

Town of Bradley



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Dear Ms. Churchill

Please accept this letter as comment regarding the MRC and Fiberight application DEP #S-022458-WK-A-N. The Town Council has authorized me to send this document as a letter of support for the project.

The Town of Bradley officials believe that the general premise to remove high value material from the MSW stream to produce a useable product, is a very worthwhile alternative to current disposal methods. In addition the reduction of landfill disposal and a plant operation that depends on solid waste that is only generated in the State of Maine is a huge benefit. This disposal method will offer taxpayers an opportunity to pay for MSW disposal at a reasonable rate while protecting our environment.

The Town of Bradley is excited to be part of an innovate approach to solid waste disposal. The Town, like many others in the State, have struggled to keep solid waste costs down and enhance recycling efforts. The development of the Fiberight facility allows for municipalities to increase their recycling efforts, and decrease solid waste disposal. It is our understanding that our recycled material will be a desired commodity that can be disposed of at a much lower tip fee than MSW. Perhaps taxpayers will become educated in the process and recycling disposal will one day be greater than solid waste disposal, a direct goal of Maine's Solid Waste Management Hierarchy.

It is very clear that MRC Communities cannot rely on PERC operation past 2018. From the start of the process for consideration of municipal solid waste management after 2018, MRC has been completely forthcoming. Their confidence in the Fiberight project is demonstrated at each informational meeting; all comments and questions are addressed in a thoughtful and meaningful manner. The Town of Bradley has relied on the expertise from MRC since its implementation. This reliance has been a success and a necessity. We ask that the application before you be approved so that the MRC may continue to do the work that they are known for.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Doane
Town Manager

cc: Bradley Town Council
Greg Louder, Municipal Review Committee