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Fair Haven, VT Hosts USDA Funded Household Toxics Training

Fair Haven, VT – NRRA Grants Manager Cindy Sterling and NRRA School Program Special Project Manager Sarah McGraw traveled to Fair Haven, Vermont on September 19, 2018 to present the *Healthy Home, Clean Water* workshop as part of 2018 USDA Town and Gown grant outreach.

It was a beautiful fall afternoon as Cindy and Sarah set up their presentation at the Fair Haven Town Green. Students, community members, a police officer, and a member of the board of selectmen were present throughout the presentation and demonstration of household hazardous waste and personal care products. This workshop demonstrates why certain household chemicals and personal care products are hazardous to humans and the environment, as well as offer local solutions for proper disposal and use of alternative products. There were great questions and conversations throughout the event. As the presentation was set up in a public park, many passersby stopped to see what was going on. It was a great way to reach people who might not normally see this presentation.

The *Healthy Home, Clean Waters* presentation is available to interested communities and for school classrooms. Please email (theclub@nrra.net) or call if interested in this or any other educational programming offered by NRRA.

Special thanks to Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Administrator Pamela Lavoie Clapp for helping to arrange this presentation. Additional thanks to SWAC Board Member Bonnie Rosati for her on-site logistics and set up assistance. Generous funding from USDA Rural Development made this event possible.

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRA and NH the Beautiful. For students and teachers in grades K-12, The CLUB serves as a centralized organization to become more active in the world of recycling. The CLUB is a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction and networking possibilities for school recycling programs. For more information, visit www.schoolrecycling.net.

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. The 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 Club assists schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. To learn more visit www.nrra.net. NRRA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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PHOTO 1: NRRA Grant Manager Cindy Sterling (left) and Educator Sarah McGraw (right) set up their Healthy Home/Clean Waters presentation in the Fair Haven Town Green. (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 2: A variety of toxic cleaners and non-toxic alternatives on display at Fair Haven Town Green. (NRRA photo)