

SWME Profile

Name of SWME	The Londonderry Group
Year Chartered (if applicable)	Click here to enter text.
Mission for Materials Management	The Londonderry Group is committed to developing programs and policies to maximize waste reduction, recycling and maximizing household hazardous waste collections.
Names of Member Town(s)	<p>There are five towns in The Londonderry Group, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham. There is one transfer station that the five towns use. It is owned by and located in Londonderry. Most residents use this drop off facility for their municipal solid waste and recycling needs including a food scrap collection program, leaf and yard waste and construction and demolition materials. The Londonderry Group instituted a dual stream recycling system in August of 2012. All the UR law mandated recyclables are accepted as well as #3-7 plastics, bulky plastics and gable top containers. A take away program was added at the Transfer Station in the summer of 2012. Leaf and yard waste has been collected at the transfer station for years. Some residents contract with hauler/caretakers for their municipal solid waste and recycling needs. There are few large businesses or institutions within the five towns. They are Bromley Mountain ski area, The Vermont Country Store, Clark's IGA, Magic Mountain Ski area. These entities contract with a hauler that owns its own transfer station and therefore reports directly to the state. No other facilities are proposed. Unit based pricing has been in place at the transfer station for many years. It is based on volume rather than weight as we do not have a scale. To see the UB pricing structure go to http://londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/</p>

General

G1	Disposal and Diversion rates for the SWME's jurisdiction. Include the calculation of the total disposal and per capita disposal rate for municipal solid waste from the jurisdiction for the SWME.
Data tracking system:	There is a system in place for tracking and reporting diversion rates biannually and disposal rates annually (check box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If No please indicate the deadline date below for when system will be in place).
Plan for Annually tracking data:	The Londonderry Group will follow ANR Guidance for data tracking by using the ReTRAC database .
Expected Timeframe	The Londonderry Group will report disposal data annually and diversion data biannually and report to VT ANR by July 1st of the respective years.

G2	Within 6 months of VT ANR approval, post approved SWIP on SWME website.
Plan for Posting:	The SWIP will be posted on http://londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/ , which is the town of Londonderry's web site and ask the other four towns to link to their websites as soon as the SWIP is approved

G3	Within 3 months of VT ANR approval, submit one newspaper article or op-ed piece introducing SWIP.
Plan for Submittal:	Will submit an op-ed piece to The Message for the Week, a local newspaper within 3 months of ANRs approval of The Londonderry Group's SWIP..

G4	Within 6 months of VT ANR approval, conduct a survey of constituents on current knowledge; including variable rate pricing, recycling, organics, C&D, HHW/CEG, electronic waste, and universal waste. Survey to be done at beginning and end of SWIP term.
Plan for Surveys:	The Londonderry Group will develop a survey based on the VT ANR template or guidance currently under development. Surveys will be handed out at public meetings, at The Transfer Station, through the recycling email list as well as Front Porch Forum, The Londonderry Newsletter, The Windham Newsletter, and on the web site

G5	Hold two public meetings during SWIP term, one before the end of the second year, the second in the fifth year.
Planned Meeting Schedule:	The Londonderry Group will hold a public meeting in the fall of Year 2 to gather feedback on new and existing programs. The meetings will be promoted via press releases, the town's website and notices at Town Halls and Transfer Stations. In the fall of year 5, The Londonderry Group will hold a public meeting to gather feedback on new and existing programs.

G6	Develop and maintain a webpage linked to a homepage for the SWME that lists regional management options for waste material (A through Z).
Date Planned for publishing Webpage:	The Londonderryvt.org website contains a section for the Londonderry Transfer Station/ Recycling Center that serves the five towns in the group. An A to Z disposal list will be developed and posted by June 2015. Much of the information is already on the web site but not in an A-Z format.

G7	Adopt and implement variable rate pricing for municipal solid waste from residential customers and show plan for bringing haulers and facilities into compliance.
Description of Program and copies of ordinances passed:	<i>Please attach copies of any ordinances passed to this template, as well as a brief program description in a PDF or Word document. Indicate the title of the ordinance here.</i> Attached, find copies of the VRP ordinances passed by the five member towns of The Londonderry Group. The Variable Rate Pricing Ordinances and plan for implementation meet the requirements of the statute. See G8 for specifics of bringing haulers and facilities into compliance. The towns in The Londonderry Group do not have any other ordinances related to solid waste.

