

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Political Subdivisions Fact Sheet Town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Town of Shrewsbury

Project Title: Town of Shrewsbury Comprehensive Recycling and Composting Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 1

Grant Funding: \$2,697,908

Shrewsbury's Comprehensive Recycling and Composting Program will significantly reduce municipal solid waste by enhancing recycling rates and introducing a new composting initiative. This includes a Town-owned and operated drop-off center for recyclables, food and yard waste, and hard-to-dispose-of materials. Additionally, grant funding will be used to purchase and distribute trash and composting carts equipped with RFID tags, allowing Shrewsbury to collect data aimed at reducing contamination and promoting sustainability. Additionally, this project includes a robust community education campaign to inform residents about new recycling and composting opportunities. As part of its long-term sustainability goals, Shrewsbury plans to offer curbside food waste composting, making it one of the first towns in Massachusetts to do so.

Highlights

- Launches a new composting program and creates a dedicated recycling center
- Reduces municipal solid waste by increasing recycling rates
- Creates 3-6 new permanent municipal jobs

SWIFR Grants for Political Subdivisions

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste.

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