



Wellesley Friends of Recycling, Inc.

A nonprofit corporation dedicated to increasing awareness of the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

**Wellesley Board of Public Works Meeting 12-10-2007
F.O.R. Wellesley Take and Leave Highlights 2007**

Facts:

1. Number of Different Volunteers over the Season – 121
2. Number of Different Volunteers each week – 40
3. Hours Take and Leave is Staffed each week – 45
4. Total Weeks Take and Leave Was Open – 36
5. Volunteer Hours –
 - i. Weekly staffing of the area = 91
 - ii. Weekly Cleanup Hours = 18
 - iii. Coordination of Volunteers Weekly average = 4
 - iv. Annual planning, computer effort hours average per week = 1
 1. Total hours per week = 114
 2. Total volunteer hours = 4104
 3. Equivalent FTE = 2+
 4. **2 FTE value at lowest DPW pay grade = \$60,000**
6. Amount of material recycled from the area = 88.74 Tons
7. **Approximate value of sold material (item 6 x \$70 avg.) = \$6,200**
8. **Cost avoidance of recycled material (item 6 x \$77/ton) = \$6,800**

Consistent observations:

- A. Amount of material that is removed to be reused ~ 67 %
- B. Amount of remaining 33% of material that is recycled ~ 90%

Extrapolated assumptions:

- C. **Weight of material reused (item 6 X 2) = 177.48**
- D. **Cost avoidance for take and leave (item 7 X 2) = \$13,600**

Summary of quantifiable benefits to the Town:

- iv. 4 = \$60,000
- 7 = \$6,200
- 8 = \$6,800
- D = \$13,600
- Grand Total = \$86,600**

Other Benefits:

Help RDF staff with placement of material in proper areas/recycling
Good thing to do for the environment for Town Citizens
Enjoyable pursuit for volunteers
Senior service tax benefit for more than one resident
Helping those in need

Stories:

To help with Katrina rebuilding – semi trailer filled with furniture from the RDF
Stuffed animals used by group that works with abused children
Baby strollers in poor condition used for go-karts in poor neighborhood
Sports equipment mainly balls taken to ghetto neighborhoods
Crates and other pet accessories used by Wellesley Animal Control Officer
Air conditioner taken to Boston area Boys Club
Set of China taken to Church for poor family “Wish list”
Plastic toys used by local kindergarten teachers for classrooms
Piano brokered through Take and Leave

Some key volunteers at the Take and Leave

Take and Leave Chairperson – Joany Sasso

M,T,W and Cleanup Team Captain – Dave Wallace

Thursday Team Captain – Ely Sherman

Friday Team Captain – Jim Olsen

Saturday and Sunday(when needed) Team Captain – Barbara Faubert

F.O.R. Chariman – Jim Olsen

F.O.R. President – Frank Hays