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## **CRRA Education Centers Draw Record 50,157 Visitors in 2006**

**Museums Feature Exhibits and Viewing of Processing Areas**

2006 was a banner year for the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's education centers. The CRRA Trash Museum in Hartford and the CRRA Garbage Museum in Stratford drew a total of 50,157 visitors, the greatest number since they opened in 1993.

Attracting 20,908 visitors at the CRRA Trash Museum and 29,249 at the CRRA Garbage Museum, an increase of 7,042 since 2005, was the result of quality programs and additional staff. "Our educators offer wonderful programs that appeal to a wide array of audiences and the numbers show that," said Sotoria Montanari education supervisor. "The demand for an additional educator was demonstrated by the hundreds of groups we had on our waiting list."

Students, families, scout troops and community groups participated in CRRA programs both at the museum locations and outreach events. The educational programs center on how recycling and trash are managed in Connecticut, explaining CRRA's environmentally sound practices.

Each museum offers a walkway from which visitors can watch the recycling process, and seeing the step-by-step process encourages recycling at home. Visitors become more aware of items that may be placed in a recycling bin.

The Trash Museum features the Temple of Trash, a sculpture made from reclaimed garbage. It is located at 211 Murphy Road, Hartford. For more information, call (860) 757-7765. The Garbage Museum features Trash-o-saurus, a one-ton dinosaur made from salvaged items. The Garbage Museum is located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension in Stratford. For more information call (203) 381-9571. To find out more about both centers, go to <http://www.crra.org> and click on "Education."

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for-and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling education programs through its Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.