



# Equitable Transitioning

Modernizing existing DRSs in the Northeast and beyond is an important step toward realizing waste reduction, pollution reduction, and climate action goals. We cannot ignore the fact, however, that individuals and organizations across the region are invested in the system as it stands now and that these stakeholders will be affected, both negatively and positively, as states adopt the system upgrades recommended here.

With planning, outreach, and collaboration, transitioning to a modern DRS can be done equitably and strategically, enabling system stakeholders to adapt or even benefit from changing conditions.

Funding for equitable transitional support for MRFs will come out of the unclaimed deposits. The value of unclaimed deposits during the early stages of implementation (an estimated \$822 million across the five states over the first two years) provides significant resources to aid in this transition.

**\$822M** UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS VALUE  
ACROSS THE FIVE STATES  
OVER THE FIRST TWO YEARS