



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2022

SUPPORTING A COMPOSTING FEASIBILITY STUDY OF COMPOSTING AS THE TEN-YEAR DUTCHESS COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, current waste management practice in Dutchess County is to landfill or incinerate non-recyclable solid wastes, including food scraps and organic waste; and

WHEREAS, composting food and other organic waste helps to extend the life of landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and provides material that can be used to restore nutrients to soil for landscaping and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 New York State Food Scraps Recycling Law requires business and institutions generating an average of two or more tons of food waste per week to donate all excess edible food and to compost the remaining if located within a twenty-five-mile radius of a composting facility. This law is expected to increase the amount of food scraps that commercial entities collect, as well as the need and opportunity for capturing such to create beneficial composting at the County level; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City of Beacon began a composting pilot program which includes backyard composting and multiple drop-site locations for compostable waste materials, and the program has helped to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the City’s solid waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Conservation Advisory Committee, which led Beacon’s composting initiatives, has advocated for the City Council to convey its support for a Dutchess County composting feasibility study in order to expand composting options County-wide in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon respectfully requests that Dutchess County include a feasibility study of a public composting facility for County-wide use in its upcoming ten-year County Local Solid Waste Management Plan, as well as to explore other County-led composting programs and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon shall forward copies of this resolution Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro and to Dutchess County Legislators Yvette Valdés Smith and Nick Page.

Resolution No. 128 of 2022			Date: October 3, 2022				
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments						<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.			<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call			<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake	x				
		Justice McCray	x				
		George Mansfield	x				
x		Wren Longno	x				
	x	Molly Rhodes	x				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	x				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	x				
		Motion Carried	x				