Background

- Non-profit, created in 2008
- Mission to help institutions make better use of resources, improve sustainability of operations
- Programs deliver triple bottom line benefits to commercial and industrial facilities, municipal entities, not-for-profits throughout the State
Programs Offered

- Education – EHS Roundtable, trainings, tours
- Assistance – improve operational sustainability
- The Great Exchange – repurpose excess items
An alternative solution when the generation of waste can not be avoided and valuable resources can’t be used internally or recycled.
Started in 2009, still growing
Now 2 sites, 60+ tons of resources repurposed annually

THE GREAT EXCHANGE

New Hours - Add'l Inventory - More Savings

Multiple business closings have provided lots of valuable items to choose from

To make it easier for not-for-profits and businesses to obtain new/like new items for less than 50% of value,

The Great Exchange is now open the last two Thursdays of each month 8:00a - 4:30p
Resources Come In

- Supplies and items donated
  - Some one time, some regularly
  - Some small, some big
  - Some dropped off, some picked up

- New / nearly new condition, nothing hazardous
  - No electronics or household items

- Materials primarily from businesses
  - By-products, imperfect inventory, excess resources, product changes, facility upgrades or closures
# Examples of Opportunities

## By-products
- Audio mfc. offers 100 lbs. packing material monthly
- Used by maker spaces, small manufacturers

## Remodeling
- 5,200 pounds of furniture donated by pharma co.
- Numerous not for profits able to upgrade

## New Operations
- Marketing firm promoted bins no longer needed
- Expanded offer to 6 other products, 3,100 pounds

## Moving
- Medical service provider consolidating offices
- 28,000 pounds of cast off supplies, furniture saved
Furniture, Fixtures, and More
Resources Go Out

- Items appreciated by schools, non-profits, community orgs, municipal entities, small firms
  - Savings on supplies, items exceed 50%
- Pictures of items available posted
  - [www.tinyurl.com/TGESupplies](http://www.tinyurl.com/TGESupplies), “/[TGEFurniture](http://[TGEFurniture)
Benefits of Diverting for Reuse

- Disposal cost savings
- Resource efficiencies
- Reduced landfill demands
- Employee pride, business appeal
- Funds freed for valued services
- Recognition as valued community citizen
Contribute to our Success

- Take a tour, because seeing is believing
- Let us know about resources available
- Attend events – last 2 Thursdays of the month
- Spread the word to potential donors, takers
FYI!

EHS Roundtable
Friday, April 5, 8-9:30a
DEP Section Chief will review regulations:
- Air pollution
- Hazardous waste
- Solid waste
- Industrial wastewater
- Toxics use
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