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Brooke DeBonis (West Pawlet, VT) Receives NRRA's VT Teacher Recycler of the Year Award

EPSOM, NH – The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), New Hampshire the Beautiful and NRRA's School Recycling CLUB presented Principal Brooke DeBonis of Mettawee Community School in W. Pawlet, VT with the VT Teacher Recycler of the Year Award at the 8th Annual School Recycling Conference on May 23, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH.

Principal DeBonis was nominated by NRRA Educator, Charen Fegard, who learned of her efforts to expand the school's role in the community, from sending extra food home with students on Fridays, to organizing an annual clothing swap for the students, to hosting summer meals, to partnering with Green Mountain College students for Earth Day events.

"We have been advocating and encouraging the Town & Gown alliance, where schools and towns partner to make the best use of their resources," said Michael Durfor, NRRA Executive Director. "Schools represent the 'community within the community' and Brooke's initiatives exemplify how schools can support and strengthen their ties with the town."

Nine awards in total were given out. For nomination details on each recipient, visit The School Recycling CLUB website www.schoolrecycling.net or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/school.recycling>

About NRRA School Recycling CLUB

The School Recycling CLUB is a non-profit group that assists schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. The CLUB is managed by NRRA. The CLUB offers school groups a chance to join a program that will help them promote or advance their efforts, network with other school groups, and stimulate school recycling, reducing waste and save energy. To learn more, visit www.schoolrecycling.net

About New Hampshire the Beautiful

New Hampshire the Beautiful (NHtB) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) Charitable Trust supported by members of the NH Soft Drink Association, the Beverage Distributors of New Hampshire Association and the New Hampshire Grocers Association. This collaborative effort by food and beverage companies has developed comprehensive programs to address, litter issues, recycling challenges, environmental awareness and education. To learn more, visit www.nhthebeautiful.org

About Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA)

Founded in 1981, NRRA provides a clearinghouse for current, up-to-date information and a source of technical and marketing assistance in the general areas of waste reduction and recycling. NRRA is a member driven organization made up of over 400 municipalities, individuals, and businesses in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Southern Maine. NRRA is a non-profit 501(c) organization. NRRA's School Recycling CLUB assists schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. To learn more visit www.NRRA.net.

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Principal Brooke DeBonis (center) accepts NRRRA's Vermont Teacher Recycler of the Year Award from NH the Beautiful Board Members (from left) Larry Melanson, John Dumais and Ray Dube on May 23, 2017 in Manchester, NH.