



CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: CVSWMD Member Municipalities
FROM: Cathleen Gent, Interim General Manager
DATE: October 11, 2019

RE: CVSWMD FY21 Preliminary Budget and Per Capita Assessment – Public Hearing

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) is holding a public hearing at the CVSWMD Barre facility conference room (same building as our Additional Recyclables Collection Center at 540 North Main St) on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5 PM to take public comments regarding the preliminary FY21 Budget and per capita assessment. Comments may also be made in writing until Thursday, October 24th at noon. *The public hearing notice is attached, along with information about the preliminary budget and the options for offering comments.*

Please note that the per capita assessment for member municipalities remains at \$1 per person for FY21. If you want a full copy of the FY21 preliminary budget and capital budget, please contact me.

This month, CVSWMD has an extraordinary opportunity to apply for a Vermont Agency of Natural Resources grant to construct a year-round facility for collecting hazardous waste. Having a permanent HHW facility in our region has been a District goal for many years. Should we receive the grant, CVSWMD will reach out to member municipalities:

- To share details and get your input on the new HHW program.
- To present a FY21 budget adjustment (if needed) or plans for the FY22 budget.

In the meantime, we are seeking letters of support from District municipalities for the HHW grant application. Letters of support are needed by October 28th. I will follow up separately about getting a letter of support from your town.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like me to attend a meeting to discuss details of the FY21 preliminary budget.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with CVSWMD!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CVSWMD HEARING ON PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY FY 2021 BUDGET

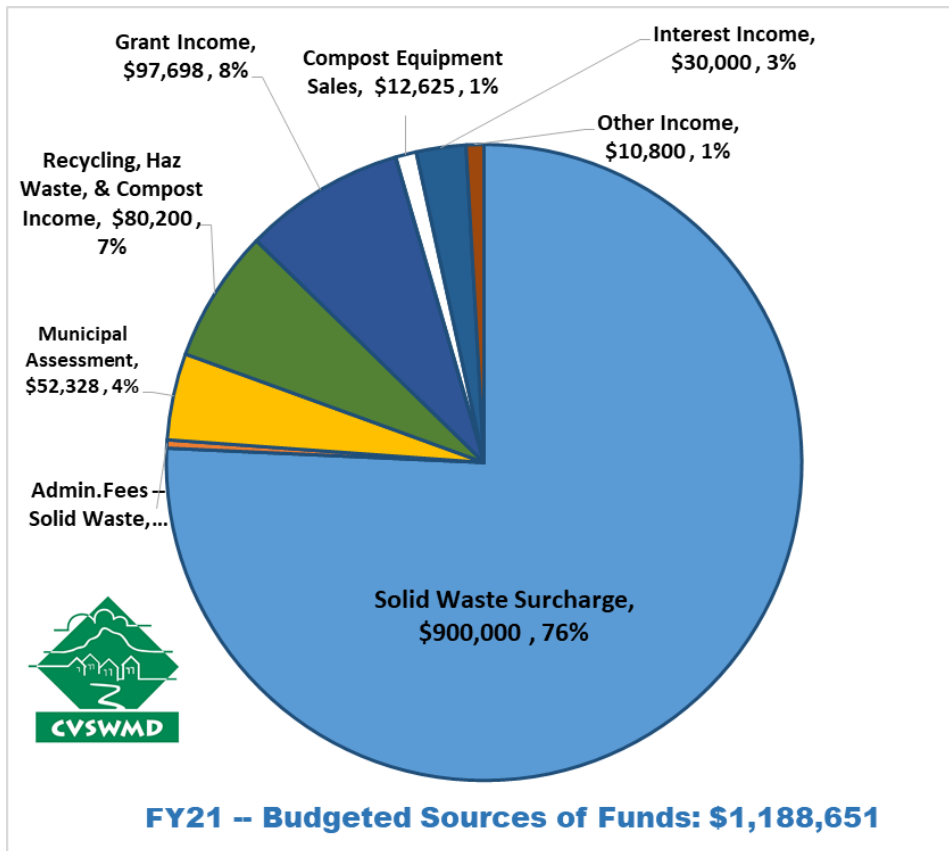
Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
CVSWMD Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC)
540 N. Main Street, Barre.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) will hold a hearing to take public comments and discuss the per capita assessment and the preliminary draft budget for fiscal year FY2021 (beginning July 1, 2020). Members of the public are also encouraged to offer comments and feedback about CVSWMD programming.

