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CSWD mulls overseeing operation of Intervale Compost Products

The Intervale Center, owner of Intervale Compost Products (ICP), has indicated that it may close the compost facility down within the next few weeks and asked CSWD if they would consider operating it. The Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) bears a responsibility to manage food and yard waste in Chittenden County, and is contemplating stepping in to take over ICP to continue composting operations there. While CSWD is exploring other options, ICP may be the best location in the area for managing the compostable materials, keeping them out of the landfill.

"We don't want to lose the early adopters who are bringing food scraps to the Intervale and avail themselves of our Drop-Off Composting Program," said Tom Moreau, CSWD General Manager. "We have worked hard to get this program and don't want to close it down now that it's gathering some real steam. Keeping Intervale Compost Products going may be our best option at this time."

ICP came under fire from the State of Vermont for alleged permit violations, which called into question whether the facility was negatively affecting the environment. It has since been shown that the facility is indeed not in violation for environmental impact.

Pending success in three main areas, CSWD will move forward with hiring a company qualified to run the facility:

- Navigation through the State of Vermont permitting process.
- Negotiation with the Intervale Center regarding rent and royalties.
- Discussion with those concerned about associated cultural and archaeological issues.

"This will be an open process," Moreau says. "Other options do exist, such as trucking compostables to more distant facilities. We will pursue those other options if, in the end, it doesn't work out with the Intervale."

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