

SSRC HHW Depot project

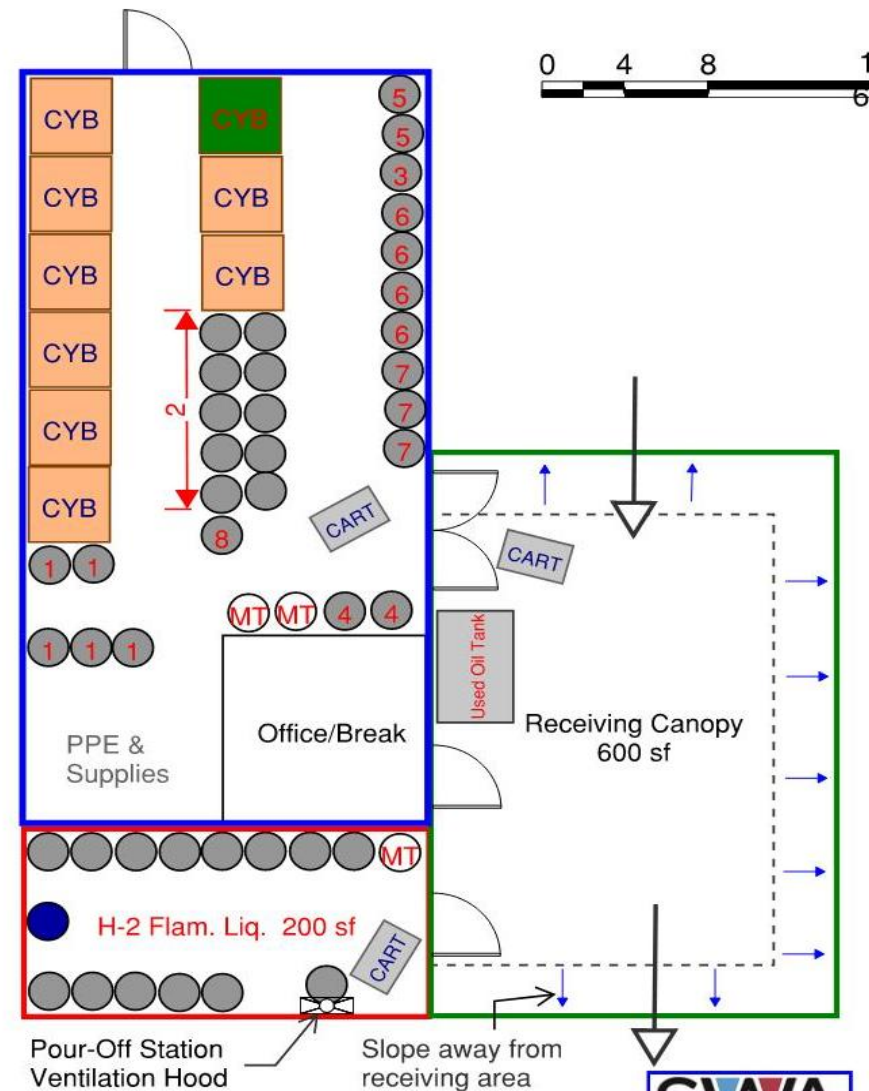


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Proposal

- Permanent HHW collection Depot at Hanover TS
- Replace 6 of 12 “pop-up” collections with 7 at Depot, summer and winter
- Open spring, summer, winter
- 6 peripheral towns still host pop-ups
- All SSRC residents would have access to all 13 events



Layout - June 17, 2024



Intermunicipal Agreement

- Based on 2023 Minuteman HHW IMA
 - Drafted and reviewed by Legal Counsels
 - Original IMA Signed by 9 municipalities

Intermunicipal Agreement

By and Among the Towns and Cities of Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Waltham, Watertown, and Winchester

This Intermunicipal Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Massachusetts cities and towns of Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Waltham, Watertown, Winchester and such other municipalities that may be permitted to join this Agreement (the “Participating Communities”), effective as of May 1, 2023.

