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### **WIN Waste Innovations Increases Proposed Economic Support to Saugus as Subcommittee Endorses Host Community Agreement**

*Proposal now includes \$18.8 million to the Town along with enhanced environmental and community benefits*

**SAUGUS, MA – August 24, 2022** – Following a public hearing tonight and more than 20 months of discussion and deliberation, the WIN Waste Innovations (formerly Wheelabrator Technologies) Subcommittee voted to endorse the company's proposed Host Community Agreement (HCA), which provides significant economic, environmental and community benefits to the Town of Saugus.

The vote came after a public hearing where WIN Waste, responding to feedback from the subcommittee, announced that it would increase its direct-payment contribution to the Town under the HCA from \$15 million to \$18.8 million. The total value of the deal, including investments made by the company in capital improvements and environmental enhancements, is approximately \$30 million.

The HCA is a formal document that outlines benefits to both the Town and WIN Waste. If the Town approves it and the company is able to obtain the required permits, WIN Waste will continue operating the monofill on its existing footprint for 25 years, at which point it would close.

In addition to providing economic benefits, the HCA would reduce NOx and other emissions below the current permit limits, which are already protective of public health and the environment. The company would also install a stand-alone ambient NOx monitoring station in Saugus and request that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health update its 2016 health study.

"We are grateful for the subcommittee's hard work and thoughtful deliberations. Our dialogue has been a model of public-private cooperation, and we are confident the final agreement will benefit both the Town and our company," said WIN Waste Innovations Vice President Environmental James Connolly.

The subcommittee's vote is the first step in a multi-year process that will involve the Saugus Board of Selectmen, the Saugus Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

Under terms of the HCA, the Town would receive \$18.8 million, including a \$15 million lump-sum payment upon the company's receipt of permits to continue operating the monofill. How the funds are used would be determined by the Town.

WIN Waste is Saugus' largest taxpayer, at \$3 million annually. The company also partners with a wide variety of organizations, including schools, nonprofits, sports teams, veterans and senior citizens. The company recently launched a new web site – [www.winwastesaugus.com](http://www.winwastesaugus.com) – that highlights the Saugus operation as well as its extensive community involvement.

The WIN Waste facility in Saugus annually converts 400,000 tons of waste into renewable energy -- enough to power 20,000 homes. Waste-to-energy is endorsed by the EPA as the preferred method of disposal because it reduces the need for fossil fuels and eliminates long-haul trucking of waste to landfills. Residual ash from the waste-to-energy process is deposited into the monofill, which has a groundwater protection system that includes a barrier wall that is recognized by the MassDEP as the acceptable equivalent of a traditional liner.

WIN Waste is also an environmental steward that engages community volunteers and employees in protecting the planet. WIN Waste developed and continues to operate Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, a 370-acre wildlife that seamlessly co-exists with the adjacent waste-to-energy facility. One of the largest bird migration staging areas in Northeastern Massachusetts, Bear Creek serves as a habitat for more than 200 bird species and other wildlife. It recently earned Gold level designation, the highest certification afforded, from the Wildlife Habitat Council. In all, WIN Waste supports 250 community-based organizations on projects ranging from planting urban tree canopies in Baltimore to restoring sparrow nests at Bear Creek.

“Being a good corporate citizen is not incidental to what we do; it is integral to our mission, strategy and business,” said Connolly. “In every community in which we operate, our goal is to make it a better place to live, work and raise a family. We are committed to that goal, to the HCA process and to our relationship with Saugus.”

### **WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS**

WIN Waste Innovations is a sustainable waste management company committed to delivering essential waste management solutions to customers and communities supported by our team of 1,900 employees. We believe in preserving our environment for future generations while providing for today's needs. WIN Waste is a vertically integrated business with a platform of 50 strategically located collection, transfer and disposal assets. These include waste-to-energy facilities, transfer stations, ash monofills, landfills, and fleets of rail cars and collection vehicles. WIN Waste annually converts 6.7 million tons of waste into clean, renewable energy that powers 340,000 homes. WIN Waste recycles more than 234,000 tons of plastic, paper and metals from the waste stream. For more information, visit [www.win-waste.com](http://www.win-waste.com).

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