

**RESOLUTION NO. 377**

**REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING COMPOSTING SERVICES THROUGHOUT ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 8/13/18

By: Messrs. Signoracci, A. Joyce, Feeney, Clenahan, Fein, Bullock, Reinhardt, Mss. Lekakis, Plotsky, McKnight, Messrs. Miller and Touchette:

WHEREAS, Concerns regarding the management of solid waste in Albany County have increased in recent years as local landfill sites are approach capacity and the end of their useful life cycles, and

WHEREAS, Awareness regarding the management and reuse of organic waste in Albany County has increased due to the various uses of such waste, such as food waste for composting materials or yard waste such as brush, branches, grass clippings, or leaves to be used for composting or as wood chips, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County government has a history of programs and initiatives regarding recycling services and waste management throughout the Capital Region, and has collaborated with various local governments to achieve such goals, including the recent authorization of the construction of a Regional Anaerobic Digester Facility with Saratoga County, and

WHEREAS, Many options may exist regarding consolidation of efforts throughout the county into a central location to maximize efficiency of solid waste management programs, and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the people of Albany County that a feasibility study be completed regarding the efficiency of current composting efforts of the County of Albany and the potential benefits of consolidation of local programs at one site by forming partnerships with local municipalities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the County Executive is hereby requested to conduct a feasibility study regarding the current composting programs operated by the County of Albany, and the feasibility of forming partnerships with local municipalities regarding the establishment of a central composting facility or location in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is requested to pursue such grant funding as is available regarding the completion of said composting feasibility study, subject to the approval of the County Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is further requested to report back to the Legislature within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution on the status of the feasibility study or its findings if such study is completed sooner, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Referred to Conservation and Improvement Committee – 8/13/18*  
*Favorable Recommendation Conservation and Improvement Committee –*  
*8/28/18*  
*Adopted by unanimous vote – 9/12/18*