

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Full Coalition Meeting

April 1, 2021



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CCSMM Housekeeping

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please keep your microphones muted unless sharing information.
- Municipal participants will be given "Panelist" status. Once in the Panelist area of the webinar, please rename yourself to reflect your organizational affiliation.
- Municipal participants are encouraged to turn webcams on and actively participate during the meeting.
- Non-municipal participants: Please share your questions, comments & ideas through the ZOOM Chat feature.
- Feedback can also be sent by email to: DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

CCSMM Full Coalition Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Legislative Updates - Sen. Christine Cohen, Rep. Joe Gresko, and Rep. Steve Harding
- Organics Infrastructure Meeting overview
- COG, Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Meeting overview
- Discussion on Planned Municipal Actions
- Next Steps – Learning series, future meetings
- Public comment

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- Convened in September 2020 to develop a menu of options to scale sustainable materials management solutions and reduce reliance on landfills & waste-to-energy
 - [Increasing Recycling](#)
 - [Unit-Based Pricing](#)
 - [Food Scraps & Organics](#)
 - [Extended Producer Responsibility](#)
- Focus on Environmental Justice
- 85 Municipalities
- Main CCSMM webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM>

Panel Discussion - Legislative Updates

- Sen. Christine Cohen
- Rep. Joe Gresko
- Rep. Steve Harding

- updates to be followed by 10 minutes of Q&A for CCSMM municipality representatives

Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion

December 23, 2020 CCSMM Menu of Options P. 12-23

- Promote Collection & Diversion
Actions #7 - #10
Donation, Outreach & Ed, Co-Collection
- Infrastructure Development
Actions #11 - #15
Animal Feed, Composting, AD, Streamlining
- Expand & Strengthen Organics Law
Actions #16 & #17
Generators, Weight Trigger, Radius, - Enforce

Organics Infrastructure Initiative Forum

February 26, 2021

CCSMM Action #16

- 4 panels -
 - DEEP permitting
 - Organics Processors perspectives
 - Haulers' perspectives
 - Incentives and Procurement Strategies and perspectives
- Plans for continued dialog on other infrastructure options - curbside collection, community composting, home composting, transfer station drop off, etc.
- Recording of this meeting available [HERE](#).

Organics Infrastructure Forum

February 26, 2021

- Public Comments – key topics:
 - desire for UBP/ PAYT implementation before organics diversion to assure feedstock is sufficient for processors;
 - organics contamination;
 - transportation costs are a major concern;
 - permitting timelines and ease of use;
 - Reducing food waste and diverting food for highest best use (donating to people);
 - Technical support for composting requested;
 - Interagency collaboration suggested (Dept of Ag, Dept of Health, UConn Extension, NRCS)

Organics Infrastructure Permitting Updates

- Current Permitting Pathways – Food Waste
 - Master Table for Transfer / Processing
 - MTSGP (8oyd) / Commercial GP (30TPD/8oyd);
 - Individual Permit new or modified
 - Demonstration Project
- Permit Streamlining Efforts
 - GPs Muni & Commercial – more flexibility
 - Expand Organics Law – lbs/yr, sectors, miles
 - Exemption & Regs – expand
- On Farm-based AD Fact Sheet

Meeting with COGs and Regional Waste Authorities

- A meeting was held with CT Councils of Government (COGs) and regional waste authorities on Feb 23, 2021.
- Objective of this meeting was to explore the possibility of undertaking waste reduction and recycling efforts on a regional basis.
- Role of COGs? Act as a project initiator for all towns in region? Act as a coordinator for subset of towns in region interested in working together?
- Discussion of potential resources - technical assistance from DEEP, Sustainable CT, Center for EcoTechnology (CET)
- Regional sharing of recycling and/or enforcement coordinators?
- Identify potential locations to sort co-collected bagged trash and bagged food scraps?

Municipal Actions - Planned or Underway

What CCSMM-related programs/efforts do CT towns or regions have planned for 2021 or already have underway?
Please share your updates!

Sustainable Materials Management Learning Series

- Topics from CCSMM Menu of Options
- Priorities identified in “Survey” for what municipalities want to learn more about
- Connecting with other municipalities
- Access to resources to help you implement new projects or programs
- Formatted like webinar, working meeting, event, something else... all virtual at this point
- Mostly monthly ...

Upcoming Events

Next Learning Series event

Collecting Food Scraps in Town: Residential & Commercial

April 5, 2021 - 2:00pm

Speakers: Julie DesChamps, Town of Greenwich, Carolyn Bayne, Town of Darien, Kim O'Rourke, City of Middletown and Sam King, Blue Earth Compost

Registration link found on: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM>

Presentations, handouts & additional information from these events will be posted

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM>

Archived Municipal Recycling Coordinators E-News and Webinars
(part of Municipal Recycling Resources Center)

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Municipal-Recycling-Resource-Center/Archived-Municipal-Recycling-Coordinators-E-News-and-Webinars>

Additional ways to keep informed

- Sign up for **CCSMM updates** [HERE](#).
- Participate in **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings**:
 - Remaining 2021 meeting dates: April 20, June 22, Oct 26
 - SWAC meeting agendas & materials are posted [HERE](#)
 - Instructions for self-subscription to the SWAC email listserv are posted [HERE](#)
- Municipal representatives should sign up for the **CTRecyclers listserve** and the **CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter**
 - Contact sherill.baldwin@ct.gov for more details

CCSMM – What's next?

- Municipalities may sign on to the CCSMM initiative at any time
 - Email Chris.Nelson@ct.gov to sign on or to learn more
- Future full CCSMM Meetings on a quarterly basis

Public Comments

- Attendees can post questions in the Chat box or raise hand to request to speak

CCSMM Resources

Useful Links:

- [Main CCSMM Webpage](#)
- [Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy](#)
- [Municipal Recycling Resource Center](#)
- [Municipal Recycling Coordinators Newsletters](#)
- [SWAC](#)
- [SustainableCT](#)
- [RecycleCT](#)
- [Council of Small Towns](#)
- [Connecticut Conference of Municipalities](#)
- [Connecticut Product Stewardship Council](#)

Thank you CCSMM Members

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