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**Environment Committee Public Hearing
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Testimony on behalf of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
Submitted by Cheryl D. Reedy, Director
In Support of SB 828 – An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program**

For the record my name is Cheryl Reedy. I am the Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA). Thank you Chairman Meyer, Chairman Roy, Ranking Member McKinney, Ranking Member Chapin and members of the Environment Committee for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of SB 828, An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program on behalf of HRRRA and its eleven member municipalities, i.e. the City of Danbury and the Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield and Sherman.

Win-Win Legislation

The paint product stewardship legislation is one of those rare bills that is a win-win. It has the support of the paint industry, recycling and environmental organizations as well as municipal and regional organizations representing more than 80% of Connecticut's municipalities and CCM. (See the attached list of supporters and map.) The paint product stewardship program will save municipalities and property taxpayers money and increase paint recycling and reuse. It will make it easier and more convenient for consumers to properly dispose of leftover paint. And it will have no cost to the State. Legislation that saves money for towns, has no cost to the State, improves recycling, and provides greater convenience for consumers is the definition of win-win legislation.

Problem to be Addressed

Managing unused and unwanted leftover paint in an environmentally responsible manner is a problem in Connecticut. An estimated 880,000 gallons of paint go unused in the State each year. Only 18% of that volume, mostly oil-based paint, finds its way each year to one of the household hazardous waste (HHW) collections sponsored by and paid for by municipalities (and their taxpayers) throughout the State.

Despite the fact that latex paint can be recycled, there is currently no site in the State where consumers can drop off leftover latex paint for recycling. We advise our residents to take the lid off latex paint cans, mix the leftover paint with kitty litter or speedi-dry, and then put the dried paint into the regular garbage. It is a messy and bothersome process that only the committed complete. And it unnecessarily adds to the volume of solid waste disposed of in the State.

Paint disposal accounts for about 40% of the \$150,000 cost for the four HHW collections offered to residents in the HRRRA region each year. It costs local taxpayers about \$4.50 per gallon to dispose of paint brought to our HHW collections. If relieved of the cost of paint disposal at HHW collections through the program this legislation would establish, our member municipalities would save \$150,000 each year or could choose to hold additional HHW collections, increasing convenience and accessibility for residents.

Product Stewardship Concept

Product stewardship, such as that found in the State's electronics recycling law, is a policy that ensures that all those involved in the lifecycle of a product share responsibility for reducing its health and environmental impacts, including its end of life management. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on product stewardship can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability. The paint product stewardship initiative is consistent with the CT Solid Waste Management Plan which says, in part, "Solid waste management efforts in Connecticut will be guided by the principle of shared responsibility or "product stewardship".

Benefits of Paint Product Stewardship Legislation

The paint product stewardship law proposed would require paint manufacturers to create, finance and manage an environmentally sound, non-profit paint stewardship program, including strategies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse of post-consumer paint, and to collect, transport and process post-consumer paint for end-of-life management through reuse, recycling, energy recovery or disposal. The program would be paid for through a small stewardship fee added to the price of each container of paint sold in the State. The cost of proper end-of-life management of paint through the paint stewardship program will be less than 25% of the current cost for disposal of paint through property taxpayer financed HHW collections.

Addressing Questions About the Bill

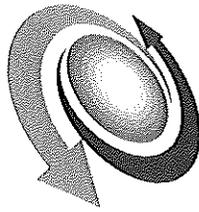
Last year some legislators suggested the bill could wait because its implementation date is in 2013. Please note that Sec. 2 (a)(1) says that the paint producers' representative organization must have its plan ready **no later than** March 1, 2013. The American Coatings Association has committed to implement the CT legislation as soon as possible after passage. But, experience in Oregon has shown that it can take as long as two years to create the organization, develop the plan and set up the processes for the program to work cooperatively with volunteer retailers and municipalities. Failure to pass the bill this year simply pushes the possible implementation date out to 2014 or beyond.

