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## **CRRA to Distribute \$1.6 Million to Southwest Conn. Towns**

### **Distribution of Funds Remaining at Close of Former Bridgeport Project**

HARTFORD, Conn. – Southwestern Connecticut cities and towns will receive a total of more than \$1.6 million left over following the close of the former Bridgeport Project solid waste system.

The funds remained after the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, which oversaw the Bridgeport Project, set up and funded reserves to cover the Project’s future obligations, such as the post-closure monitoring and maintenance of the Shelton and Waterbury landfills. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection requires that landfill owners have enough money to pay for 30 years of monitoring and maintenance at the time of a landfill’s closing.

The CRRA Board of Directors has approved a distribution formula based on the participating towns’ minimum commitments and percentage of trash deliveries to the Bridgeport Project over its final five years. Following is a breakdown of the distribution:

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
Bethany	0.37%	\$ 6,064.99	Orange	1.51%	24,751.69
Bridgeport	17.21%	282,103.74	Shelton	4.69%	76,877.78
Darien	2.59%	42,454.89	Stratford	6.42%	105,235.68
East Haven*	3.48%	57,043.64	Trumbull	4.84%	79,336.55
Easton	0.73%	11,966.05	Weston	1.28%	20,981.57
Fairfield	11.32%	185,555.74	Westport	4.66%	76,386.02
Greenwich	13.15%	215,552.83	Wilton	2.22%	36,389.91
Milford	10.08%	165,229.85	Woodbridge	0.84%	<u>13,769.15</u>
Monroe	2.84%	46,552.85			
Norwalk	11.77%	192,932.07	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,639,185.00</b>

**\* -- East Haven’s share will be held by CRRA against the town’s unpaid balance of \$175,106.**

The Bridgeport Project’s revenues came from disposal fees paid by member cities and towns. Under the Project contracts, monies left over at the conclusion of the Project are to be divided among the member towns. CRRA expects to send out checks next week.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA develops and implements environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 110 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the [Trash Museum](#) in Hartford and [Garbage Museum](#) in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crca.org>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA at its blog, <http://crca-blog.blogspot.com>.