

## **Subcommittee Meeting – January 22, 2008: Increasing Source Reduction & Recycling Rates**

### **Subcommittee members discussed the following:**

- Discussed splitting the subcommittee into 2 work groups: Education and Unit Based Accounting (PAYT). A working lead is needed for each group. Is there a benefit/need to splitting up the subcommittee?
- There was a lot of brain-storming about different ways to do educational outreach to residents such as:
  - Partnerships with larger associations such as Home Depot
  - Working with Economic Development, Revenue Services for tax incentives for recycling
  - Look at commonalities of several town recycling programs and the key things needed to keep residents up-to-date on recycling
  - Put town recycling ordinances on web site
  - Using DEP web-site to show what each town is doing
- DEP is conducting a survey on how residents currently pay for trash disposal and recycling.
- An RFP is being developed for a waste characterization study.
- Recycling coordinators are not what they used to be. Many towns have public works as the recycling contacts and they may not be providing correct information.
- Need to develop a desk reference for recycling coordinators.