

## Fact Sheet: Host Community Agreement

On April 4, 2023, the Saugus Board of Selectmen voted to approve a Host Community Agreement with WIN Waste, contingent upon the company obtaining the necessary state and local permits to continue operating its ash monofill adjacent to the waste-to-energy facility.

Under the agreement, Saugus will receive significant economic and environmental benefits.

The economic benefits range from \$23 to \$34 million over the life of the 20-year agreement, depending on the investment required to obtain the permit. With a maximum of \$5 million in infrastructure costs, WIN would provide:

- A \$1 million payment to the Town within 30 days of obtaining final approvals to continue operating the monofill.
- No cost to the Town for municipal solid waste disposal for the life of the project (currently valued at \$900,000 annually and increasing by market rate for disposal fees).
- \$125,000 per year in annual host payments for the life of the operation (escalated by Consumer Price Index)
- Total annual revenue to Saugus of \$1.025 million per year (escalated by CPI).

Environmental benefits include WIN Waste:

- Reducing NOx and other emissions, *below current permit limits* that are already protective of public health and environment;
- Conducting optimization testing to determine levels of additional NOx reduction;
- Funding installation stand-alone ambient NOx monitoring station in Saugus;
- Requesting the Massachusetts Department of Public Health update its 2016 health study, which showed there were no unusual patterns of cancer in Saugus; and
- Providing additional funding for an independent third-party consultant to be chosen by the Town to inspect the waste-to-energy facility and monofill;
- Avoiding 9,600 tractor-trailer trips annually to transport ash off the site.

The Host Community Agreement ensures that if WIN Waste is allowed to continue operating the monofill, the Town will receive maximum benefits. There is no downside for the Town, which has never had a Host Community Agreement with the company, despite the operation of a waste-to-energy facility in Saugus for almost 50 years.