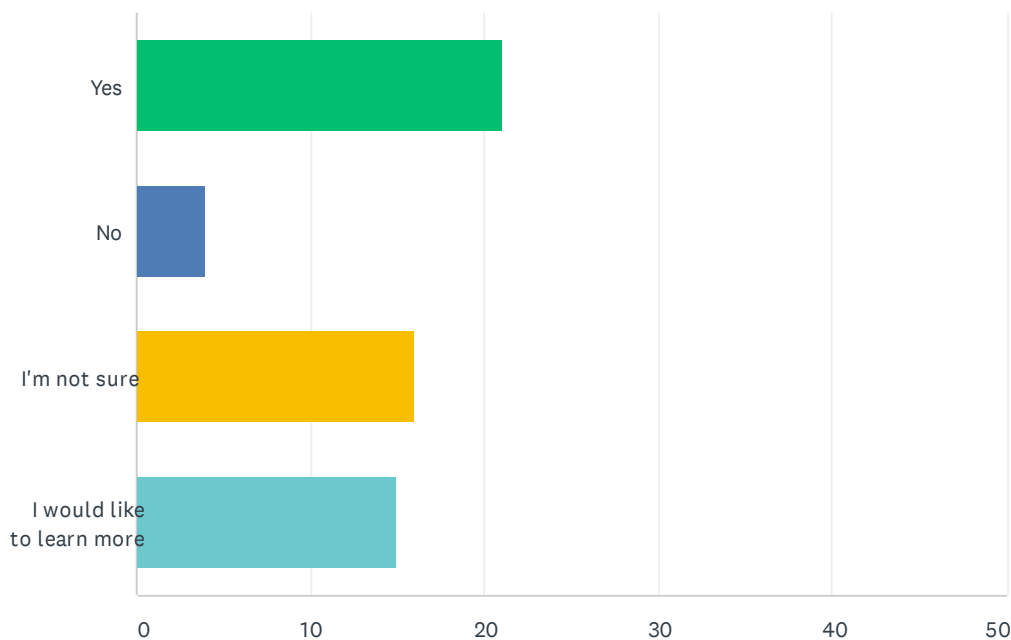
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Provide statewide educational resources	73.21%	41
Provide printed materials for local distribution	64.29%	36
Provide statewide promotion	76.79%	43
Support local enforcement of collectors/haulers requirements	50.00%	28
Provide guidance on how to create a local enforcement program	42.86%	24
Municipal grants (For what? specify below)	55.36%	31
Other (please specify)	62.50%	35
Total Respondents: 56		

Q26 The Solid Waste Assessment (SWA) (CGS Sec. 22a-232) assesses a fee of \$1.50 on each ton of waste processed at a Waste-to-Energy facility (currently about 2 million tons/year), with the proceeds deposited in the General Fund. The SWA exempts from this fee any waste that is disposed of at landfills, including MSW and Construction & Demolition waste (currently about 1.4 million tons/year). The effect of the exemption is that it creates an economic advantage or preference for landfilling—a disparity that is not in line with the state’s solid waste hierarchy, and that could accelerate adoption of landfilling. Expanding the SWA to apply the \$1.50/ton fee equitably to all solid waste transferred for disposal (Waste to Energy, landfill and Incineration) would generate between \$1.5 and \$2 million tons/year in additional revenue. Some or all of this revenue could be allocated to DEEP and municipalities to fund sustainable materials management efforts. If there is a legislative proposal to expand the SWA in the 2021 legislative session, would your municipality be likely to support that proposal?

