

Recycling Program Update

Recycling Changes Since July 2011

- ✓ ***Implementation of Weekly Curbside Recycling Services (July)***
 - ❖ *Improved and more efficient services,*
 - ❖ *Budgetary Cost Savings*

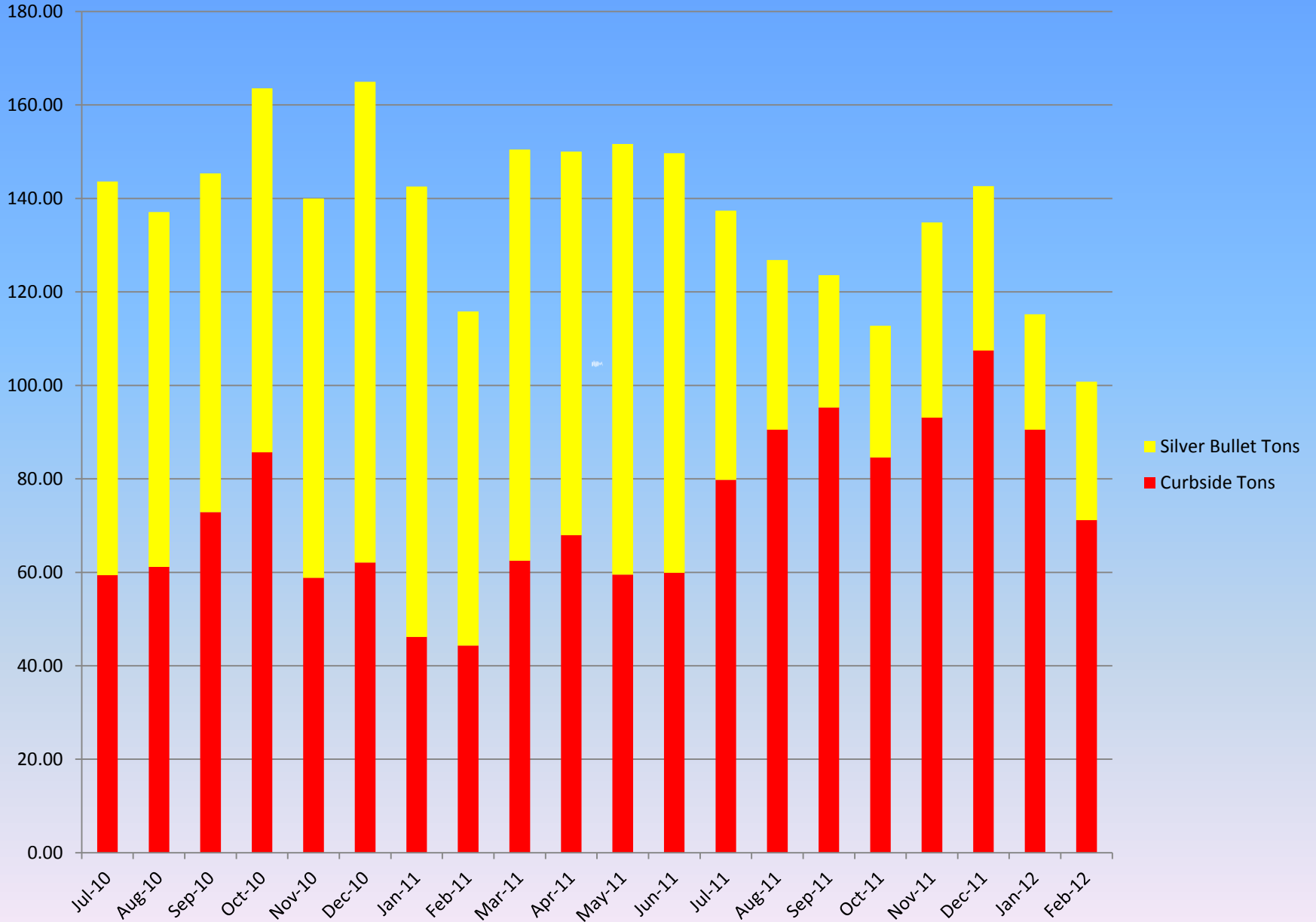
- ✓ ***Relocation of Silver Bullets to the Transfer Station (mid-July)***
 - ❖ *Operational Efficiencies*
 - ❖ *Fuel Savings*

- ✓ ***Implementation of Business Recycling Services at the Transfer Station (October)***
 - ❖ *Providing a more 'business-friendly' program*

