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PRESS RELEASE

NRRA School CLUB's "VT School Recycler of the Year" **AWARD ANNOUNCED** **At NRRA Annual Conference in Manchester, NH**

EPSOM, NH - The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is pleased to recognize Thetford Elementary School, Thetford, VT with the "2013-2014 School Recycler of the Year" Award.

Thetford Elementary School in Thetford, VT does a great job incorporating all of these components. Students at Thetford Elementary are immersed in studies and activities that promote a love and reverence for nature, including many learning opportunities provided across a wide range of subjects. Several educational units are taught on school grounds using their 13 school garden beds, fruit trees and compost system. In addition to curriculum, they serve the produce from their garden in the school lunch program and compost all the school food scraps in a student-operated, 5 bin compost system. In classrooms, cafeteria and every other room in the school, students and staff vigilantly sort recyclables and organic waste. Every month the classroom that produces the smallest amount of trash wins the Golden Trash Can Award. Thetford Elementary has also utilized the workshops available through the NRRA School Recycling CLUB and hosted a Trash On the Lawn Day the past two years making improvements each year using the results.

For their outstanding school-wide recycling program, Thetford Elementary School is the 2013-2014 VT School Recycler of the Year.

This award was presented at the NRRA School CLUB's 5th Annual School Recycling Conference and Expo on June 10th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The Conference & Expo was a great opportunity for students, teachers and administrators who are interested in learning more about school recycling, expanding their programs, increasing the efficiency of their current program, adding recycling education to their curricula's, exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts.

A special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire. They recently awarded The Club a \$17,500 grant to help expand our school outreach programs.

The School Recycling Club (The Club) is a program for all schools in the Northeast and is supported by NRRA and NHtB. 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.

The NRRA is a proactive, non-profit cooperative working with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information, visit www.nrra.net. For high-resolution pictures, please email info@nrra.net or call (603) 736-4401.



From Left to Right: Ray Dube, NH the Beautiful, Jean Graber, Thetford Elementary School and Scott Schaier, NH the Beautiful presenting 2013-2014 VT School Recycler of the Year Award.

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