Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority

Regional, governmental, solid waste & recycling authority serving 14 municipalities in Western Connecticut. Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Weston, Wilton
HRRA History

1973 → 1986

1991

2019 → 2029
The HRRA Organization

- 14 municipalities (Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman and Weston, Wilton)

- One representative and one alternate from each municipality

- Executive Committee, chosen by Authority

- Voting is proportional to municipality’s population

- Staff: Full time Director, Full time Assistant

- Office is located at the Old Town Hall in Brookfield, CT
Transfer Stations / Municipal Drop-offs

- 14 Municipalities
- 12 local residential drop-off locations
- 5 Transfer stations for private haulers
  - Danbury
  - Newtown
  - Ridgefield
  - Weston
  - Wilton
Municipal Responsibilities
Under State Law

- Sec. 22a-220 (a) – Shall make provisions for the disposal of solid waste
- Sec. 22a-220c (a) – Shall notify haulers of recycling requirements
- Sec. 22a-220 (f) – Shall make provision for the separation of designated recyclables
- CGS 22a-220 (h) - Shall submit an annual recycling report to DEEP
- Sec. 22a-220 (i) – Shall designate a recycling coordinator
- Sec. 22a-220a (d)(1) – Shall register haulers annually
- Sec. 22a-220a (d)(2) – Shall collect reports from haulers annually
- Sec. 22a-229 (a) – Shall follow statewide solid waste plan
Services

- Hauler municipal registrations and permits
- Hauler insurance
- Investigate complaints
- CT DEEP annual municipal recycling reporting
- MSW and recycling tonnage
- Public education and outreach
- Public Q&A Hotline
- Household hazardous waste (HHW) collections
- Regional Recycling Task Force
- Transfer Station Operators meetings
- Negotiate regional agreements
- HRRA website
- Legislative issues
- Represent regional interests
- Grants
- Consult members as requested
- Technical Assistance
- Innovative programs
- Residential Hot Line
- State/national solid waste issues
Fourteen-member municipalities have a concurrent ordinance aka an enabling ordinance.

The Regional Municipal Waste & Recycling Disposal Agreements is between the HRRA and Oak Ridge.

Each member municipality has an individual agreement with the HRRA binding the RSW&RSA.

Oak Ridge has a contract with Wheelabrator for direct MSW disposal.

Oak Ridge owns and operates the Material Recovery Facility, Shelton CT.

The HRRA leases the Newtown and Ridgefield transfer stations, that are then contracted to Oak Ridge to operate.

The HHW agreement is negotiated by the Authority that is then contracted directly between the vendor and the members.

The E-waste agreement is negotiated by the HRRA and contracted between the Authority and the vendor, with each member signing an individual binding agreement.
HRRA Budget

**Revenue**
- Grants and Donations: 240,000
- Hauler Registrations & Permits: 108,907
- MSW Program Fees: 275,000
- Recycling Program Fees: 45,000
- HHW Municipal Pass Through: 130,500
- Investment Interest: 275,000

Total Revenue: 811,407

**Expenses**
- Education: 3,000
- Contingency: 68,407
- HHW Member Cost: 305,456
- HHW HRRA Cost: 3,000
- Insurance: 6,675
- Miscellaneous: 68,000
- Office (Rent, Supplies etc): 28,700
- Professional Services (Legal, Consulting, Audit): 240,000
- Staffing (3 employees, health benefits, taxes): 7,800
- Travel Reimbursement: 7,800

Total Expenses: 800,908

Net Income: 811,407 - 800,908 = 10,499
Benefits of a Resource Recovery Authority