G8	Collect contact information for all commercial solid waste haulers and a list of services they provide within the SWME jurisdiction.
Description of collection process:	Haulers who collect solid waste in The Group's five towns will need to register with the Recycling Coordinator of the Londonderry Group as agent for the five member towns. Part of the registration form asks each hauler what services they offer and if they wish to be listed as hauler providers for the five member towns.
Expected Timeframe:	The registration process began on January 2015 and will be ongoing as each hauler who brings MSW and recyclables to the Londonderry Transfer Station applies for a transfer station sticker. Haulers who serve the member towns but do not use the Transfer Station were mailed a registration form and UBP reporting form on December 9, 2014. This process will be ongoing and every hauler will be asked to register and submit UBP information each year in January.

Recyclables

<p>R1</p>	<p>Work with at least 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater) to implement a school-wide waste reduction program (covering recyclables, organics, and HHW) each year ensuring that 50% of schools are reached by end of SWIP term). Please describe how you plan to work with the schools each year.</p> <p>*If work performed with schools covers recyclables and organics, only one description is required.</p>
<p>Description of program:</p>	<p>The Recycling Coordinator will conduct outreach to all schools in The Londonderry Group via personal visits. Assessment will be conducted of current, hazardous waste, trash and recyclable programs including food scraps. Schools not currently recycling or separating food scraps from trash will be encouraged and assisted where applicable by the Recycling Coordinator to put programs in place. All schools in The Londonderry Group will have follow up phone calls or visits each year of the SWIP.</p>
<p>Expected Timeframe:</p>	<p>All three schools in the Londonderry Group will be visited and assisted putting programs in place by the end of 2015</p>

<p>R2</p>	<p>Implement an ongoing multi-media public outreach campaign to inform the residents and businesses of the preferred practices to recycle materials including plan for raising awareness of the provisions from the UR law: 7/1/15-landfill ban and public space recycling.</p>
<p>Description of campaign:</p>	<p>At each new milestone of the Universal Recycling law the information will be posted on The Londonderry Transfer Station/Recycling Center's web site. Meetings will take place annually with the Select Boards of the five towns, handouts given at Transfer Station, at Hazardous Waste Events, at Electronics Collection Events, in town newsletters when available, church newsletter, email list, real estate newsletter, Town Reports, hauler meeting. A film was produced on GNAT TV (public access) to inform residents about what recyclables are being collected including all of the mandated recyclables in the UR law. These methods will be ongoing throughout the years of the SWIP.</p>
<p>Expected Timeframe:</p>	<p>Reports are placed in each of the Londonderry Group's member towns Town Report so additions to recycling requirements will reach the hands of everyone receiving a town report on an annual basis. In addition, the Recycling Coordinator will keep the web site up to date with continuing and new milestones from the Universal Recycling Law. FAQs are available to print from the web site as well as handouts at the town office, and transfer station. New milestones are also conveyed via Londonderry's monthly newsletter, Windham's newsletter, The Peru Church newsletter.</p>

R3	Conduct outreach to at least 2% or 20 businesses/institutions (whichever is greater) in the region per year to increase their recycling and access to recycling in their public spaces, ensuring that a minimum of 10% of the businesses and institutions have been reached by the end of the SWIP term.
Description of outreach plan:	Businesses in the five towns of the Londonderry Group will receive phone calls from the Recycling Coordinator with an offer to meet and discuss Vermont's URL and perform a trash audit and discuss what they can do to reduce their disposal rates, increase their recycling rate and divert food scraps. Materials developed by VT ANR i.e. FAQs will be reproduced and handed out at all meetings.
Expected Timeframe:	The five town clerks have been contacted in order to identify the businesses in their towns. Once that is accomplished a plan will be made to meet with 20% per year over the five year SWIP period.