There is no proposed change in the FY21 Per Capita Assessment of member towns. Copies of the FY2021 preliminary draft budget are available at the CVSWMD office at 137 Barre Street from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday-Friday, on our website or by email, below.

Written comments on the budget, per capita assessment, and programs are welcome until noon, on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Comments may be sent by email to administration@cvswmd.org or US mail: 137 Barre St, Montpelier VT 05602.

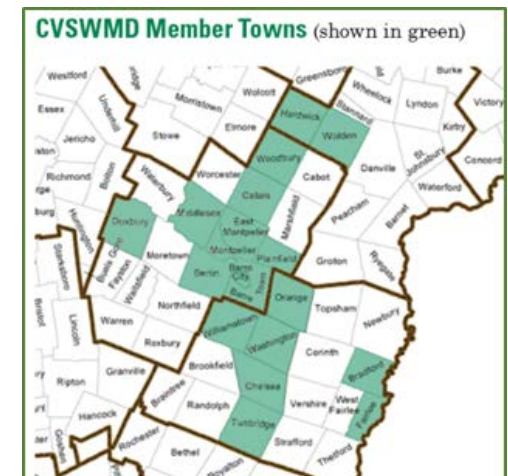




FY-2021 Budget Summary

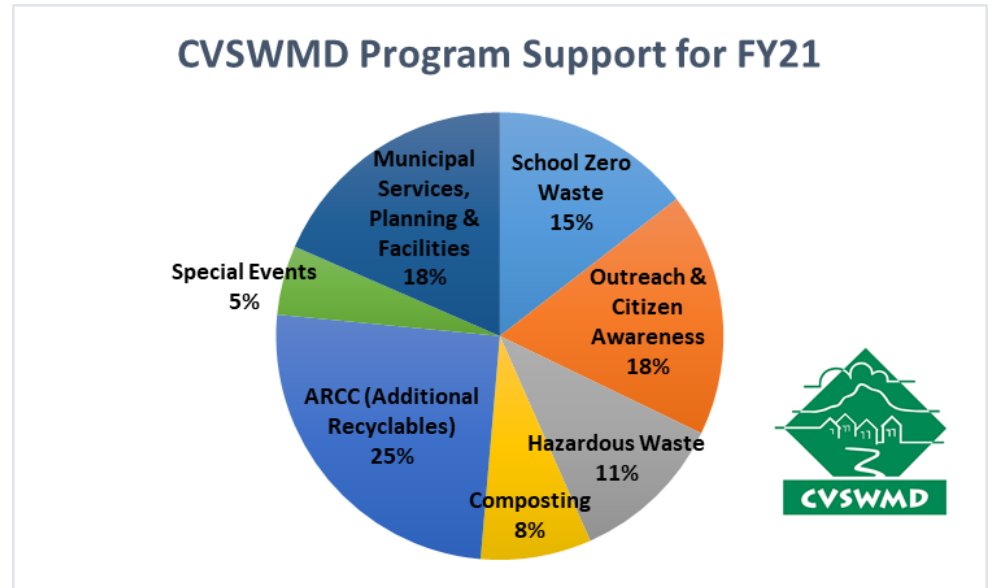
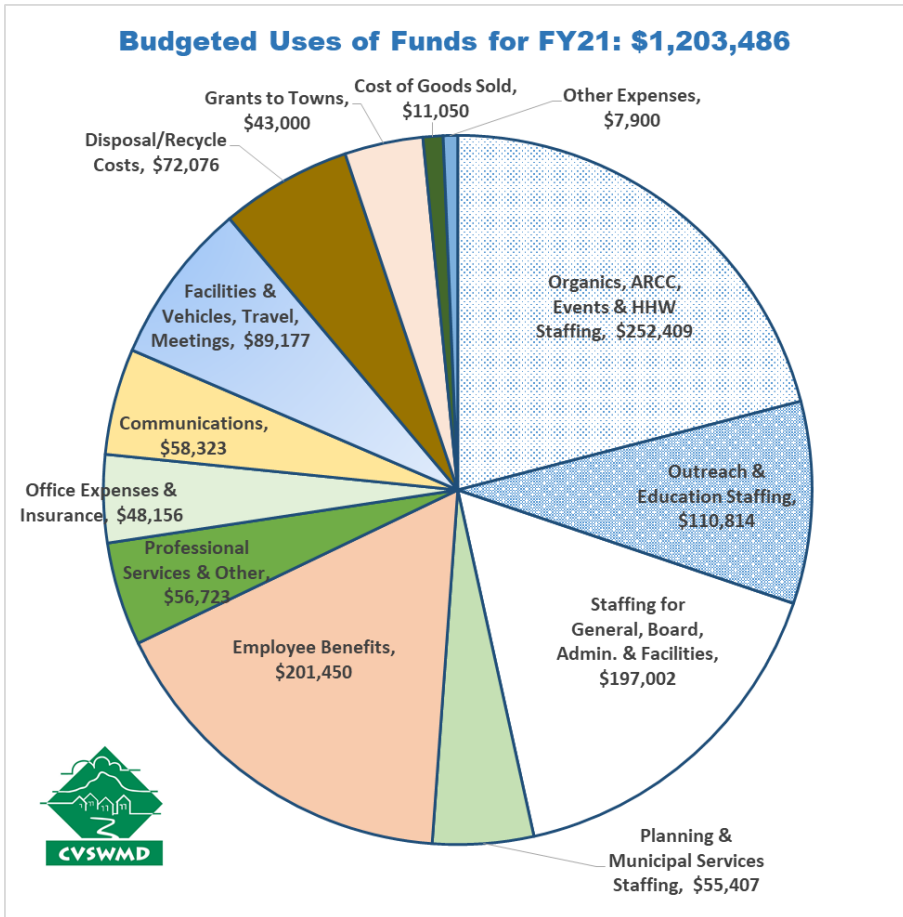
The **Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District** is a union municipality, created by the General Assembly for the “purpose of providing for disposal of solid waste generated by member municipalities and their residents. The means of disposal may include collection, transportation, resource recovery, recycling, land disposal, or any combination of theseⁱ.” CVSWMD is one of more than a dozen solid waste management entities recognized by the State of Vermont, and consists of 19 member municipalities. CVSWMD member municipalities pay a yearly assessment of \$1 per resident, totaling less than 5% of our annual budget.

The largest source of CVSWMD income (76%) comes from the surcharge assessed on all solid waste generated in member communities, and paid through fees charged by commercial