Whereas, the Participating Communities, except for the Town of Winchester, are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 1, 1988 (the “1988 MOU”) regarding the management and operation of a hazardous waste collection facility known as the Minuteman Hazardous Household Product Facility (“MHHPF”);

Intermunicipal Agreement

- Effective upon execution by ~~12~~ amended to 11 participating SSRC members
- Must be executed before construction bids are reviewed for Oct. 28 award
- Bids must be within budget, or no Depot



Current system

- Safe disposal for gasoline, solvent based paints/stains, pesticides, drain cleaners, pool chemicals [etc.](#)
- Towns host 12 pop-up HHW events in spring, fall
- Reciprocity policy: all towns host/cohost
- CH Contract through FY28 30% discount; pay by car
- No summer, winter options for moveouts
- Scheduling events: difficult to get dates



Rationale for a central Depot

- Worker, neighborhood, facility, groundwater protection
- Fall 2022 season cancelled by vendor- staff shortage
- Shrinking pool of service providers >> service, cost vulnerability FY29 and beyond
- Proven model- Devens, Lexington, etc.
- Operational, (future) cost efficiency
- Year round access
- Paid access for unserved generators



Project history

Fall 22	Spring 23	Fall 23		Spring 24			Fall 24	
Depot idea proposed	12 PMs wrote support letters	\$250K MassDEP grant awarded	Hanover TS ID'd as site	Matching funds provided: PMs \$27K, SSRC \$25K	SWA design draft	\$1K CCC grant awarded to MAPC for Depot	1st of 4 engineering RFQs released, no bids	Hanover TS eliminated from GF, shift to Enterprise Fund. Site in question

Winter 25		Summer 25	Fall 25	Winter 26		Spring 26		Summer 26	
Hanover TS site reconfirmed	CCC grant cancelled, reinstated	MAPC awarded engineering contract to Coneco (4th try)	MAPC produces draft SSRC-Hanover IGA	Hanover SB approves IGA	Coneco produces site plans, preliminary budget; unable to complete before grant deadline due to other delays; budget very tight, reworking.	DEP issues WPA Det. Of Nonapplicability	Engineering RFQ2 issued, awarded to Coneco	Test pit permit not provided; test bores still to be done; DEP grant extended to March 2027	Final design, cost estimates, procurement specs due from Coneco

Steps to March opening

Sept		Oct	Nov	Dec 26-Jan 27	March-27	May-27
11 ~~12~~ signed IMAs	construct ion bid release; permit appli cations	construct ion bid award; Appoint HHW Depot Council	Depot Council approve cost alloca tion, other policies; set event schedule	Construction; Collect fixed cost payments; confirm event staffing, roll off service	Complete construc tion; Occu pancy permit; bind insurance; publicity etc	Host first HHW Depot event. The next one would be in June.

