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PRESS RELEASE

Joanie Hamel (Derry, NH) Receives Environmental Stewardship Award

EPSOM, NH May 26, 2016 - New Hampshire the Beautiful presented Joanie Hamel, Recycling Coordinator and Crew Chief at the Derry, NH Transfer Station, with the third annual Environmental Stewardship Award on May 16, 2016 in Nashua, NH at the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) Annual Conference and Expo.

The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes a dedicated transfer facility professional who goes above and beyond their facility recycling responsibilities and engages their entire community in better recycling, for a better future.

Joanie Hamel started with the Derry (NH) Public Works in 1991. She served as the catalyst to implement a mandatory recycling program in Derry in the 1990s. She focuses much of her time on educating the public and students on the benefits of recycling, with emphasis on the financial benefits of how high recycling rates translate to more revenue to the town, which can offset residential taxes.

Mrs. Hamel's efforts were instrumental in guiding the design of the new Derry transfer station facility, which had a \$3 million price tag. The new 15,320 square foot facility opened January 5, 2016 and allows residents to recycle numerous materials, including plastic, cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum and glass. In addition, residents can bring metal, yard waste, propane, waste oil and fluorescent light bulbs to the transfer station at no cost.

"No one better epitomizes the dedication and commitment to future generations of recyclers than Joanie," said Michael Durfor, Executive Director, NRRA.

About New Hampshire the Beautiful

New Hampshire the Beautiful (NHtB) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) Charitable Trust supported by members of the NH Soft Drink Association, the Beverage Distributors of New Hampshire Association and the New Hampshire Grocers Association. This collaborative effort by food and beverage companies has developed comprehensive programs to address, litter issues, recycling challenges, environmental awareness and education.

About Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA)

Founded in 1981, NRRA provides a clearinghouse for current, up-to-date information and a source of technical and marketing assistance in the general areas of waste reduction and recycling. NRRA is a member driven organization made up of over 400 municipalities, individuals, and businesses in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Southern Maine. NRRA is a non-profit 501(c) organization. NRRA's School Club assists schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. To learn more visit www.nrra.net.

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John Dumais (L) and Ray Dube (R) of NH the Beautiful, Inc. present Joanie Hamel (Center) of Derry with the 2016 Environmental Stewardship Award. Mike Durfor of NRRA (far Left) looks on.