R4	Provide technical assistance for waste reduction at public and private events. *If technical assistance covers recyclables and organics, only one description is required.
Description of program:	We will add a section to our web site entitled "Events" with suggestions of how to divert recycling and organics in a easy and convenient manner. The Londonderry Group is also looking into purchasing containers and making them available to organizations to use at their events.
Expected Timeframe:	July 2015-to end of SWIP period

R5	Include outreach & options for textile reuse and recycling.
Description of program:	A section will be added to The Londonderry Group's web site in the A_Z list about diverting textiles from the landfill. The Thrifty Attic, an organization that collects and sells reuseable textiles and resells them will be listed as a source for reusable clothing and household items. The Londonderry Transfer Station also recycles textiles through SEVCA which sends a truck to the transfer station to empty the shed where they are stored. SEVCA bales the textiles and sells them to a textile broker. Their profits fund community services in our area. The Thrifty Attic has partnered with the Transfer Station to take all non-resalable items twice a week and bring the m to the SEVCA shed where they are picked up.

R5	Include outreach & options for textile reuse and recycling.
Expected Timeframe:	The Thrifty Attic has been a presence in our area for many years. SEVCA is relatively new to us (three years or so). Weights collected are reported to ANR in ReTrac as an estimate each quarter. Information about the two entities will be integrated into any campaign on an ongoing basis throughout the SWIP term. Whenever the Recycling Coordinator meets with businesses, select boards, local groups such as The Rotary and The Garden Club information will be shared about the ongoing collection and reuse of textiles throughout the SWIP period.

Organics

O1	<p>Work with at least 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater) to implement a school-wide waste reduction program (covering recyclables, organics, and HHW) each year ensuring that 50% of schools are reached by end of SWIP term.</p> <p>*Please note if this description is provided above in the recyclables section.</p>
Description of program:	All school outreach will be done by the Recycling Coordinator of The Londonderry Group. Most recently a high school student who was part of the Burr and Burton Mountain program took part in the Flood Brook School food scrap separation program. The Londonderry Group receives monthly reports of weight of organics collection from Flood Brook School. The Mountain Campus and environmental education arm of Burr and Burton Academy composts all of their food scraps at their location.
Expected Timeframe:	All three schools in the Londonderry Group's five towns will be visited by the end of December 2015

O2	Implement an ongoing public education and outreach campaign to inform the residents, businesses, and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, correctional facilities, and other large waste generators) of the better ways to manage organic materials. Must include at a minimum the plan for raising awareness about the organics disposal bans (leaf and yard debris and food scraps) and food recovery hierarchy from the UR Law.
Description of campaign:	An outreach campaign began in May of 2014 when The Londonderry Transfer Station began collecting food scraps. Postcards were sent to all of the five town's checklists, the website added a composting section, emails went out to an extensive list, information will be included In the five town's Town Report, handouts are available at the Transfer Station, postings were put on Front Porch Forum in the spring of each year, articles were written for the Windham Newsletter and Peru Church newsletter.
Expected Timeframe:	Began May 2014 and will continue through SWIP period. Postings, emails and newsletter articles are placed to interest residents in obtaining counter top and five gallon food scrap pails as they become available. Information was placed on the website and in emails and newsletter to announce the sale of compost buckets beginning in the spring of 2015 and will continue through the SWIP period.

03	Conduct outreach to at least 2% or 20 food based businesses and institutions (whichever is greater) within their jurisdiction each year, ensuring that at a minimum 10% of the business and institutions are reached by the end of the SWIP term.
Description of outreach plan:	Each identified food establish will receive a phone call with follow up visit if invited to discuss how they might incorporate food scrap separation in their establishments. Resources such as methods and collection options will be discussed.
Expected Timeframe:	There are 39 identified establishments that sell/serve food within the five towns of the Group. The recycling coordinator will have contact with a minimum of eight per year of the SWIP period.

04	Provide technical assistance for waste reduction at public and private events. *Please note if this description is provided above in the recyclables section.
Planned Tasks:	A section will be added to The Londonderry website entitled “Events” and shared with the other towns for posting on theirs. The Group has budgeted for the purchase of several containers to loan to event operators
Expected Timeframe:	The Group will identify major events scheduled for the year within 1-3 months of plan adoption and provide materials on the web page for use by those that organize those events.

