

Milford Celebrates Earth Day at Fino Field

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The parking lot at Fino Field was bustling with traffic, coming and going from the E-Waste recycling collection. And just 50 yards away, volunteers were busy cleaning up the Upper Charles Trail.

Both events took place on April 18 from 9 a.m. to about noon.

The E-Waste Collection was coordinated by Will Roper of Cartridge World of Milford. He thanked the other businesses involved in sponsoring and assisting with the event. They include Casella Waste Services, Office Recycling Solutions, Milford Power and TJW Landscaping and WMRC, which was also holding a fishing derby across town at Louisa Lake.

The event was a great deal for people who wanted to get rid of old office equipment or televisions. The majority of items collected included computers, monitors, laser printers, keyboards and televisions. People were also able to hand in their old cell phones, ink and toner cartridges, and fax machines. The cost to recycle the items safely was only 20 cents a pound. Televisions had a separate price.

Half the money raised will be split between the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail and the Friends of the Milford Library, and the other half would cover the cost to process the waste. There was a steady stream of cars throughout the event. Each participant received a tote bag filled with various informative brochures about how to recycle.

According to the Cartridge World's brochure, 300,000,000 cartridges are added to landfills each year. It also states that some cartridge components in landfills will take between 450 and 1000 years to decompose.

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Helping handle E-Waste and other recyclables at Fino Field were l-r, Dave Casinelli, Mike Mancuso, Christine Haslam, Will Roper, Julie Rosenthal, Mary MacDonald, Deb Herlihy, Pat Rosenthal, Leslie Jacobs