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Pound Ridge Conservation Board PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Town House 179 Westchester Ave Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Chris Kehoe Deputy Director of the Planning Department Planning Board Town of Cortland 1 Heady Street Cortland Manor, NY 10567

July 7. 2018

Dear Deputy Director Kehoe,

The Conservation Board of Pound Ridge, NY is pleased to support a local food scrap processing facility that can address a regional need. As we do not have the space for a facility nor the necessary funding, we are in the process of negotiating the transportation of our local food scraps to Ulster County. For many reasons, including reduced carbon emissions, we would rather participate in a more local program.

We applaud the efforts of Cortland to update zoning code definitions, review the engineered site plant, in order to present this proposal in a public hearing. We support this project and wish you success.

Sincerely,

Carolynn R. Sears Chair, Conservation Board Town of Pound Ridge, NY

cc: chrisk@townofcortlandt.com

| From: | Gerald & Marlene Kolbert <gmkolbert@msn.com></gmkolbert@msn.com> |
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| Sent: | Saturday, July 07, 2018 11:21 AM |
| To: | Chris Kehoe |
| Cc: | parker catherine; we@westchestergov.com |
| Subject: | Compost Advocate |
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Dear Chris Kehoe and Members of the Board:

My name is Marlene Kolbert. I am a past 14 year Trustee of the Village of Larchmont and an environmental advocate for the 50 years I have lived in Larchmont. I am also a member of the Larchmont Environmental Committee and a strong advocate of food waste composting. In addition to my own home efforts, I have been a leader in making Larchmont Temple a zero waste facility.

I would like to compliment the Town Of Cortlandt for taking the lead in an effort to bring a compost disposable facility to Westchester. As you know, we are now shipping compostables a long distance which reduces the sustainability of our efforts. It would be very desirable for us to develop the capability of disposal in Westchester, with the benefit of a new industry in our County.

Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck were leaders over 30years ago in recycling in Westchester. Now Westchester's recycling results outpace most of the rest of the country. We hope to encourage our neighbors to participate in reducing our food waste. Our ultimate goal, like newspaper and glass and plastic recycling is to have compostables picked up at individual households. A local facility would help reduce the cost and encourage all the local communities to pick up compostables

Thank you for your leadership. We applaud your efforts. Marlene Kolbert

Sent from my iPad

| From: | monica trujillo <trujillez@gmail.com></trujillez@gmail.com> |
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| Sent: | Saturday, July 07, 2018 5:06 AM |
| То: | Chris Kehoe |
| Subject: | Composting facility |

To whom it may concern,

Unfortunately I will be out of town on July 10th. I think having a composting facility in Westchester is essential for the compost project. Being able to reduce transportation time and cost makes the project really sustainable. Please add my name to the people that support this initiative.

Sincerely Monica Trujillo 18 Winthrop Avenue Larchmont, NY 10538

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| From: | Lu Doyle <ldoyle@staugustineny.org></ldoyle@staugustineny.org> |
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| Sent: | Friday, July 06, 2018 5:37 PM |
| То: | Chris Kehoe |
| Subject: | Commercial Composting Facility |

Dear Mr. Kehoe,

Although I am unable to be at the public hearing on July 10, I wanted to write to show my support for the Town of Cortlandt to be the site of the first commercial composting facility in Westchester County.

I am not unaware of the downsides to housing a facility such as this in one's town but truly believe that the benefits it would accrue to your town would be considerable---not the least of which would be the great confidence in the future you would be showing to all here in Westchester. In the long run, the Town of Cortlandt's commitment to the health of our environment would be a model to the county; this facility and others are desperately needed in a quick changing economy that is affected by our quick changing physical environment. You would be helping our county to learn to stay within its carbon footprint by leading the way in our efforts to industrial compost *locally* and thereby reduce our waste.

Our parish is currently one of two local houses of worship (and the school we lease out one of a couple of local elementary schools) which are making significant strides in the area of waste reduction: all of our parish events and organizations and our rectory have been composting for nearly two years, and the FASNY school on our premises is also well into the process. (Unfortunately, my home in Mamaroneck is in Rye Neck and therefore does not currently have a dropoff for composting.)

The long term 'upsides' will certainly outweigh the short term negatives. Our earth, our children's home, will be the winner.

Thank you for reading this, Mr. Kehoe. Lu Doyle Director of Adult Faith Formation & Member of Creation Care Team Parish of St. Augustine Larchmont, NY 10538

From: Sent: To: Subject: Matt Thomas <matthew.thomas.brooklyn@gmail.com> Friday, July 06, 2018 5:11 PM Chris Kehoe Composting

Hi Chris,

Hope you are well. I am a resident of the town of mamaroneck, and am a big believer in composting. I understand westchester is considering a local composting facility and wanted to let you know i support it wholeheartedly!

Thanks!

Matt

Matthew.thomas.brooklyn@gmail.com +1 347 452 0110

| From: | Colin Goldberg <colin.goldberg@macmicro.com></colin.goldberg@macmicro.com> |
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| Sent: | Friday, July 06, 2018 4:48 PM |
| То: | Chris Kehoe |
| Subject: | Re: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT |

Dear Chris Kehoe,

As a volunteer member of the Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment who is spearheading the Village's new Food Waste Recycling Program, I want to add my support for this new compost facility. I am unfortunately not able to attend the meeting on July 10th, but I would appreciate it if you would add me to any list of interested people that you might administer.

Thank you.

Colin Goldberg

------ Forwarded Message -------Subject:MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT Date:Fri, 6 Jul 2018 16:02:43 -0400 (EDT) From:Federated Conservationists of Westchester County <fcwc@fcwc.org> Reply-To:fcwc@fcwc.org To:colin.goldberg@macmicro.com