05	Contact and collaborate with local food redistribution groups and networks to conduct outreach and education to food service businesses and institutions about the opportunities to donate quality food within the region to feed people.
Planned Tasks:	The Londonderry Group is home to a food cupboard, grocery store (1) convenience stores (3) They will be contacted and encouraged to donate food to the local food cupboard. Information will be shared with restaurants and groceries as they are visited, about sharing unused foods with the local food cupboard.
Expected Timeframe:	As food service providers are visited (8 per year)

O6	Establish or promote year-round collection location for leaf and yard debris within SWME region. List existing location or the plan to establish and timeline for reaching operational capacity.
Planned Tasks:	Leaf and yard debris is currently collected at the Londonderry Transfer Station. We will add information on the web site and send out information to the email list, local newsletters and front porch forum to make the public more aware of the existing program.
Expected Timeframe:	Ongoing through the SWIP program period

Construction & Demolition (C&D)

C1	Implement a multi-media outreach campaign to inform the residents and businesses of the preferred practices for the reduction of C&D materials generated and for end-of-life management.
Description of campaign:	We will post links to Vermont ANR Construction and Demolition pages on our website. Currently, there is no C&D recycling facility within 20 miles of Londonderry Group's five towns. TAM Inc., our current hauler, is in the process of establishing a C&D recycling facility. As that comes on line we can promote separation of whatever materials they are able to accept for recycling via email lists, letters to contractors/carpenters, handouts at the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station attendants are the best contact for this purpose. They are able to identify who the contractors and carpenters are. Once a list is produced letters will be sent with links to ANR C&D pages.
Expected Timeframe:	TBD as our hauler's facility comes on line.

C2	Establish a program for clean wood recycling prior to July 1, 2016 to coincide with the UR Law landfill ban.
Description of program:	The Londonderry Group will work with our hauler, TAM Inc to establish a program for clean wood recycling or reuse.
Expected Timeframe:	By July 2, 2016

C3	Establish at least one collection location for asphalt shingles collection and drywall by end of the SWIP term in each SWME's jurisdiction.
Planned Tasks:	The Group will work with haulers and facilities to provide a collection point for shingles and dry wall recycling or reuse.
Expected Timeframe:	By year five of the SWIP period.

HHW & CEG

H1	Work with schools and VT ANR's Environmental Assistance Office to provide information and technical assistance on HHW/CEG hazardous waste handling, disposal, waste reduction, recycling and assistance accessing cost effective disposal options. Work with at least 10% or 2 schools (whichever is greater) each year ensuring that 50% of schools are reached by end of SWIP term.
Description of program:	The Alliance will work with the EOF to provide information and technical assistance on HHW/CEG handling and disposal. Outreach to schools will be integrated into R2.
Expected Timeframe:	See R2.

H2	Implement a multi-media outreach campaign to inform residents, businesses and institutions of environmentally preferable purchasing and of the preferred practices for hazardous materials including pharmaceuticals.
Description of program:	A brochure has been printed and is distributed at Hazardous Waste collection events to inform residents of non-toxic alternative to hazardous products. We will post this information on the Londonderryvt.org web site as well. Police departments in neighboring towns of Manchester, Ludlow and Winhall have drop boxes for unused or out of date pharmaceuticals. Information about these are posted on our website.
Expected Timeframe:	Materials are distributed twice each year in the spring and fall through fliers, emails, newspaper ads and newsletters

H3	Work with 2% or 20 (whichever is greater) of businesses and institutions within jurisdiction per year on proper disposal and waste reduction information, ensuring that at a minimum 10% of the business and institutions are reached by the end of the SWIP term.
Description of program:	A letter with a list of hazardous products collected at Hazardous Waste Collection events is mailed twice a year to businesses within the group's jurisdiction informing them of what products they can dispose of properly at hazardous waste collection events and where other products that are not accepted at the events can be brought for proper disposal. This list is also published on the web site and in advertisements in two local papers as well as posters hung in the five towns, sent to the five town clerk's offices, handed out at the transfer station and sent via email to the town's list and recycling list, included in a real estate newsletter, and two town's newsletters. All businesses that are visited by the Recycling Coordinator will receive the brochure with information about the Environmental Assistance Office.
Expected Timeframe:	Twice a year in the spring and fall throughout the SWIP term. Whenever a business is visited recycling, organics separation, and hazardous waste laws and options will be discussed.

