# NERC's Focus on Recycling Market Development

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Source Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, Organics Management & Green Purchasing

Promotes & supports recycling market development for the 11 Northeast states



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### Highlights of NERC's Early Work on Recycling Market Development

- 2001: Recycling Finance Seminars for Economic Developers
- 2000: Recycling Economic Information Study
- 1999: Newspaper Publishers' Purchasing Commitments
- 1999: Recycling Business Financing Seminars for Entrepreneurs
- 1996 1999: Northeast Recycling Investment Forums
- 1996: USPS for undeliverable bulk business mail
- 1996: Reports on Financial Transactions Supporting Recycling Businesses
- 1991: Yellow Pages Publishers Association to help develop Environmental Action Plan

## NERC's Recent Work on Recycling Market Development

- Implemented various projects
  - Glass
  - Textiles
  - Reuse
  - Organics
  - Electronics
  - Green purchasing
  - Recycling Economic Information Study
- Formed Committees (Members include Board of Directors & Advisory Members)
  - Glass Committee
  - Recycling Market Development

#### **NERC's Work on Glass**

- 2015 & 2020 Glass Forums
- Glass Committee (developed in 2017) Government, Industry, Non-profits & Consultants
- Goals: To better understand the recycled glass value chain and gaps in the region, and to promote greater diversion of glass containers to the highest-value end uses.
- Developed a variety of resources

• Most recent - Glass Minimum Recycled Content Model Legislation <u>https://nerc.org/projects/current-projects/glass-committee</u>

#### **Recycling Market Development Committee**

- NERC/NEWMOA joint Committee formed in 2018
- Members include NERC and NEWMOA Board Members and NERC's Advisory Members. Chaz Miller, Ex Officio member NERC Board, is Chair
- Goal to support and expand recycling markets in the NERC 11state region for plastics, paper and metal.

#### Recycling Market Committee's Work

- Feature presentations by companies and others about recycling markets
- Recycling Markets Report compiled by Chaz Miller
- Quarterly MRF Blended Value Report compiled by Lynn Rubinstein

#### Comparison of Blended MRF Ton Values - October - December 2021

https://nerc.org/documents/NERC%20Northeast%2 ORecycling%20Market%20Report%20January%202022 .pdf

	All Surveyed MRFs	All Dual Stream	All Single Stream		Dual Stream Region 3 Only	Single Stream Region 3 Only
Without Residuals	\$ 171.52	\$ 175.25	\$ 164.82	\$171.17	\$192.20	\$167.90
With Residuals	\$ 162.27	\$ 170.60	\$ 154.28	\$161.83	\$187.14	\$159.34