haulers. Other income sources are State and Federal grants, fees on disposal of Construction/Demolition waste, user fees for processing Household Hazardous Waste, income from reprocessing recyclable materials, and user fees at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC) in downtown Barre City, Vermont.

On the following page the figure at left provides a breakdown of all CVSWMD expenses into traditional financial categories. CVSWMD has about 10 FTE (full-time equivalent) and 6 part-time staff, including officers and administrative, communications, and operations staff. CVSWMD provides grants to member municipalities, contracts for a range of professional services and materials transfer services, and has an active outreach and citizens’ awareness program as part of the District’s **Solid Waste Implementation Plan**, which we are required to submit to the State of Vermont – see <http://www.cvswmd.org/our-plan.html> for details.



Disposal of hazardous waste, recycling of materials, and other CVSWMD activities all have costs. The figure at right shows the relative levels of support which District funds provide for each major Program Group. For example, we work with all the public schools in the District to support environmental education and composting, and about 15% of our total program spending is applied to the School Zero Waste Program.

CVSWMD continuously works to increase our efficiencies and lower cost to District residents for our programs. CVSWMD is currently applying for grants to develop a year-round drop off facility for hazardous waste. If successful, CVSWMD will revise the FY21 budget to expand Hazardous Waste collection services.

ⁱThe CVSWMD charter can be viewed at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/24APPENDIX/403>