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To: Residents of UARRC member towns

From: UARRC Board of Directors

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Thank you! 2022 saw increased traffic flow at our facility. Together our towns kept 174.41 tons of solid waste out of landfills. That's equivalent to 8 tractor trailer loads. It is clear recycling continues to be important to our town residents.

Over the past several years the UARRC Board has made great efforts to limit our operating budget increases to a minimum.

We have been able to keep our budget low by relying on the generosity of a talented board member volunteer to do our payroll and a host of other administrative duties, including tracking compliance with federal and state laws. Relying on a volunteer to provide these services is not a solid business plan. After a couple of years of delaying the inevitable the board has decided to hire a part-time manager/bookkeeper to ensure that the facility has a sustainable plan moving forward.

Adding this much needed position, as well as cost increases due to inflation has resulted in a 25% increase in our Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. We have kept all other expenses to a minimum. Our budget, as in the past, reflects the board's effort to maintain a fiscally responsible budget while operating the center in a safe and efficient manner.

Fuel for the forklift, snow removal, insurance costs, as well as many others are all up are necessary expenses. As always, we are looking to the future. Our ability to offer current and future services means the continued need for maintenance to the buildings and machinery, and responsibly having funds for these needs as they arise.

All of us are responsible for the tremendous amount of waste our world creates. We basically have three choices with our waste: we can burn it, bury it, or make every attempt to recycle it. When forming the UARRC the residents of our community made the choice to locally do all we can to provide a cleaner and healthier future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

UARRC accepts more types of materials than most other recycling centers around the state and we are always looking to add more products to our roster. Our recyclables are currently processed in New Hampshire, New York, Ontario and St. George. These are manufacturing facilities. We do our best to find markets that return the best price for our goods and require that our products are actually recycled!

Year after year UARRC has been cited as one of the State's best recycling centers. Only with your support can we continue to be an example of what a successful recycling program can be. The residents of our member towns should be proud to say we are doing our part to create a brighter world for our heirs.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

UARRC Board Members