<p>H4</p>	<p>Year 1: Establish a minimum of 2 HHW/CEG events per year, or access to a permanent facility. Year 2: Demonstrate that year-round HHW/CEG collection exists for additional MMP-specified materials, provide 2 HHW/ CEG events per year or access to a permanent facility for items not listed. Year 3: Demonstrate that year-round HHW/CEG collection exists for additional MMP-Specified materials, provide 3 HHW/CEG events per year or access to a permanent facility for products not listed. Year 4: Demonstrate that year-round HHW/CEG collections exists for additional MMP-Specified materials, provide a minimum of 3 HHW/CEG events per year or access to a permanent facility for products not listed, ensure households have access to HHW/CEG event or permanent facility within 15 miles. Year 5: Demonstrate that year-round HHW/CEG collections exists for additional MMP-Specified materials, provide a minimum of 4 HHW/CEG events per year or access to a permanent facility for products not listed, ensure households have access to HHW/CEG event or permanent facility within 15 miles.</p> <p>Ensure that minimum requirements outlined in MMP under Convenience are met each year.</p>
<p>Description of plan for each year:</p>	<p>Year 1: 2015 The Londonderry Group will hold 2 HHW/CEG collection events Year 2: 2016 The Londonderry Group will hold 2 HHW/CEG collection events. There is a year round facility in Rutland that Londonderry Group will secure a written agreement with for use by residents so residents can bring their materials at non-event times. Year 3:2017 The Londonderry Group will hold 2 HHW/CEG collection events and collaborate with Rutland so The Londonderry Group can access their facility during non event periods. Year4: 2018 The Londonderry Group will hold 2 HHW/CEG collection events and collaborate with the Rutland Solid Waste District so members of the group can have access to a permanent facility. Year 5: 2019 The Londonderry Group will hold 2 HHW/CEG collection events and collaborate with the Rutland District so member towns can have access to a permanent facility. If the Londonderry Group is unable to secure a written agreement for shared services, the group will offer the increased number of events beginning in Year 3 (2017) with required hours and within the 15 mile convenience requirement. Year round collection options exist for the following materials: Batteries: Collection sites are at The Londonderry Town Office, Londonderry Transfer Station, Londonderry Hardware Store Fluorescent lamps: The Londonderry Hardware Store, R. K. Miles Inc., Sigda Servistar in South Londonderry Mercury Thermostats: The Londonderry Transfer Station 1 and 20 pound propane tanks: The Londonderry Transfer Station E-Waste: One collection event is held each year at The Londonderry Transfer Station and residents can bring their electronics to Winhall Transfer Station and Jamaica Transfer Station year round. Paint: Residents can bring used paint to a spring and fall HW event or year round to R.K. Miles Inc. and Sherwin Williams Store in Manchester. Used Oil: Can be brought to Londonderry Auto, Hunter Excavating in So. Londonderry</p>
<p>Expected Timeframe:</p>	<p>HHW/CEG collections will occur in the Spring and fall of each of the above years. The Londonderry Group is in the process of securing a written agreement with one or two permanent facilities in order for member towns to have access to them on a year round basis Agreement will be secured by 2017 or sooner.</p>

Sludge, Septage and Residual Wastes

S1	Implement a public education and outreach campaign to inform residents and businesses of the quality and beneficial uses of Vermont's biosolids and residual wastes to address public perceptions and to educate residents and businesses to not dispose of household hazardous wastes, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals in wastewater and septic systems.
Description of program:	The Londonderry Group will inform the public about residual wastes and discourage improper disposal of hazardous materials, pharmaceuticals and other chemicals into septic systems through our website. Fliers with information about proper disposal of pharmaceuticals is on display at the local pharmacy listing location where they can be taken. Information about where to dispose of pharmaceuticals is displayed on fliers, handed out at the Transfer Station and in two newspapers twice a year. No wastewater treatment facilities exist within the five towns of The Londonderry Group.
Expected Timeframe:	Every spring and fall information is posted on the web site, ads are placed in two local papers, fliers are hung at various locations in the five towns about where and how to properly dispose of hazardous materials.

S2	SWMEs shall work with their respective municipalities, plant operators, and septic service providers to encourage the beneficial use of biosolids and septage.
Description of program:	There is currently only one septic service provider within the five towns of the Londonderry Group. The Londonderry Group has a certification for a residual management facility. The facility uses land application for the management of domestic septage.
Expected Timeframe:	Information about the management and beneficial use of biosolids will be shared with the Septic Service provider in order for him to share the information with his customers.