

# Introduction

The CVSWMD is a municipal government organization charged with helping its member communities to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, and properly handle hazardous items. Its Solid Waste Implementation Plan, *Working Toward Zero Waste*, approved by the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors in 2003, set a course for the organization that will take its work down new paths as staff strive to initiate new programs and processes that not only reduce waste, but help to eliminate it. This zero waste plan was approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in 2006, and will guide the organization's work for 10 years.

This annual report is developed for member communities and provides a snapshot of the District's programs, the people who staff them, and the board that directs the organization's work.

This year we've chosen to make the annual report a *Zero Waste* report—meaning we won't use additional resources to produce it. The report is being developed as an online report, saving paper, ink, and mailing costs, and reducing disposal/recycling efforts on the reader's end. We welcome your feedback!

## Mission Statement

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District provides leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible.