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Inaugural NH the Beautiful School Recycling Innovation Grant Presented to Inter-Lakes Elementary at NRRA Conference

EPSOM, NH – New Hampshire the Beautiful, Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) and NRRA's School Recycling CLUB presented the first annual NH the Beautiful School Recycling Innovation Grant to Inter-Lakes Elementary School at the 9th Annual School Recycling Conference on May 22, 2018 at the Manchester Downtown Hotel in Manchester, NH.

This year, NH the Beautiful made an additional commitment to school recycling education by establishing a \$500 School Recycling Innovation Grant. Schools were asked to submit an essay about how this grant could be used to enhance their recycling program. From the many worthy essays submitted, they ultimately selected the essay from Steven Watson of Inter-Lakes Elementary School.

Steve wrote a heart-felt essay (posted on our website [Awards Page](#)) about his Green Machine Recycling Team, who, under his direction, have been recycling for more than 10 years. He spoke with pride about the Inter-Lakes School District being recognized as one of the "greenest" districts in the State of NH, listing their solar panel array, energy efficient windows, and the auxiliary wood pellet boiler. The Elementary School has their own student-run greenhouse and composting shed.

This year, they teamed up with the High School's graphic arts department to create a Green Machine logo. Sadly, Steve is moving to another school next year and wanted to leave a legacy for his students. It was Steve's wish to use the \$500 grant to create Green Machine T-Shirts, purchase new work gloves and possibly a new rolling bin. NH the Beautiful agreed by issuing a \$500 check made out to the school.

"We are extremely pleased that NH the Beautiful has added this extra incentive for schools who may be struggling to finance and equip their recycling clubs," said Michael Durfor, NRRA Executive Director. "We look forward to awarding this grant on an annual basis."

A total of eleven awards were given out. For nomination details on each recipient, visit The School Recycling CLUB website www.schoolrecycling.net and click on the [2018 Conference](#) tab, or visit our 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, waste reduction and energy savings. 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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Steve Watson of Inter-Lakes Elementary School in Meredith, NH, receives First Annual School Recycling Innovation Grant from NH the Beautiful Board Members (from left) Joseph Bellavance III, Ray Dube, Larry Melanson and John Dumais on May 22, 2018 in Manchester, NH.