



## **The Future of Solid Waste Processing: The MRC's Proposed Fiberright Facility in Hampden**

For more than 25 years, the member communities of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), now numbering more than 180 cities and towns, have used the PERC waste-to-energy incinerator in Orrington to process their municipal solid waste (MSW). After 2018, the contracts that made the PERC relationship work will expire and PERC will no longer be an economically viable option for the MRC communities.

### **Innovative Technology to Recycle and Reuse MSW**

To prepare for 2018, the MRC has been working with Fiberright, a Virginia company which offers an innovative technology that will significantly increase the extraction of recyclables from the waste stream and then convert MSW into a usable product – biofuels.

- This new approach aligns closely with the **emphasis on recycling and reuse** in the state's solid waste hierarchy and in the MRC's mission to provide affordable, sustainable and long-term solutions.
- The University of Maine Engineering School is currently reviewing their technology to make sure it's a good fit for Maine.
- The MRC has secured an option on a location for this processing facility in Hampden in the "triangle" between I-95, the Cold Brook Road and the Ammo Industrial Park, an area which has been targeted for this kind of new facility in the town's economic development plans.
- This location fits well with Hampden's desire to develop this area with new commercial growth and that effort will be supported by MRC's construction of a nearly mile-long access road.
- This new plan **will not accept out-of-state waste and will not include a landfill component**. No waste would remain in Hampden longer than the short time required for the processing phase.

### **Benefits to the Town of Hampden as the Host Community**

The level of value ultimately made available to the town will have a correlation to the overall economic success of the project and would likely include, among others:

- **New property tax revenue.** Our current project has historically contributed over \$700,000 annually in property tax payments and is budgeted for 2015 at \$685,800.
- **New infrastructure for further development.** The MRC will build out new infrastructure expected to total more than \$2,000,000 which will support the town's economic development goals.
- **Reduced costs for MSW.** Currently, Hampden pays nearly \$200,000 in tip fees for disposal of its municipal solid waste.

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