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Date: July 17, 2009

TO: Chief Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officials,
Mid Connecticut Municipalities and
Members of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials

FROM: Melody A. Currey, Mayor, East Hartford and Chair, CRCOG Policy Board

RE: Regional Solid Waste Solutions

The purpose of this memo is to update our fellow Mid-Connecticut Solid Waste Agreement municipalities and those interested municipalities in the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials on efforts to identify options for a new regional approach to solid waste management once the current agreement with CRRA expires in 2012.

As has been mentioned in previous memos, CRCOG believes that municipalities may be able to achieve significant cost savings and other benefits by working together to forge a new regional approach to solid waste management. However, to do so it is imperative that we act together, and quickly, to define a vision and an approach.

As you know, CRCOG released a Request for Information (RFI) for Long Term Waste Transfer, Transportation, Disposal and Processing/Recycling Services on behalf of the 70 Mid-Connecticut municipalities in June 2009 following up on the regional solid waste study that we commissioned. We were fortunate to receive six detailed responses to this RFI before the July 8, 2009 deadline. These responses are being reviewed at the present time. We believe there are several viable options among these six and expect to be able to craft a solid Request for Proposals if that is the desired of the Mid-Conn and Northwest COG municipalities. We would appreciate you holding off any final decisions about your waste management for post-2012 this process has identified a preferred alternative.

For your information, we have attached a proposed press release to be sent next week to media outlets.

We appreciate your patience as we study the options and look forward to your continued involvement and support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Lyle Wray, CRCOG's Executive Director at lwray@crcog.org or (860) 522-2217 ext 232.
Thank you.