Other legislators have asked about the cost to consumers. While the exact cost in CT can't be known until the program is developed here, the fees in Oregon turned out to be minimal. Containers of ½ pint or less have no fee. For more than a ½ pint up to one gallon the fee is \$.35 per container. For one gallon the fee is \$.75 per container. And for over one gallon and up to five gallons, the fee is \$1.60 per container. There will always be a cost for the proper end of life management for paint. The real question is who should pay that cost – paint users or all property taxpayers?

Importance to HRRAs and Other CT Municipalities/Regions

Eight regional hazwaste/solid waste agencies representing a majority of the State's municipalities jointly contributed \$10,000 to the Product Stewardship Institute to support the national dialogue among state and local governments and the American Coatings Association, a dialogue that eventually resulted in a consensus program that all could support. Connecticut has earned the opportunity to be one of the early roll out states for what will eventually be a national program. Oregon was first, passing legislation two years ago, and California followed suit last fall. Connecticut and Vermont are next in line for early roll out, and **there are a number of other states clamoring to take Connecticut's place if we do not pass paint stewardship legislation this year.**

In addition to this testimony from HRRAs, I am pleased to present for the record testimony and letters of support from the Product Stewardship Institute, the CT Recyclers Coalition, the Bristol Resources Recovery Operating Committee, the CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency, the Town of Hamden, Town of Mansfield, City of Middletown, and the Borough of Naugatuck. We all ask for the Committee's support of SB 828. Thank you!



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February 9, 2011

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RE: Support for SB 828 An Act Establishing A Paint Stewardship Program

Dear Chairman Roy:

The Product Stewardship Institute, Inc. (PSI) is a national non-profit environmental institute with membership from 46 state governments, 200 local governments, and over 70 corporate, organizational, academic, and non-U.S. government partners. The Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority and Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee have been full members since 2007, and the state was a founding member since 2000. Over the past eight years, PSI has led a national dialogue to develop a collaborative solution to the paint management dilemma, working closely with paint manufacturers, retailers, painting contractors, recyclers, and government officials, including those in Connecticut. SB 828 is consistent with the model developed by this group, and which became law in Oregon in July 2009 and in California in September 2010.

About 10 percent of paint purchased becomes leftover, resulting in an estimated 880,000 gallons of leftover paint per year in Connecticut. Currently, local governments are spending up to \$700,000 each year to manage a portion of this paint. However, if all leftover latex and oil-based paint were to be managed properly through household hazardous waste collections, it would cost local governments in Connecticut up to \$7 million per year. SB 828 has the potential to save local governments millions of dollars each year. Unfortunately, most leftover paint is currently disposed of in the garbage despite the efforts of local governments. In addition, household hazardous waste collections are only offered seasonally and not in all parts of the state. SB 828 would establish a statewide, convenient, paint collection program for all Connecticut residents and businesses.

Oregon, which has the country's first paint stewardship bill, is already experiencing savings for state and local governments. Connecticut municipalities can realize similar savings while greatly expanding opportunities for the safe management of leftover paint.

PSI strongly urges you to support SB 828, the Act Establishing A Paint Stewardship Program.

Sincerely,

Scott Cassel
Executive Director/Founder

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**Testimony regarding HB 828 , An Act
Establishing a Paint Stewardship Pilot Program**

Dear Esteemed Legislators,

The Connecticut Recyclers asks you to support SB 828, An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Pilot Program. This bill creates a product stewardship framework for the recovery of unused paint. This legislation is a win-win in that it shifts the financial burden away from taxpayers while improving the opportunities for protecting our environment. Please pass SB 828.

This bill will save money. The paint industry is stepping up to the plate and offering to cover the cost for disposal of post-consumer paint. This cost is normally born by the municipalities, more than \$600,000 in 2008 alone. Through this producer responsibility framework citizens will have one less bill to pay.

This bill will protect the environment. By establishing a producer responsibility framework it will allow more communities to collect paint at no taxpayer expense. This will increase the ease with which do-it-yourselfers and businesses recycle their paint, keeping it out of the trash and our environment.