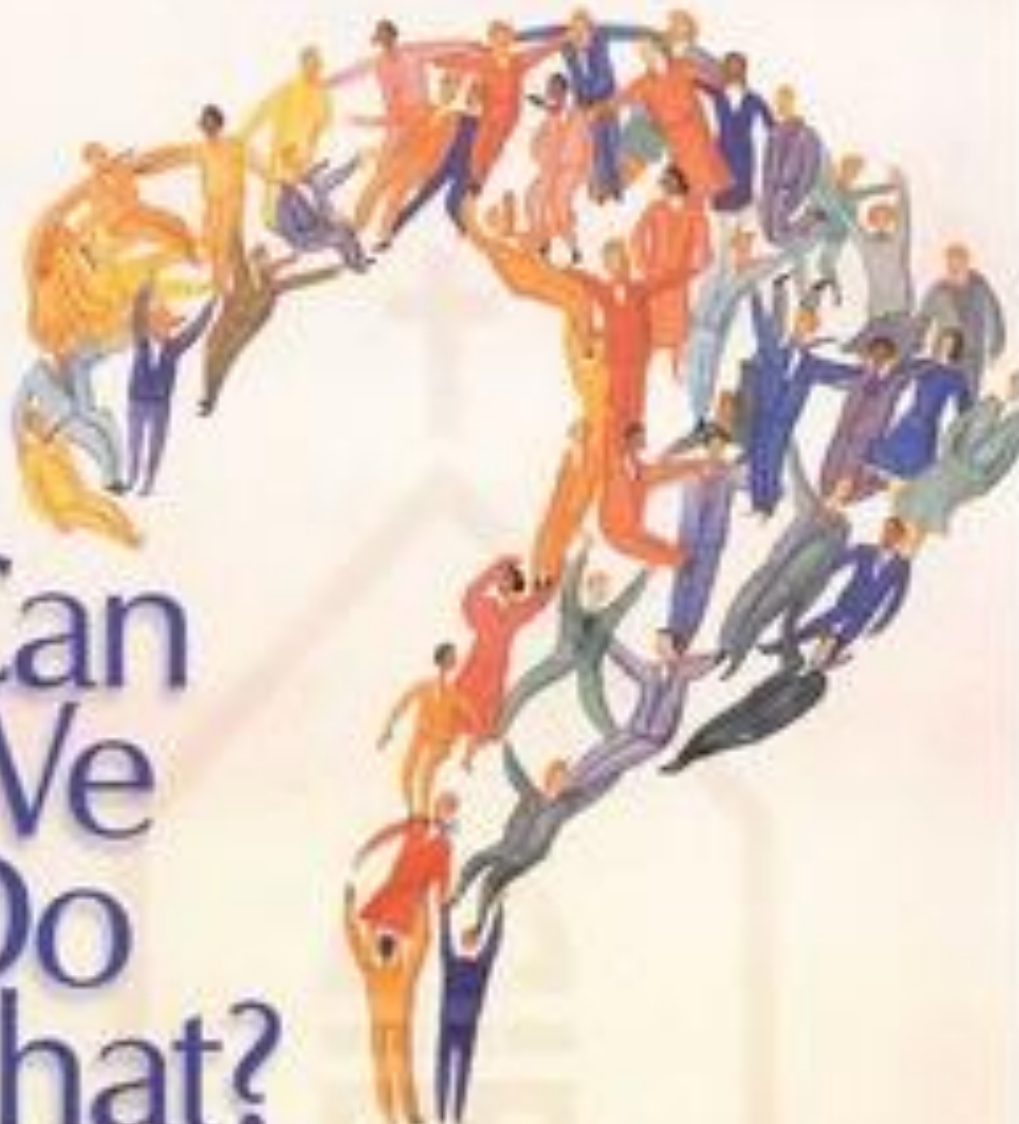
Operating costs

- Insurance, maintenance, reserve fund add \$23K/year over current program, ~ \$2,500/town
- Current contract: Deep discounts thru FY28
- “Going rate” 45%-60% higher (WMR001), 2 vendors.
- Per drum cost savings of <15% in FY29 vs. per car cost
- \$10-30 resident copayments would offset initial cost increase

Estimated costs/PM

			FY25-26	proposed Depot fixed costs		Variable costs per car		
town	HHs	% HH	avg fixed cost/year	equal increase for each town	difference from FY26	FY25-26, Depot \$56/car (w/ \Hano	CH WMR001 FY28 per car rates \$88/car	CH WMR001 FY28 per drum est \$73/car
Abington	5,700	8.3%	\$1,175	\$3,695	\$2,520	\$4,072	\$6,380	\$5,293
Duxbury	6,500	9.4%	\$1,875	\$4,395	\$2,520	\$6,881	\$10,780	\$8,943
E.Bridgewater	5,500	8.0%	\$1,400	\$3,920	\$2,520	\$3,763	\$5,896	\$4,891
Hanover	IGA: 0 fixed cost, 20%		\$3,000	\$1,200	-\$1,800	\$7,643	\$12,320	\$9,940
Hanson	3,800	5.5%	\$800	\$3,320	\$2,520	\$3,651	\$5,720	\$4,745
Hingham	8,800	12.8%	\$3,800	\$6,320	\$2,520	\$10,139	\$15,884	\$13,177
Kingston	5,100	7.4%	\$1,075	\$3,595	\$2,520	\$4,690	\$7,348	\$6,096
Pembroke	7,000	10.1%	\$1,275	\$3,795	\$2,520	\$9,717	\$15,224	\$12,629
Rockland	5,500	8.0%	\$1,900	\$4,420	\$2,520	\$3,202	\$5,016	\$4,161
Scituate	8,500	12.3%	\$1,750	\$4,270	\$2,520	\$10,644	\$16,676	\$13,834
Whitman	5,400	7.8%	\$1,225	\$3,745	\$2,520	\$2,275	\$3,564	\$2,957
Total/year	61,800	89.6%	\$19,275	\$42,675	\$23,400	\$66,677	\$105,068	\$87,426

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Resident copay recommendation

