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\$500 NH the Beautiful School Recycling Innovation Grant Presented to Dunbarton Elementary School at NRRA Conference

EPSOM, NH – New Hampshire the Beautiful, Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) and NRRA's School Recycling CLUB presented the second annual NH the Beautiful School Recycling Innovation Grant to Dunbarton Elementary School at the 10th Annual School Recycling Conference on May 21, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel in Manchester, NH.

Schools were asked to submit an essay about how the \$500 grant could be used to enhance their recycling program. From the many worthy essays submitted, they ultimately selected the essay from Principal Owen Harrington of Dunbarton Elementary School.

Principal Harrington submitted an essay (posted on our website [Awards Page](#)) about his school's ROOTS Garden Club. Founded by parents and community members five years ago, the ROOTS Garden Club started by diverting their food waste into a simple composting program used as part of the elementary curriculum. Unfortunately, a porcupine took up residence which limited their effectiveness.

They want to use the grant to set up an enclosed composting program, create a school community announcement on how to compost effectively and develop a composting science curriculum with the help of UNH Cooperative Extension. Ultimately, the students will follow their "waste" full circle – food waste to compost to garden to cafeteria.

NH the Beautiful felt this was a worthy use of their grant. "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 nine awards were given out. For nomination details on each recipient, visit The School Recycling CLUB website www.schoolrecycling.net and click on the [2019 Conference Awards](#) tab, or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/school.recycling>

About NRRA's School Recycling CLUB

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a non-profit group that assists K-12 schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. The CLUB is managed by NRRA. CLUB membership 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 saving 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)

Since 1981, NRRA has acted 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.



Teachers from Dunbarton Elementary School in Dunbarton, NH, receive \$500 School Recycling Innovation Grant from NH the Beautiful Board Members (from left) Heidi Virta (5th Grade Teacher), Larry Melanson, Lois Wicklow (3rd Grade Teacher) and John Dumais on May 21, 2019 in Manchester, NH.