

The Future of Materials Recovery

A Public-Private Partnership in New Hampshire

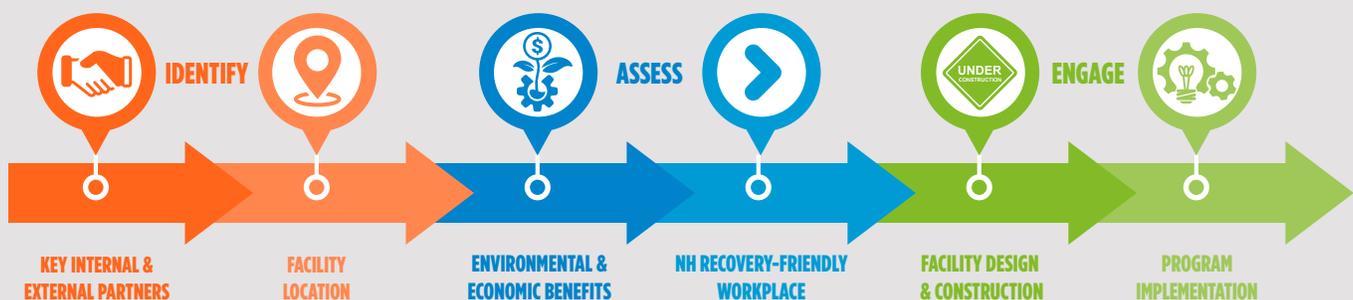
Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and Goodwill of Northern New England are collaborating across Northern New England to create innovative new ways to address and overcome social and environmental challenges related to resource recovery, waste diversion, and job placement for individuals who have historically struggled to reintegrate into society while recovering from substance abuse disorders and/or incarceration.

Using our successful and unique collaboration as a starting point, we are in initial stages of envisioning the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) of the Future in New Hampshire, with the following conceptual underpinnings:

- 1. Site Location:** The Southern part of New Hampshire represents an outstanding opportunity for both organizations to invest in meaningful infrastructure. The state lacks recycling capacity and with the appropriate level of public-private partnership, Casella Recycling and the residents and businesses of New Hampshire would benefit greatly from a state-of-the-art facility located in its more populous region. This area also represents an excellent opportunity for Goodwill NNE to expand its New Hampshire operations, including warehouse, collection, sorting, and possibly even its innovative “Buy the Pound” initiative.
- 2. Job Connections:** A facility of this potential size and scope would require 45-60 employees just in the recycling operations. We are committed to hiring a significant percentage of these employees through the Goodwill Job Connections program and/or Governor Sununu’s newly formed Recovery Friendly Workplace Program. Goodwill Northern New England’s Job Connection programs have supported individuals by creating stability in their lives through employment. This has been achieved in various communities throughout Northern New England, with a special focus on Manchester, New Hampshire.
- 3. Conventional Recycling and Textile and Bulky Waste Recovery:** Core to the mission of both organizations is the desire to achieve a higher and better use for what has traditionally been considered waste. In addition to the latest single-stream sorting technology designed to divert recyclable plastics, glass, tin, aluminum, mixed paper, and cardboard from landfills, the MRF of the Future will also include infrastructure to assess, process, sort, and inventory unwanted textiles and bulky waste for resale through Goodwill’s various retail models. This effort not only serves to enhance Goodwill’s retail mission, but also removes a waste stream that is a large contributor to emerging contaminants such as PFAs in landfills, all while creating good jobs for those with barriers to sustainable employment.
- 4. Community Engagement:** Goodwill and Casella are committed to bringing and sharing value with the communities in which we operate. This facility will provide untold engagement opportunities through education around substance abuse, recycling, and resource management.

As we continue to explore this opportunity both organizations are committed to working together as strategic partners in bringing the necessary resources to the table to ensure all avenues for success are explored.

Project Timeline



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