



Beyond the Curb...



A Message From ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio

Dear Members:

First, I thank Mark Vangieri for taking on the responsibility to publish our new electronic newsletter. We have chosen this format to make distribution more environmentally friendly and economical.

2005 was a busy and productive year for ANJR. We met with former Commissioner Campbell of the DEP to ask him to sign the State Solid Waste Management Plan revisions, as well as to express our opinion that recycling didn't appear to be a top priority at the DEP. From that meeting came the Reinvigorating Recycling Initiative and the continuing work groups. We were successful in having a bill introduced by Assemblyman John McKeon (D-Essex) and Senator Bob Smith (D-Middlesex) that will provide much-needed funding to support county and municipal recycling programs. Our symposium was the most successful we have ever had, and our membership has increased with new business and government members.

Again, all in all it was a productive year.

In closing, we can't rest on our successes in 2006, because the bill still needs to be passed and we will need continuing support financially and through your calls and letters to the legislature. We need to increase our membership – ANJR is the non-profit, non-partisan network whose mission is to serve as the voice of recycling in New Jersey – we must include all voices of recycling to keep ANJR strong, viable and representative.

I wish you all a good year.

Recycling Enhancement Bill Advances

On January 30, 2006, the Senate Environment Committee voted to refer the Recycling Enhancement Bill (S-557) to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

S-557 was pre-filed on January 10 as the 2006 substitute for S265, which was not released from committee during the last legislative session.

In the 2005 session, Senator Bob Smith (D-Middlesex) introduced Senate Bill S265, and Assemblyman John McKeon (D-Essex) introduced its companion, Assembly Bill A-4075.

Included in the Recycling Enhancement Act is a \$3-per-ton recycling tax on solid waste generated, in order to provide financial support to municipalities and counties for recycling programs. The tax will generate as much as 33 million dollars each year; 60% of those funds will be set aside for municipalities as tonnage grants, 30% for counties and 10% for the NJDEP.

The bill also states that "to remain eligible for a direct recycling grant,...a municipality or county...shall submit an annual recycling tonnage report" that "has been signed by a certified recycling coordinator (CRC)." In addition, the bill specifies that each municipality must designate a municipal certified recycling coordinator (CRC) who "shall have completed the requirements of a course of instruction in various aspects of recycling program management..." within 24 months of the effective date of the public law. The bill has to go before two committees in the Assembly, and also before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee before it can be voted upon; therefore, some parts of the bill may be changed or amended.

To keep up-to-date on the bill, visit www.anjr.com.

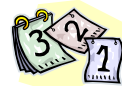
A Silver Celebration, the 25th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown, NJ, October 18, 2005

ANJR Board member Wayne DeFeo received the 2005 ANJR REX Award in recognition of the outstanding contributions he has made to recycling in NJ. Also, for the fourth year in a row, a number of elementary school students were honored for their poems that focused on recycling. In addition, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were given:

- **Large Business** - Panasonic.
- **Municipal Recycling Coordinator** - Nancy Mason, Belvidere.
- **Outreach/Media** - Middlesex County Improvement Authority and Monmouth County Planning Board.
- **Recycling Industry** - Ocean County Materials Processing Facility.
- **Small Business** - Basil Bandwagon Natural Mark.
- **Commissioner's Award** - Cumberland Farms and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.



REX recipient Wayne DeFeo (center) accepts the award. Pictured with him from left to right are ANJR Executive Director Marie Kruzan, Chief of the NJDEP Bureau of Recycling and Planning Guy Watson, ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio and ANJR Board member Ann Moore.



2006 Calendar of Events

- March 22-23 - Recycling Non-Traditional Items, Ocean County**
- March 29 - ANJR Annual Meeting, Burlington EcoComplex**
- April 21 - Compost Operator Certification Course, New Brunswick**
- April 27-28 - Recycling Collection Techniques, site to be determined**
- May 17- Recycling Public Policy, New Brunswick**
- June 22-23 - Recycling Case Studies and Problem Solving, New Brunswick**
- October 18 - Annual Recycling Symposium and Luncheon, Eatontown Sheraton**
- Fall - Recycling Practice and Theory, New Brunswick**
- December 7-8 - Enhancing Public Communication Skills, Somerset County.**

GUIDELINES FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONALS

The Recertification Process

A Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) is required to document attendance at a **minimum** of 12 hours of continuing education each year to maintain CRP status. The purpose of the recertification requirements is to ensure that CRPs continually update their skills and knowledge in technical, regulatory and managerial areas of recycling, which will supplement and expand on material presented in the core Recycling Certification Series courses.

It is the responsibility of each CRP to maintain a record of the continuing education forums attended and to forward that information to the Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) when the CRP has fulfilled the requirements for recertification. A recertification tracking form must be returned to OCPE by January 31 to document recertification efforts during the prior year. No reminder notices will be sent. Copies of the recertification tracking form are available directly from OCPE.

Potential Sources of Recertification Credits

Recertification credits can be obtained through a number of different forums, providing that the requirements for obtaining approval of these programs for use as recertification credits have been met. Potential sources of credits include:

- ◆ Recycling Certification Series courses offered by OCPE and/or ANJR.
- ◆ ANJR quarterly meetings or other programs.
- ◆ County-sponsored meetings for municipal recycling coordinators (formal, scheduled meetings with agendas and speakers that have received prior approval for use as recertification credits).
- ◆ Programs related to recycling sponsored by the Solid Waste Management Association of North America (SWANA), the US EPA, or NJDEP.
- ◆ Programs given by other agencies or organizations that have been approved for recertification credits by the Recycling Advisory Committee.

Recertification credits will not be granted for courses on regulatory compliance topics such as health and safety training or defensive driving. Credits also will not be awarded for any program that fails to secure approval prior to the start of the program.

Working within these guidelines will ensure that the New Jersey Recycling Certification Series maintains its status as one of the most comprehensive and respected recycling/solid waste training programs in the country. For more information, or information regarding the procedure for approval of programs for recertification credits, contact Carol Broccoli of OCPE at (732) 932-9271 ext. 618 or via e-mail at broccoli@cook.rutgers.edu.



The 2005 CRP Graduating Class



ANJR REX Award Recipients

Standing (l. to r.): Dominick D’Altilio (2001), Albert Fralinger, III (2004), Dennis DeMatte, Jr. (2002), Wayne DeFeo (2005), Anthony Giordano, Sr. (1998), Ronald Hutchinson (1996). Seated (l. to r.): Kathleen Hourihan (2003), Virginia Lamb (2000), Penny Jones (1997), Nancy Paquette (1995), Ann Moore (1994). Not pictured: Linda Hardy (1999).



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