

## VTPSC PARTNERS

### Pledge of Support

The **Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC)** is a coalition of cities, counties, solid waste districts and alliances in Vermont that operates as an unincorporated association of members and is comprised of a General Council and Steering Committee.

**Mission:** The mission of the VTPSC is to work together and with other governments, businesses and nonprofit groups to integrate the principles of product stewardship into the policy and economic structures of Vermont. The Vermont Product Stewardship Council works to shift Vermont's product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

**Product Stewardship:** Product Stewardship or Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a product-centered approach to environmental protection that calls on all those in the product life cycle – designers, manufacturers, retailers, users and waste managers to share responsibility and costs for reducing the adverse environmental impacts of products. The greatest responsibility lies with the producers who have the most ability to affect the lifecycle environmental impacts of the product through product design and marketing. Product stewardship holds producers liable for the costs of responsibly managing their products at end of life.

### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the VTPSC are to:

- Develop and recommend product stewardship policies and educational tools to organizations, institutions, governments, state legislatures and legislators.
- Provide effective leadership on product stewardship initiatives in the region.
- Coordinate or participate in product stewardship initiatives locally, regionally and nationally.
- Educate elected officials and other decision makers on the benefits of product stewardship.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information regarding existing and proposed EPR programs.

**General Council Members:** VTPSC Members consist of cities, counties, solid waste districts and alliances or other local government bodies that provide funding and/or staff time to VTPSC activities and projects and commit staff time to attend VTPSC meetings.

**Steering Committee Members:** Members of the VTPSC Steering Committee are general council members that make up the voting member body of the Council. Members of the steering committee provide funding and/or staff time to VTPSC activities and projects and commit staff time to attend VTPSC meetings. Members of the 2008 VTPSC steering committee are Chittenden Solid Waste District, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District, Mad River Resource Management Alliance, Rutland County Solid Waste District, Addison County Solid Waste Management District, Solid Waste Alliance Communities, Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District and Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

**Partners:** VTPSC Partners are local, state, regional and federal government agencies, businesses and nonprofit groups and other associations that support the VTPSC mission and product stewardship principles. Partners can participate in any of the subcommittee projects and programs.

## Partner Pledge of Support

The undersigned supports the VTPSC mission and the Product Stewardship Principles (Appendix A).

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Name**

**Title**

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**Organization**

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I am signing up as an:

Individual

Organization

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