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## Wendy Berkeley Awarded for Outstanding Community Involvement at NRRA Conference

EPSOM, NH –Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), New Hampshire the Beautiful and NRRA's School Recycling CLUB presented Wendy Berkeley of the Somersworth Farm to School Program with the Outstanding Community Involvement Award at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Recycling Conference on May 22, 2018 at the Manchester Downtown Hotel in Manchester, NH.

Wendy was nominated by NRRA's Sarah McGraw, for her exemplary work with the Somersworth School District. According to staff at the Somersworth Middle School, "Wendy Berkeley captures what it means to be involved in a community ... When I think of Wendy, the words that come to my mind are forward-thinking, optimistic and persistent.

- **Forward-thinking:** Wendy had the vision to see both the need and potential for large-scale projects in the Somersworth community such as school gardens and school composting.
- **Optimistic:** Wendy believes in the power of people to make a difference and made the right choices. If you build it, they will come. Wendy was instrumental in the launching of our middle school composting program at Somersworth Middle School.
- **Persistent:** Wendy is willing to make all the calls, write all the emails and attend all the meetings necessary to see a project through. She is constantly thinking of new ways to expand and improve our current practices. Wendy has pulled together all of the people and resources necessary to make Somersworth a greener place for all of its residents."

"Wendy exemplifies what this award is all about - recognizing the difference that one person, with a vision, can make on an entire community," said Michael Durfor, NRRA Executive Director.

A total of eleven awards were given out. For nomination details on each recipient, visit The School Recycling CLUB website [www.schoolrecycling.net](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.NRRA.net).

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*Wendy Berkeley, of the Somersworth Farm to School Program, receives NRRA's Outstanding Community Involvement Award from Sarah McGraw of NRRA and NH the Beautiful Board Members (from left, rear) Joseph Bellavance III, Ray Dube, Larry Melanson and John Dumais on May 22, 2018 in Manchester, NH.*