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PRESS RELEASE

NRRA School CLUB’s “NH Best School Composter” Award

EPSOM, NH - The School CLUB of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is pleased to recognize The Sustainability Club of Oyster River High School in Durham, NH with the “2014-2015 NH Best School Composter” Award.

The 15 student Sustainability Club was recognized for their efforts to encourage peers to adopt the practice of composting during school lunch periods. They set up monitors for the two lunch periods to assist fellow students in sorting scraps into recycling, composting and landfill buckets. This peer-to-peer initiative resulted in diverting almost two tons of compost from the waste stream with minimal resistance. The Sustainability Club has now broadened their efforts by working with the custodial staff to introduce paper towel composting in the bathrooms. They are also working with administration to introduce recycling and composting into the August freshmen orientation. The persistence and dedication of the Sustainability Club was acknowledged as having a lasting influence on the school’s community.

This award was presented at the NRRA School CLUB’s 6th Annual School Recycling Conference and Expo on June 9th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The Conference & Expo was a great opportunity for students, teachers and administrators to network and learn more about school recycling, to expand and increase the efficiency of their programs, to add recycling education to their curricula, exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts.

Special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire.

The School Recycling Club (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRA and NH the Beautiful. For students and teachers in grades K-12, the CLUB serves as a centralized organization to become more active in the world of recycling. The CLUB is a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction and networking possibilities for school recycling programs. For more information visit www.schoolrecycling.net.

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for over 30 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit www.nrra.net.

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. (NHtB) has been a longtime supporter of the NRRA School CLUB and environmental education in NH. NHtB is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage, and grocery industries of New Hampshire. NHtB offers municipal recycling grants, recycling education grants (over \$2.5 million), recycling signs, anti-litter programs, and technical assistance. NHtB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. <http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/>



NRRA School CLUB's NH Best School Composter-Oyster River High School. From left, Larry Melanson of NH the Beautiful, Student Sophie Webb, Student Nick Dundorf and Teacher Maggie Morrison.

2015 School Conference Supporters: NH the Beautiful and Orbis.

2015 Conference Partners: Earth Share New England, National Recycling Coalition, Inc., NH the Beautiful, Northern New England SWANA, and MassRecycle