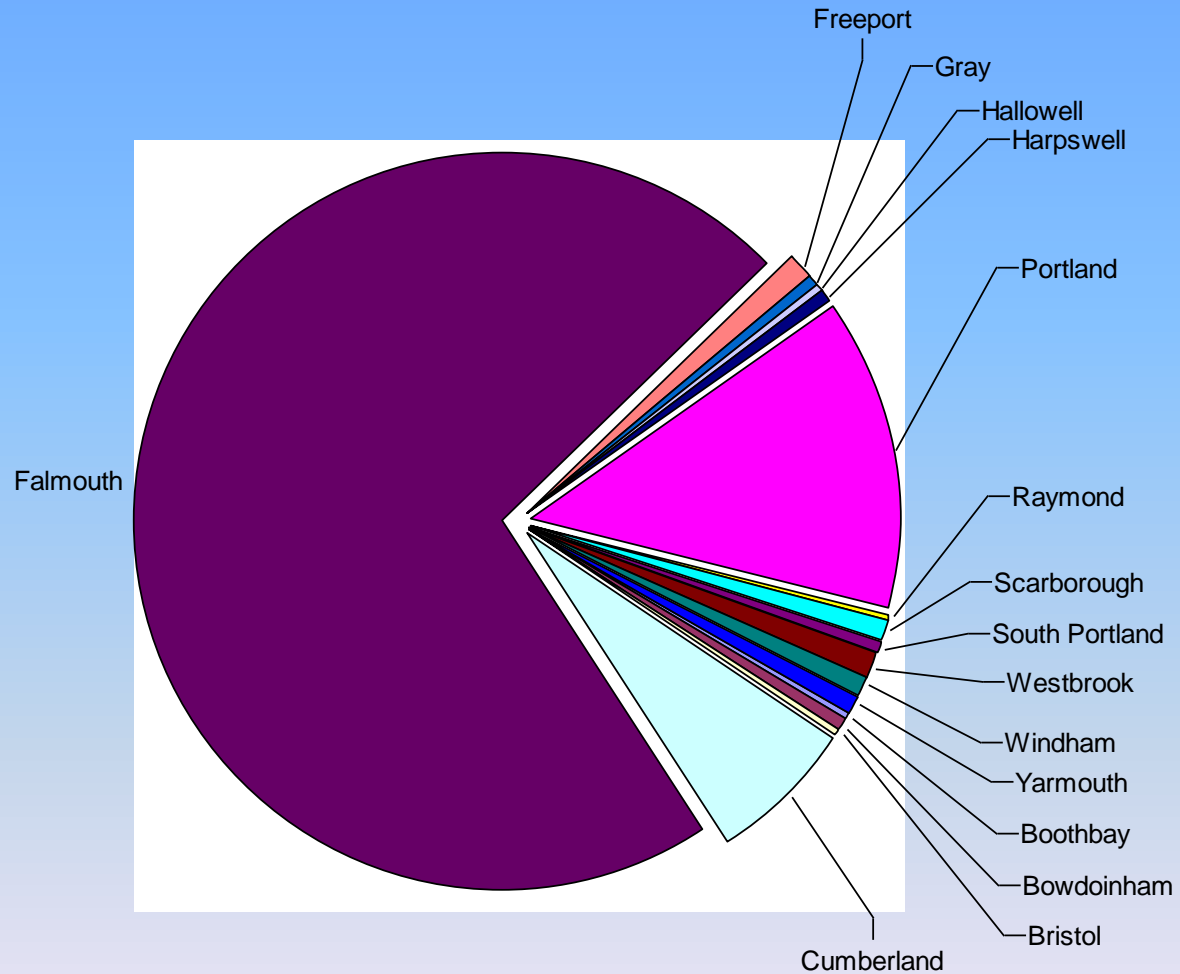
- ✓ ***Added one 'Silver Bullet' to the School Complex for the new Elementary School (December)***

- ✓ ***Evaluating the potential expansion of curbside recycling services to Businesses (January)***

