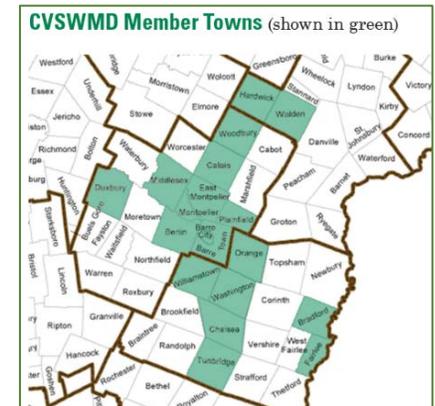


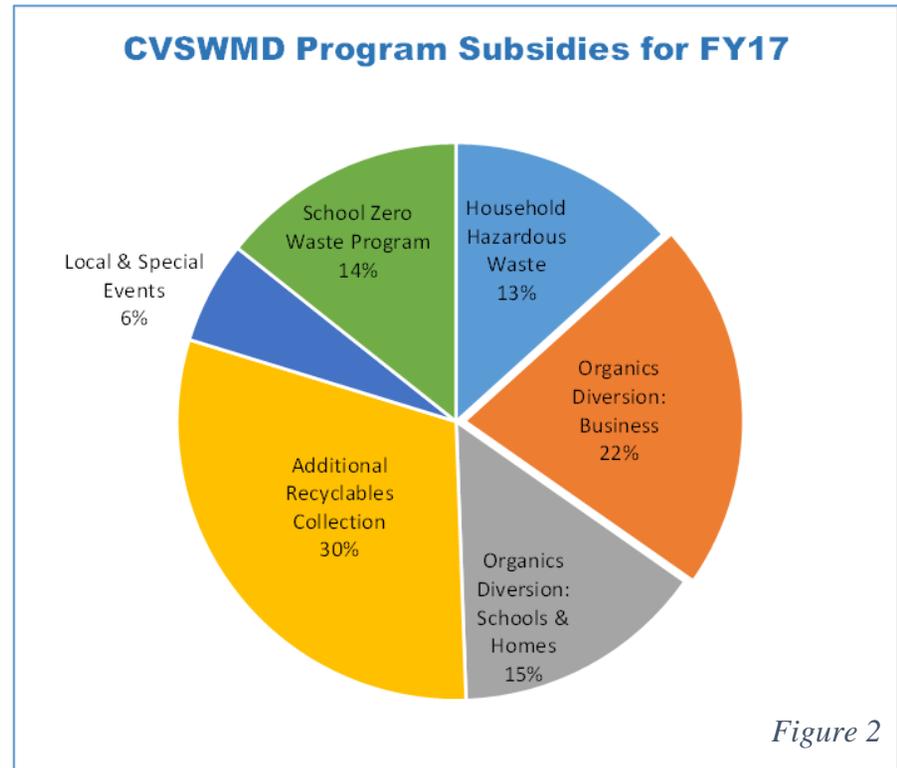
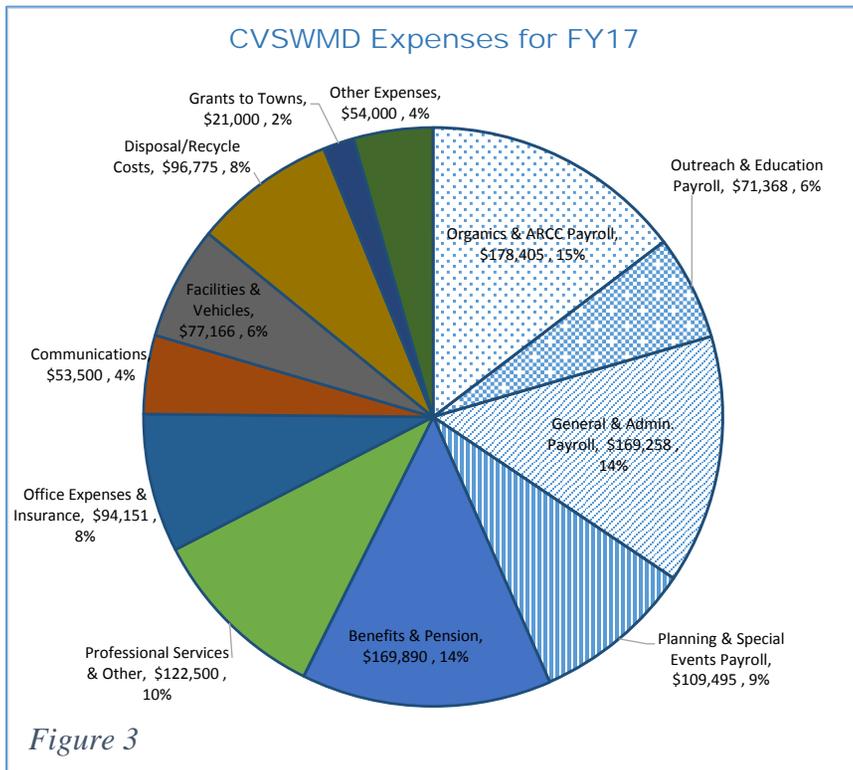
The **Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD)** is one of more than a dozen “solid waste management entities” recognized by the State of Vermont, and consists of 19 member towns. Member towns pay a yearly assessment of \$1 per resident, totaling 4% of our annual budget. CVSWMD is a union municipality, created by the General Assembly for the “purpose of providing for disposal of solid waste generated by member municipalities and their residents. The means of disposal may include collection, transportation, resource recovery, recycling, land disposal, or any combination of these¹.”



The largest source of CVSWMD income (71%) comes from the surcharge assessed on all solid waste generated in member communities, and paid through fees charged by commercial haulers – see Figure 1. The second largest source of income (16%) comes from user fees for our Business Organics Program, in which we haul food scraps from businesses to local farmers and a regional composting business. Other sources are State and Federal grants, fees on disposal of Construction/Demolition waste, user fees for processing Household Hazardous Waste, and user fees at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center in Barre.

¹The CVSWMD charter can be viewed at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/24APPENDIX/403>

Figure 2 provides a breakdown of all CVSWMD expenses into traditional financial categories. CVSWMD has about 11 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff, including officers and administrative, communications, trucking and warehouse staff. CVSWMD also provides grants to member municipalities, contracts for a range of professional services and disposal services, and has an active outreach/communications program as part of the **Solid Waste Implementation Plan**, which we are required to submit to the State of Vermont – see <http://www.cvswwmd.org/our-plan.html> for details.



Disposal of organics and additional recyclables, and other CVSWMD activities all have costs. Figure 3 shows the relative levels of subsidies which District revenues provide for each major Program Group. For example, our commercial customers pay fees for pickup and diversion of their organic food wastes, about 22% of our total program subsidies are applied to this Program. CVSWMD continuously works to increase our efficiencies and lower public subsidies for our Programs.