

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET RECYCLING / SOLID WASTE PLANNING SERVICES

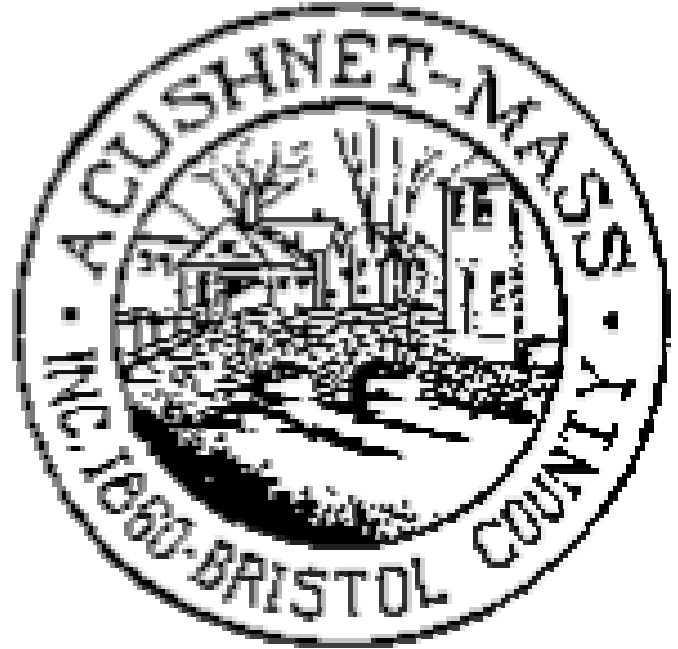
Acushnet, Massachusetts

### CLIENT:

Town of Acushnet, MA

### PROJECT FEATURES:

- Comprehensive evaluation of existing collection and disposal contracts for solid waste and recycling.
- Analysis of implementing a unit-based pricing system
- Waste characterization studies; including waste generation and recycling rates
- Economic evaluation
- Recommendations for mitigating increased costs associated with solid waste services



Through the Massachusetts-funded recycling grant program, ARI was contracted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate the municipal solid waste and recycling programs for the Town of Acushnet. A marked increase in the proposed cost for solid waste collection prompted the Town to request this planning assistance.

ARI evaluated the Town's existing solid waste and recycling collection programs and their related service contracts. An independent economic analysis of collection costs was conducted. ARI also evaluated the Town's existing disposal contract with SEMASS in addition to their recycling contracts.

ARI conducted a waste characterization study and developed material-specific recycling rates for the Town. In addition, an economic analysis of implementing a unit-based pricing system, specifically a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) system was conducted. Waste generation, recycling rates, and timeframes associated with implementing a PAYT program were also analyzed.

ARI submitted a report providing options to the Town for improving the economics and/or recycling rates associated with implementing their solid waste program.

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