

# Small States – Big Players

## Rhode Island's and Vermont's MRF Ownership Experiences

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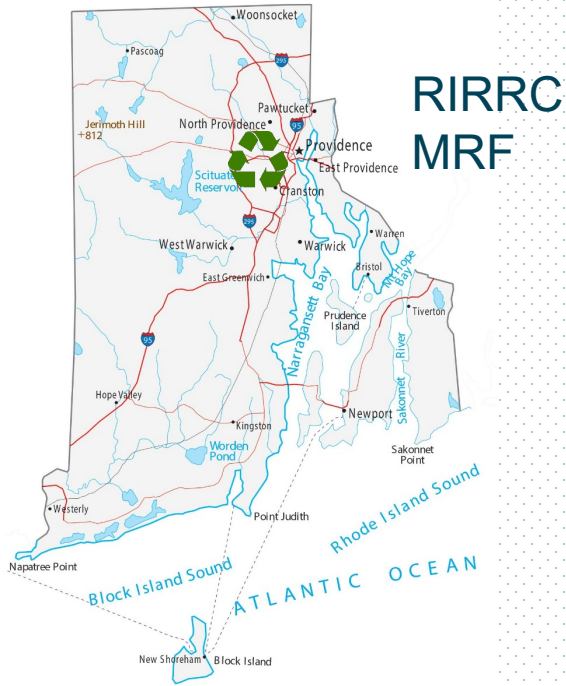
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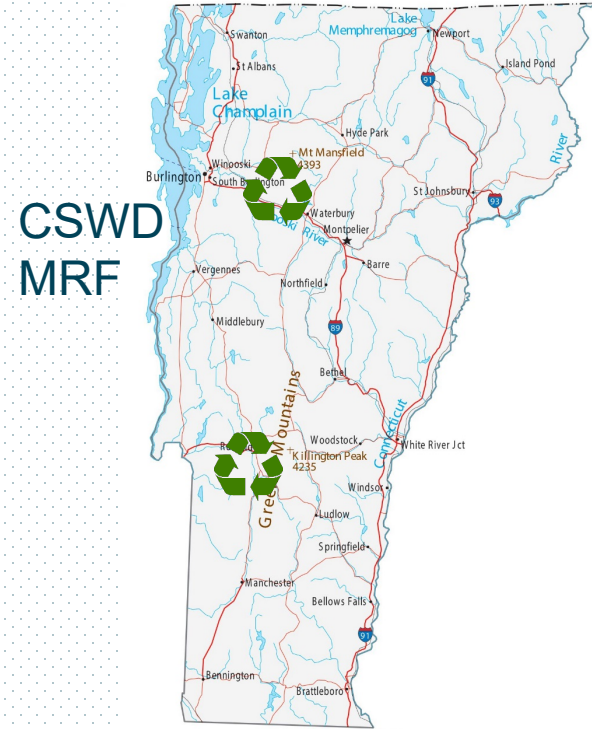


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RIRRC  
MRF



CSWD  
MRF

Rhode Island  
Resource  
Recovery  
Corporation



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## Similarities

- State chartered municipal entities
- Own the MRF property
- Own the MRF assets
- Revenue generated by selling sorted recyclables
- Sell recyclables through a broker
- Statewide mandatory recycling
- Strong education and outreach programs

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## Differences

### Rhode Island

- RI – One MRF
- No Tip Fee
- Own and Operate
- MRF employees are RIRRC employees
- Statutory Flow Control
- Subsidized by landfill revenue

### Vermont

- VT – Two MRFs (1 public, 1 private)
- Tip Fee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party operator
- Drop-Off Center network
- Enterprise fund

# Practical Matters

## CSWD – To Build or Not to Build?

- State/Local laws
- Available property
- Volume and Type of materials
- Staffing capacity
- Funding capacity – Bond necessary
- Access to markets
- The bottom line – Will this be affordable to the community?

# Questions to Ask

*Before you go too far down the road...*

Q: What is the problem my city/town needs to solve?

Q: Does my community want this? Is the political will there?

Q: What is my timeline? Can we afford the time needed to research, bid, construct, etc?

Q: What do the preliminary numbers say? Is net neutral OK, or are we expected to “turn a profit”?

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