

# Materials Exchanges for Managing Reusable Materials



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# Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Working with 10 NE states on source reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, green purchasing
- NERC States – CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT



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# History of Materials Exchanges

30 & 40s - Resource Scarcity

70s - Eco Awareness - Exchanges Resurged

80s - The Stall (RCRA/HazMat)

90s - The Comeback

(Residential & Business Exchanges)



# Problem: Reusable Materials Wind Up in the Waste Stream

42% GHG  
Emissions\*



Wasted  
Resources



\* Source: GHG Emissions: 2006 Systems View

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# Present Day Exchanges

- Exchanges need greater visibility
- Exchange Websites need to be more user-friendly and secure
- Exchanges need to work together to raise profile of reuse



# Reuse Marketplace Project

- EPA-funded Pilot Project
- Network 8 Exchanges' listings to one site
- [www.reusemarketplace.org](http://www.reusemarketplace.org)  
(Soon to be launched)
- National Exchange Network



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# Participant Exchanges

- CT – CT Material Trader
- FL – SWIX Waste eXchange
- MA – MA Materials Exchange
- MA - EcoStar Exchange



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# Participant Exchanges Cont

- NC – C&D Material Trader
- NY – C&D Material Trader
- RI - Rhode Island Resource Xchange
- VT - Vermont Business Materials Exchange (VBMX)



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