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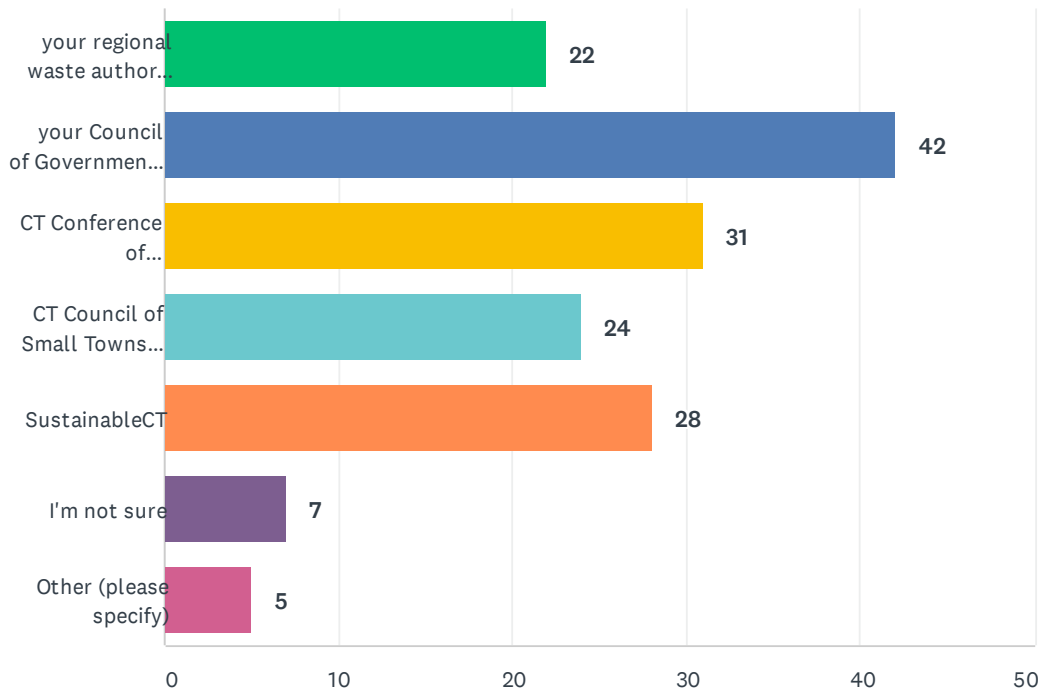
## Q27 If additional revenue was generated by the expansion of the SWA, which types of municipal sustainable materials management efforts would your municipality like to see funded?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grants to municipalities in support of Food scrap/Organics collection and diversion program implementations. May fund educational materials, assist in establishing a municipal collection program and composting operation, may fund collection bags or containers, establish stable, predictable funding source for infrastructure development including transfer station modernization	63.64%	35
Grants for Education, promotion, printing or other materials	58.18%	32
Grants for Start-up funds for special projects (organics collection, swap shops, textile collection, events)	54.55%	30
Grants for capital infrastructure to modernize transfer station, collection vehicles	50.91%	28
Revenue credits to municipalities, distributed based on percentage reduction in per capita disposal, year-over-year	49.09%	27
Grants for Staffing for recycling promotion at Schools and at Town level	43.64%	24
Grants for Municipal or Regional Recycling coordinators, start-up costs for the position	43.64%	24
Grants for towns that adopt new EPR programs	41.82%	23
Allocate revenue credits to municipalities based on UBP implementation and per capita waste reduction	38.18%	21
Grants to municipalities in support of EPR and diversion program implementations. May fund educational materials, EPR projects through stakeholder dialogues, assistance with writing legislation, evaluations, financial assistance to the CT Product Stewardship Council (CTPSC).	38.18%	21
Grants for Public space containers	32.73%	18
Grants for Curbside carts	29.09%	16
Other (please specify)	12.73%	7
Total Respondents: 55		

### Q28 What regional group(s) or organization(s) would your municipality be most willing to partner with to help “achieve CCSMM goals“ or facilitate discussions on regional solutions to materials management issues?(Select all that apply)

Answered: 57 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
your regional waste authority (if applicable)	38.60%	22
your Council of Government (COG)	73.68%	42
CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM)	54.39%	31
CT Council of Small Towns (COST)	42.11%	24
SustainableCT	49.12%	28
I'm not sure	12.28%	7
Other (please specify)	8.77%	5
Total Respondents: 57		

Q29 What are your thoughts on the CCSMM process? What were your biggest takeaways from the full CCSMM meetings and/or the Working Group meetings? What do you want to see as the next step for the CCSMM?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 30

Q30 We heard from a few speakers during the CCSMM process about environmental justice and how historically our placement of facilities and policy decisions have impacted people of color and low income communities in Connecticut. A number of suggestions that were more aligned with environmental justice, including for pursuing zero waste policies, unit based pricing and extended producer responsibility were also presented. Would you like to learn more about how solid waste policies and programs in your municipality and at the state level can better promote equity and environmental justice in Connecticut?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