Please pass SB 828. It is the ideal piece of legislation in a year when we all need to cut expenses while advancing our environmental goals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CJ May
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President



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Burlington Dear CPSC:

Hartland The purpose of this letter is to express our support for legislation creating a paint
Meriden product stewardship program in Connecticut. Paint disposal is a significant
Morris hazardous waste expense for our region, and the paint initiative, SB 828, will
significantly reduce these costs.

New Britain Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of
Plainville managing their products. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on
Plymouth producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive
improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

Prospect We understand that the proposed paint product stewardship legislation is supported
Seymour by municipalities, solid waste regions, household hazardous waste programs, DEP,
Southington CCM, the CT Recyclers Coalition, the Sierra Club, as well as paint producers and
small retailers. It is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental
impacts of paint disposal. Please add our name to the growing list of those who
support passage of paint stewardship legislation in 2011.

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February 8, 2011

Connecticut Product Stewardship Council
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Dear CPSC:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for SB 828, legislation establishing a paint stewardship program in Connecticut. Paint disposal is the largest household hazardous waste expense for our regions towns, and the paint initiative will significantly reduce these costs.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

We understand that the proposed paint product stewardship legislation is supported by municipalities, solid waste regions, household hazardous waste programs, DEP, CCM, the CT Recyclers Coalition, the Sierra Club, as well as paint producers and small retailers. It is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental impacts of paint disposal. Please add our name to the growing list of those who support passage of paint stewardship legislation in 2011.

Sincerely,


Linda Krause
Executive Director
Ct River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

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Connecticut Product Stewardship Council
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Dear CPSC:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Town of Mansfield's support for SB 828, legislation establishing a paint stewardship program in Connecticut. The bulk of the material brought to the regional Mid-NEROC hazardous waste facility is unused paint. Paint disposal is the largest household hazardous waste expense for our town, and the paint initiative will significantly reduce these costs.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

We understand that the proposed paint product stewardship legislation is supported by other municipalities, solid waste regions, household hazardous waste programs, DEP, CCM, the CT Recyclers Coalition, the Sierra Club, as well as paint producers and small retailers. It is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental impacts of paint disposal. Please add our name to the growing list of those who support passage of paint stewardship legislation in 2011.

Sincerely,

Virginia Walton
Mansfield Recycling Coordinator

Cc: Matt Hart, Town Manager
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**Environment Committee Hearing
Monday, February 9, 2011**

**Testimony in support of SB 828
An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program**

**Testimony on behalf of the Town of Hamden
Submitted by Pamela Roach, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator,
member of the CT Product Stewardship Council and
Board member of the CT Recyclers Coalition.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in favor of SB 828, An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program.

The proposed Paint Stewardship Program provides for a more convenient and accessible means for collection and recycling of both oil based and latex paints. There are more than 740,000 gallons of paint that go unused in CT each year. It is estimated that the industry, for less than 25% of the current cost per can, can handle both current and additional materials through this program. Given these facts, this bill will save taxpayers money and increase paint recycling.

The Town of Hamden is a member of the Regional Water Authority's HazWaste Central Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (HWC). Oil based paint disposal accounts for ~50% of HWC's waste disposal expenses. Currently, The Town of Hamden spends ~\$43,000 per year as a member of HWC. This bill would reduce Hamden's HWC expenses by ~\$10,000 per year.

There are currently no sites in Connecticut that collect latex paint for recycling. Residents are forced to dry out their latex paint and dispose of it in their regular garbage. It is estimated that there is twice the amount of unused latex paint that is being disposed of in the regular garbage versus the amount of oil-based paint needing proper disposal. Given the fact that at this time all of the unused latex paint is being put into the regular garbage and only about 18% of the unused oil based paint is being properly disposed of at this time, we would expect Hamden's Municipal Solid Waste Disposal costs to noticeably decrease.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. We hope to have your support for this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Environment Committee Public Hearing Wednesday February 9, 2011

*Testimony in support of SB 828 An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Pilot Program
Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, City of Middletown*

Thank you for the opportunity to support of SB 828 An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Pilot Program. As a member of the CT Product Stewardship Council, the City of Middletown is pleased to support this legislation.