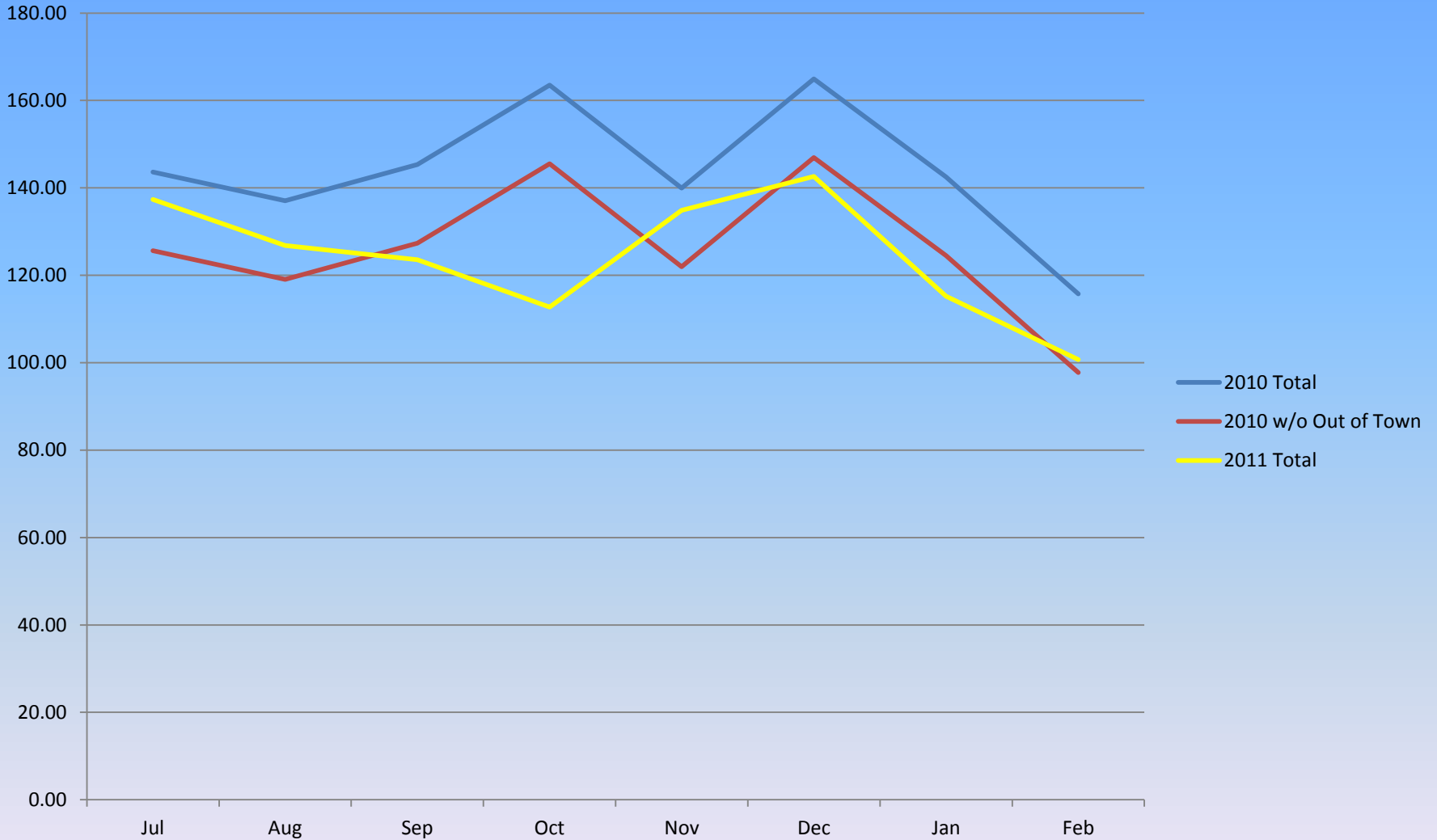
Recycling Breakdown by Month



Silver Bullet Usage By Town Total for Both Locations



Recycling Tons by Month

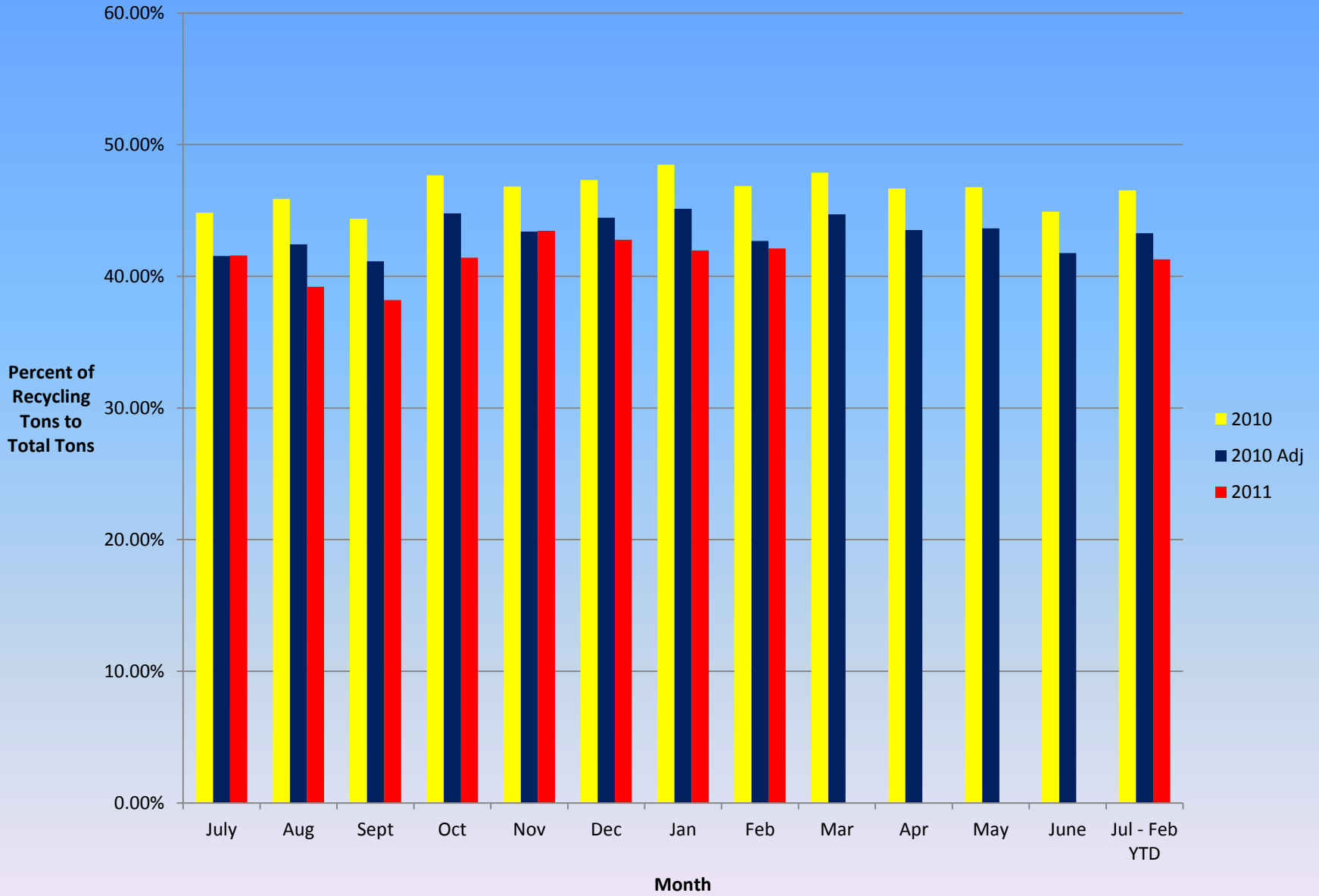


The 2010 w/o Out of Town is the 2010 Total less 18 tons per month, which is our estimate of non-resident usage of the silver bullets at Exit 53 and Bucknam Road.

