Interim Update from the Solid Waste Management Options Committee (SWMOC)

November 13, 2007

Agenda

- Review of Progress To Date
- Approval of Selected Towns for Task #5

Review of Progress To Date

Responsibilities & Tasks #1

"Document fully the current options available to residents, including the transfer station and all the private haulers currently used. Each option should be fully described as to cost, special features, ease for residents, management implications on town staff, quantity based limits (if any) and other important characteristic and attributes."

Responsibilities & Tasks #1: Status

- Created a standard set of criteria upon which to evaluate all providers
- Surveyed the major providers (Allied Waste, Waste Management, BP, Mr. Trashman)
- Incorporated information from Sudbury Transfer Station
- Compiled all results into a summary
 - Will be included in the committee's final report

Approval of Selected Towns for Task #5

Responsibilities & Tasks #5

"Develop a mechanism for gathering, evaluating and summarizing information from at least five other towns considered similar to Sudbury. The Board of Selectmen will be asked to confirm that the reference towns are acceptable to them for this purpose. Information gathered will include how solid waste disposal is currently handled and financed in these town, and comments from the management and/or executive board of each town."

Mechanism for Selecting Towns

Goal

 Find towns that are "as similar" to Sudbury as possible on dimensions that are likely to affect the choices available for waste management.

Solution

- Determine the relevant criteria for the comparison
- Create a candidate list of towns to compare against
- Collect data for all of the candidate towns
- Produce a ranked list of the towns that are "most similar" to Sudbury across all of the criteria

Criteria Evaluated

- Population
- Land Area (sq. mi.)
- Population Density (pop/sq. mi.)
- # of Households
- % of Households that include <18 year old</p>
- Median Household Income
- % Single Family Homes

All data from 2000 U.S. Census

Criteria Excluded

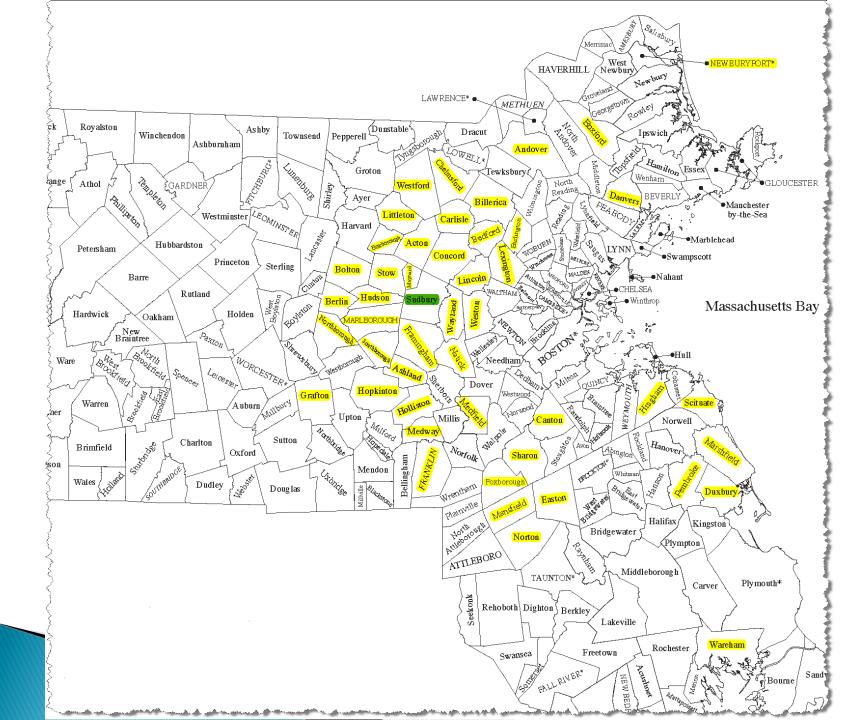
How town currently handles solid waste

Candidate Towns

- Acton
- Andover
- Ashland
- Bedford
- Berlin
- Billerica
- Bolton
- Boxborough
- Boxford
- Burlington
- Canton
- Carlisle
- Chelmsford
- Concord
- Danvers
- Duxbury

- Easton
- Foxborough
- Framingham
- Franklin
- Grafton
- Hingham
- Holliston
- Hopkinton
- Hudson
- Lexington
- Lincoln
- Littleton
- Mansfield
- Marlborough
- Marshfield

- Maynard
- Medfield
- Medway
- Natick
- Newburyport
- Northborough
- Norton
- Pembroke
- Scituate
- Sharon
- Shrewsbury
- Southborough
- Stow
- Wareham
- Wayland
- Westford
- Weston



Compiled Results

- Every town has a score for every criteria
- Green means it is "closer" to Sudbury on that dimension
- Red means that it is "further" from Sudbury on that dimension
- All of the dimensions are then combined into a composite score

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| Sudbury | | | | Land Area | Density | | % Households | Household | % Single Family | |
| Norfolk Sharon | County | Town | Population | (sq. mi.) | (pop/sq. mi.) | # Households | w/ < 18 yr. old | Income | Homes | Aggregate |
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Top 10 Comparable Towns

- 1. Sharon
- Westford
- 3. Duxbury
- 4. Concord
- 5. Hopkinton
- 6. Holliston
- 7. Boxford
- 8. Northborough
- 9. Southborough
- 10. Wayland

Neighboring Towns Not in Top 10

Weston

 Land area and population much smaller than Sudbury

Acton

 Significantly higher percentage of multi-family homes

Lincoln

 Land area and population much smaller than Sudbury

Recommended Towns

- Sharon
- Westford
- Duxbury
- Concord
- Hopkinton
- Wayland