This Paint Stewardship bill will move the State forward in developing more producer responsibility programs which offer stable financing and sound environmental management of waste products. Similar to the State's recent e-waste law, this bill will allow manufacturers to play a role in developing and financing a sound waste disposal program.

This bill is estimated to save CT municipalities over \$600,000 AND offer more opportunities for residents to dispose and recycle these products. Currently,

- only 18% of unused paint is brought to HHW collections each year;
- only oil based paint is accepted at HHW collections; latex paint must be dried out with kitty litter or sand, and put into the regular garbage;
- there are no sites that collect latex paint for recycling in CT;
- paint accounts for 30-50% of all municipal HHW collection costs.

The Paint Stewardship Program will:

- Save towns and taxpayers money; the city of Middletown spends \$15,000 a year on HHW collections. With this proposal, we expect costs to drop and we expect MSW costs to drop due to less paint being dumped in the garbage;

- Increase recycling and collection of paint; currently the City only offers one collection in Middletown; residents can attend other collections in the spring and fall sponsored by MDC; this proposal will increase opportunities to dispose paint products and encourage people not to dump it in the garbage;
- Increase the types of products that can be collected and recycled;
- Promote producer responsibility of waste paint products;
- Make the collection and disposal of this paint more economical than it currently is. The industry estimates that it can handle current and additional materials for less than 25% of the current cost per can.

Currently only a small percentage of oil based paints are brought back to HHW collections and latex paint does not get recycled. Our advice to folks here in Middletown is to dry latex paint out and dispose of it with the regular garbage.

This proposal will move the State forward in achieving creative, innovation solutions to waste management. All stakeholders will play a role to reduce waste, control costs and increase recycling. The absolutely wonderful part of this bill, is that it has the support of the paint industry, recycling and environmental groups, as well as numerous regional organizations and municipal governments. The Paint Stewardship Program will save taxpayers money, increase paint recycling and do it more effectively and economically than it is now being done.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. We hope to have your support for this proposal.

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NAUGATUCK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

February 7, 2011

Connecticut Product Stewardship Council
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Dear CPSC:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for legislation creating a paint product stewardship program in Connecticut. As the coordinator of Naugatuck's household hazardous waste program I find that paint disposal is one of the largest expenses for our town, and the paint initiative will significantly reduce these costs. Latex paint isn't considered hazardous waste but residents of Naugatuck find the disposal directives of drying out to be onerous and the subsequent disposal costs add to our solid waste expenses.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products rather than the local taxpayers. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

I believe that the proposed paint product stewardship legislation supported by municipalities, solid waste regions, household hazardous waste programs, DEP, CCM, the CT Recyclers Coalition, the Sierra Club, as well as paint producers and small retailers is a perfect example of cooperation. It is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental impacts of paint disposal. Please add my name supporting passage of SB828 in 2011.

Sincerely,

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Who Supports the CT Product Stewardship Paint Initiative?

- **American Coatings Association (ACA)** – national non-profit trade association representing the paint and coatings industry, including architectural paint manufacturers
- **Product Stewardship Institute (PSI)** - national non-profit membership-based organization that works with state and local government agencies to partner with manufacturers, retailers, environmental groups, federal agencies, and other key stakeholders to reduce the health and environmental impacts of consumer products.
- **CT Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** – state, regional and local government representatives and other interested stakeholders organized to explore and raise awareness of product stewardship as an important tool to reduce solid waste and increase recycling.
- **Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)**
- **Sierra Club of Connecticut**
- **Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC)**
- **Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**
- **Regional governmental organizations representing more than 80% of CT municipalities:**
 - **HazWaste Central**– representing the municipalities of Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Fairfield, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Wallingford and Woodbridge
 - **South Central CT Regional Water Authority**- representing the municipalities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Killingworth, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Prospect, Seymour, West Haven and Woodbridge.
 - **Sharon/Salisbury Resources Recovery Authority**
 - **CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA)** – representing the municipalities of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook
 - **Southeast CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA)**– representing the municipalities of Colchester, East Haddam, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington and Waterford
 - **Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee**– representing the municipalities of Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Meriden, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Southington and Wolcott
 - **Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee** - representing the Tunxis municipalities above as well as Branford, Hartland, Morris, Seymour, Warren and Washington
 - **Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)** – representing the municipalities of Ansonia, Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Cromwell, Derby, Durham, East Granby, East Hampton, East Hartford, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Granby, Hartford, Middlefield, Middletown, Newington, Portland, Rocky Hill, Seymour, Simsbury, South Windsor, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks
 - **Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA)** – representing the municipalities of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman
 - **Capitol Region East Operating Committee (CREOC)** – representing the municipalities of Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Somers, Stafford and Vernon
 - **Mid Northeast Recycling Operating Committee (MidNEROC)** – representing the municipalities of Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Mansfield, Tolland, Union, Willington and Windham
 - **CT Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA)** – managing solid waste and/or recyclables for 110 CT municipalities
 - **Towns/Cities:** Bethel, Brookfield, Hamden, Kent, Middletown, Mansfield, Naugatuck, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Sherman, and more every day.

