



# **SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE of MAINE**

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Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
Attn: Linda J. Butler  
Licensing and Compliance Specialist, Division of Technical Services  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Re: Support Letter for Waste Management of Norridgewock, ME

Dear Ms. Butler:

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you this Letter of Support for Waste Management of Norridgewock which has been an outstanding sponsor and has been instrumental in helping to utilize our non-profit funds and generous support of our events. Even though this is not a letter specifically in support of the phase 14 expansion project it is written to show that there are other aspects of this company that should be taken into consideration.

The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine is the state's largest sportsmen's group to promote and preserve Maine's sporting heritage. Together with our membership organization, we own a 7,000 square foot facility which houses a large conference room, caterer, the SAM offices and an in-door and outdoor ranges for education.

We are pleased to be able to host over 24 Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife safety courses and bi-weekly SAM youth education events at our facility. We also allow groups like the Nature Conservancy, Land Conservation Task Force, Maine Bowhunters Association, Maine Trappers Association - Kennebec Chapter and many other organizations that support our mission, to use our facility for free.

For the past 3 years, Waste Management has donated 2 trash receptacles for weekly pickup: one for recycling, one for trash. Their generous donation, of removing our waste, allows us to utilize our member's donations to the fullest and to have like-minded groups to use our facility for free.

Besides the donation of trash receptacles at our conference center, Waste Management recently stepped up to help us when we needed a garbage receptacle at a home in Old Town that we received in an estate. The ability to have Waste Management pick up the large amount of household goods was a life saver to our organization.

Waste Management has also offered to help us with free bark mulch for our new youth and family recreational center in Augusta. The wood chips will be a great asset to use on trails that we have begun to make through our 40 acre property, which will be utilized by folks both young and old, families and corporate outings, etc. Each fall Waste Management also purchases a youth lifetime hunting and fishing combination license through our Jason Jewett Lifetime License program at our SAM Banquet. This is a great opportunity for sponsors to purchase a license for a youth that will be used for decades to come and if they move out of state, this allows them to return to Maine to hunt and fish.

Over the past two years the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine has hosted an annual veteran's event. The focus of the event was to introduce the veterans to bird hunting with dogs. To put on an event such as this requires sponsors dedicated to community service and a true respect for the sacrifice our veterans have made to ensure our freedom and safety.

Waste Management is the type of company that takes their environmental responsibilities seriously as well as their commitment to improving and being active in the surrounding community, as you can see from the whole host of ways they assist us. It is for this reason that I writing this letter: to let those concerned know that Waste Management of Norridgewock is a company with integrity and commitment to doing the right thing through their actions to support worthy events.

We are very pleased and thankful for the support WM provides to our SAM facility, youth and family recreational facility and veterans Program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Trahan".

David Trahan, Executive Director  
Sportsman's Alliance of Maine