

# WHY AN ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

**It is time to take more control of trash disposal costs – one of the bigger budget items for most towns!**

- **Acadia Disposal District (ADD)** is a non-profit, non-taxable, quasi-municipal corporation, owned by the member towns, which are currently Cranberry Isle, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Trenton, and Tremont.
- ADD is striving to reduce the cost of solid waste disposal for its towns.
- ADD serves as an umbrella over trash disposal and recycling -- coordinating and managing for the benefit of its towns.
- ADD is organized and governed by a Board of Directors:
  - Each town has one representative, appointed by the Town.
  - Each town is represented equally and gets one vote on the Board.
  - Costs are proportional to the amount of municipal solid waste from each town.

## **Benefits to the member towns:**

### **ADD's goals and plans include:**

- Reduced operating costs by:
  - spreading costs out over more users and then distributing those costs based on volume of trash from each town.
  - utilizing new methods of disposal and benefiting from operating on a regional basis.
- Increased recycling and reduced solid waste tipping fees.
- More financial clout in negotiating contracts.
- More political clout when needed – which is becoming often!