

On April 4, the Saugus Board of Selectmen voted to approve a Host Community Agreement with WIN Waste. Under the agreement, contingent upon the company obtaining the necessary state and local permits to continue operating the ash monofill adjacent to the waste-to-energy facility, the Town will receive significant environmental and economic benefits.

In addition to lowering emission levels below current permit levels, WIN Waste will provide \$34 million in cash payments and free waste disposal for the Town over the life of the 20-year agreement. Under a revised alternative scenario, which would take effect if the company is required to spend \$20 million in capital expenses to obtain the permits, the Town would receive \$23-27 million over 20 years.

Below is a statement issued by WIN Waste after the HCA approval:

*The Board of Selectmen took a historic step toward sustained economic growth and enhanced environmental protection in Saugus by endorsing a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with WIN Waste Innovations. The HCA will direct between \$23 and \$34 million to the town over 20 years, continue supporting and managing the Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, avoid additional truck traffic traversing local roads, and voluntarily lower emission limits. In exchange for the investments made by WIN Waste through the HCA and contingent upon regulatory approval by the Saugus Board of Health and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the company will keep operating its on-site monofill on the same footprint and using the same stringent environmental controls as exist today.*

*We applaud the Board of Selectmen, under the leadership of Chairman Cogliano, in achieving this public-private collaboration and we look forward to working with the Board of Health and MassDEP to demonstrate how we can continue to enhance the environment and deliver on the promise of the HCA.*