- Volume-based Braintree-ish model:
 - \$10 up to 10 gal/20 lbs
 - \$20 up to 25 gal/50 lbs
 - \$30 up to 50 gal/100 lbs.
- Above that, residents already pay full cost
- For PM residents and non-PM Depot users, copay applied to fixed costs
- Non-PMs may opt out for at home events, or apply to their own costs
- Should fully offset fixed cost increase

Fixed cost comparison

7/31/2026	current 6 events (13 PMs)	7 events/yr Depot	7 events/yr Depot w/ \$10- 20-30 copay
fixed costs			
HHW setup fee	\$16,800	\$19,600	\$19,600
volume based copayments			-\$22,620
non-HHW disposal	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$3,500
financial review		\$800	\$800
DPW services		\$1,000	\$1,000
Finance svc (shared w/ SSRC)		\$800	\$800
insurance		\$8,500	\$8,500
capital/maintenance reserve fund		\$10,000	\$10,000
Total fixed cost	\$20,800	\$44,200	\$21,580

Resident copay cost offsets- PMs

				Est total Depot \$/year FY28		Est total Depot \$/year FY29, State Contract WMR001		
FLE=full load equivalent	FY26 cost w/ setup fee, roll offs	vol based copay income \$10-20-30	net cost pop ups	Depot, no copay	vol based copay ment	No Depot	Depot, no copay	Depot, vol based copay
HHW Depot towns, home + visitors								
Abington	\$5,133	\$1,090	\$4,043	\$7,533	\$5,983	\$7,488	\$8,823	\$7,173
Duxbury	\$8,562	\$1,740	\$6,822	\$10,962	\$8,712	\$12,473	\$13,073	\$10,723
E. Bridgewater	\$5,058	\$1,470	\$3,588	\$7,458	\$5,683	\$7,242	\$8,657	\$6,782
Hanover	\$12,553	\$2,710	\$9,843	\$9,553	\$9,553	\$18,098	\$12,525	\$12,425
Hanson	\$4,348	\$1,020	\$3,328	\$6,748	\$5,173	\$6,471	\$7,915	\$6,240
Hingham	\$13,653	\$2,860	\$10,793	\$16,053	\$12,228	\$19,369	\$19,116	\$15,191
Kingston	\$5,633	\$1,850	\$3,783	\$8,033	\$6,583	\$8,331	\$9,504	\$7,954
Norwell	\$6,217	\$1,610	\$4,607	\$8,617	\$6,292	\$8,977	\$10,121	\$7,696
Pembroke	\$10,719	\$2,130	\$8,589	\$13,119	\$11,469	\$16,201	\$16,058	\$14,308
Rockland	\$5,012	\$790	\$4,222	\$7,412	\$5,137	\$6,885	\$8,447	\$6,072
Scituate	\$12,095	\$3,510	\$8,585	\$14,495	\$12,720	\$18,090	\$17,705	\$15,830
Whitman	\$3,436	\$840	\$2,596	\$5,836	\$4,236	\$4,796	\$6,601	\$4,901
TOTAL	\$92,420	\$21,620	\$70,800	\$115,820	\$93,770	\$134,421	\$138,542	\$115,292

Other revenue opportunities

Promote access at cost-plus to:

- Estate clean-out companies
- Junk removal companies
- Property managers
- Downsizing services
- Non-SSRC residents
- Flexibility to staff Depot outside event times

Risks

Financial:

- Operating, maintenance, capital replacement, decommissioning, insurance costs (in budget);
- Oversight

Operational:

- Staffing, inspection, material handling and storage, regulatory compliance, administration

Resident copay cost offsets- non-PMs

	FY26 cost w/ setup fee, roll offs	vol based \$10-20-30	net cost
FLE=full load equivalent			
Non Depot Towns Home events only - optional? Accounting, logistics			
Braintree	n/a	\$2,900	n/a
Hull	\$7,652	\$1,770	\$5,882
Marshfield	\$16,433	\$5,320	\$11,113
Plymouth	\$31,135	\$9,780	\$21,355
Weymouth	\$11,966	\$3,620	\$8,346
Non Depot Towns Visitors -required for HHW Depot use, fund Depot			
Braintree	\$672	\$240	\$432
Hull	\$2,145	\$830	\$1,315
Marshfield	\$3,996	\$1,680	\$2,316
Plymouth	\$5,613	\$2,260	\$3,353
Weymouth	\$4,085	\$1,620	\$2,465

Questions?



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