

# Kittery's Road to Zero Waste

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## OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a community-based, zero waste initiative for all residents and businesses in and around Kittery, Maine. We will start in our town facilities and schools in order to expand our current services to residents and invite area businesses and communities to partner with our initiative. We will move to a system of agriculture, forestry, transportation, construction, and communication in a restorative - "least cost economy", which has the least cost to the environment and the greatest benefit to our current and future generations.

## MISSION CHANGE

Zero Waste is a shift from waste management to materials management. This new approach treats materials collected as resources that have secondary lives, not as waste streams destined for landfills or incinerators. This initiative redirects the Department's mission toward resource recovery. This new paradigm shift means the Department name of Solid Waste Facility no longer represents our mission, so as we embrace Zero Waste, our facility will be renamed to Resource Recovery Facility reflecting the new vision and mission.

## OVERVIEW

The Kittery Zero Waste Initiative projects future activities and services provided by the Public Works Department for the next 30 years. This initiative looks at the Department in its entirety, laying the framework for how the Department provides services to the community in order to empower the community to achieve zero waste by the year 2040

*Note: The United Nations Urban Environmental Accord has asked governments and municipalities to reduce by 20% the per capita solid waste disposal to landfills by 2012 and Zero Waste by 2040.*