The two COGS below supported the legislation last year; but, due to bad weather, have not been able to meet and formally vote on their support again this year.

- *Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and Northwest CT Council of Governments – representing the municipalities of Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Canaan, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Warren, Washington and Torrington*
- *Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (CNVCOG) – representing the municipalities of Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown and Woodbury*

Connecticut Product Stewardship Paint Initiative

The Problem

- 10% of all paint purchased is leftover.
- More than 880,000 gallons of paint go unused in CT each year.
- Oil-based paint should be disposed of as household hazardous waste (HHW).
- Only 18% of unused paint is brought to HHW collections in CT each year.
- Municipalities annually pay \$700,000 to collect and dispose of this 18% as HHW.
- Paint accounts for 30-50% of all municipal HHW collection costs.
- Disposal of paint as HHW costs about \$4.50/gallon in CT.
- Cost of paint disposal at HHW events is borne by municipal taxpayers.
- Latex paint can be recycled, and has great potential for viable markets.
- There are no sites in CT for consumers to drop off latex paint for recycling.

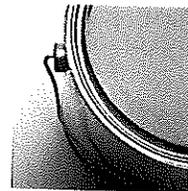
The Solution

A paint product stewardship law for CT requiring paint manufacturers to create, finance and manage an environmentally sound, cost-effective paint stewardship program, including strategies and plans to:

- ◆ reduce the generation of postconsumer paint,
- ◆ promote the reuse of postconsumer paint,
- ◆ collect, transport and process postconsumer paint for end-of-life management through reuse, recycling, energy recovery or disposal.

Who Pays and Who Doesn't?

- Paint manufacturers finance program with a stewardship fee added to the price for each container of paint sold in the State.
- Fee will be less than 25% of current \$4.50/gallon HHW disposal cost.
- Annual municipal budget savings throughout the state estimated at \$700,000.
- No fiscal impact to the State. Net positive fiscal impact for municipalities.