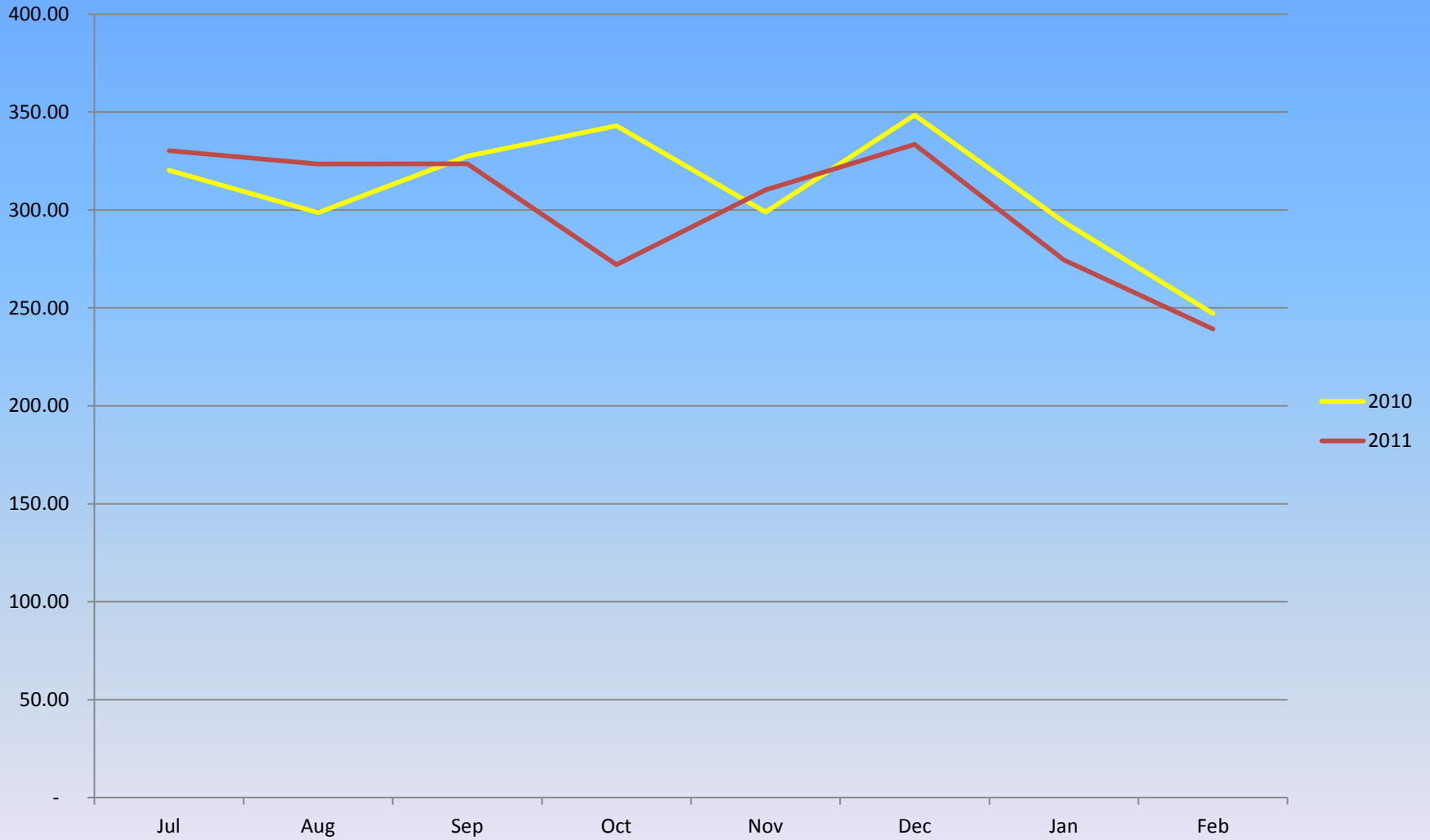
Recycling Comparison – July 2010 through February 2011

	2010	2011
	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Total	1,153	994
Less: Out of Town	<u>(144)</u>	<u>0</u>
Falmouth Residents	1,009	994

Recycling Rate Comparison



Total Waste and Recycling Tons



Comparative Information since Eliminating the Silver Bullets from Exit 53 and Bucknam Road

- Falmouth's year-to-date through February recycling rate is 41.29% compared to 46.53% during the same time period last year.
- The number of tons of recycling for our region is flat compared to prior year.
- The non-profit donations have decreased by 11.5% or approximately \$2,000 compared to prior year.
- Projected annual fuel and toll savings is \$5,500.
- Projected labor savings is 23 hours per week, which consist of 15 hours of hauling and 8 hours of clean up.

Commercial Recycling Programs

- Falmouth businesses are now able to bring their recyclables to the Transfer Station for a \$5.00 annual fee.
- The Town is working on a new program that will make available curbside collection of recyclables for Falmouth businesses. All costs for this service will be the responsibility of each business.

REAC Recommendation

- The Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee favors developing new programs to increase commercial recycling.
- The Committee recommends that current residential recycling operations continue without silver bullets at Bucknam Road and Exit 53.

In Summary.....

Falmouth's Recycling Program has evolved over the last 6 years and has retained its high recycling rates throughout the course of many changes.

Recent Silver Bullet consolidation has resulted in the following operational efficiencies:

- Illegal dumping has been eliminated.
- Non-residents recycling in Falmouth has been eliminated.
- Hauling has decreased by an estimated 50%. This has saved on fuel costs and staff labor time.

REAC will continue to assist in the development of an improved business recycling program.

Questions/Comments?