The Benefits

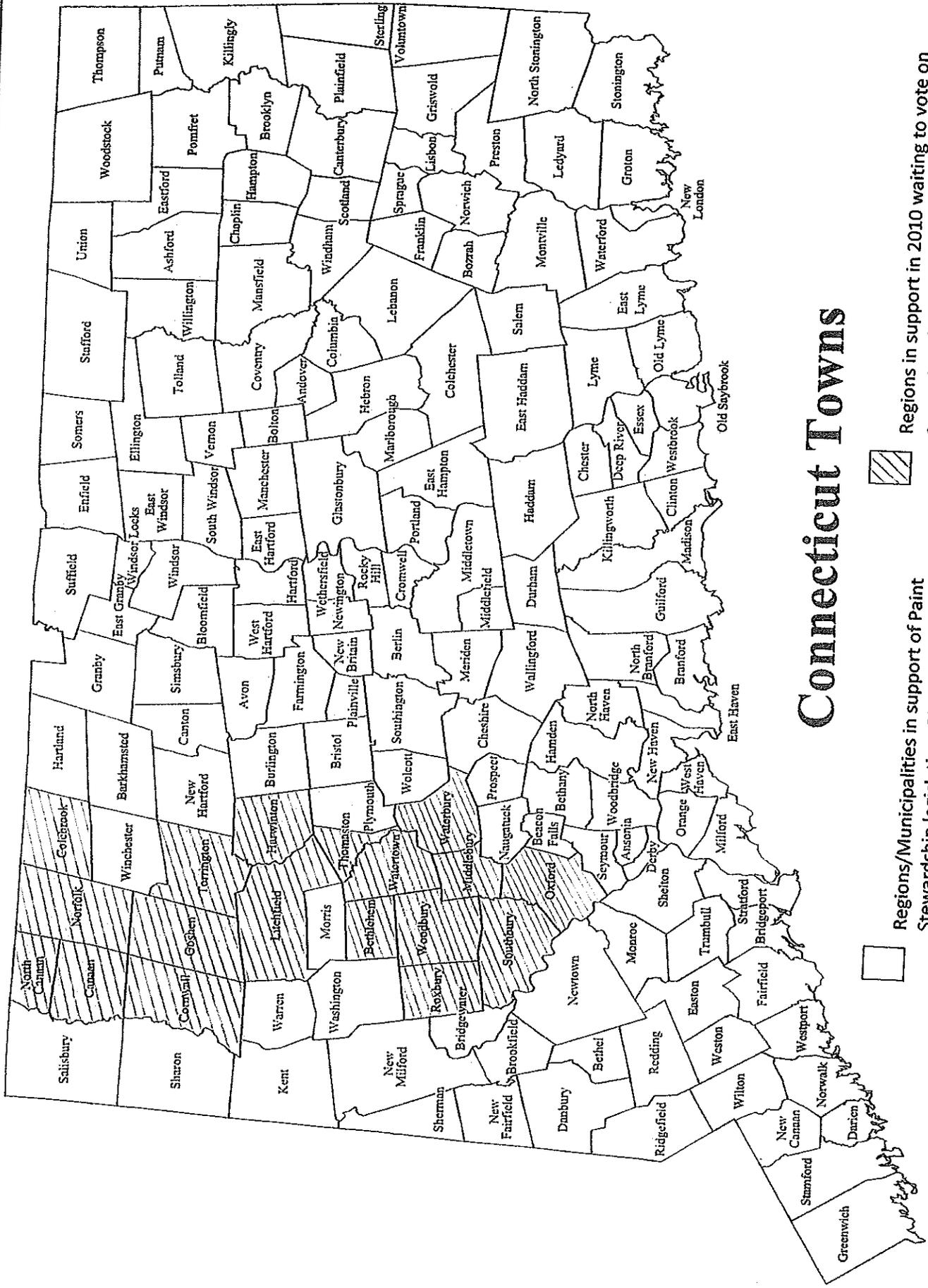
- Covers all postconsumer paint and stain sold in containers of five gallons or less. (Postconsumer paint is unused paint no longer wanted by the purchaser.)
- Provides consumers with an easy way to properly manage leftover paint.
- Free collections for residential and small commercial consumers and paint contractors. (Current HHW events are for households only.)
- Uses existing HHW collection infrastructure as possible and may expand collection opportunities for consumers.
- Retailers **not** required to offer in-store take back programs.
- CT DEP to approve program plan, get annual report, independent audit.
- Consistent with the 2006 CT Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **Saves municipalities and property taxpayers, money!**
- **Increases paint recycling!**
- **Program covers both latex and oil-based paint**



Who Supports the Paint Initiative?

- ◆ American Coatings Association—representing paint manufacturers
- ◆ Product Stewardship Institute
- ◆ CT Product Stewardship Council
- ◆ CT Sierra Club
- ◆ CT Recyclers Coalition (CRC)
- ◆ CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM)
- ◆ CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- ◆ Hardware Store Retailers such as TrueValue and Ace
- ◆ Municipalities and regional solid waste/hazardous waste government agencies representing more than 135 CT municipalities.





Connecticut Towns

Regions/Municipalities in support of Paint Stewardship legislation, SB 828

Regions in support in 2010 waiting to vote on support at their next meeting.