

RESOLUTION NO. 364

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM AT ALBANY COUNTY FACILITIES TO TURN WASTE INTO ENERGY

Introduced: 9/13/10

By Messrs. Commisso, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Clenahan, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Scavo, Steck, Mss. Willingham, Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Tunny, Zeilman, Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Joyce and Ward:

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that food waste is the single largest category of municipal solid waste and diverting a portion of food waste from landfills can provide a significant contribution toward landfill management, and

WHEREAS, Albany County must pursue all opportunities to protect the environment and save money in the process, and

WHEREAS, It has been proven by the heat generation program at the sewer district that new technology is available to allow the County to develop systems that create energy while decreasing waste, and

WHEREAS, Through waste to energy programs, the County will save taxpayer money while making the County a better place to live, and

WHEREAS, The County must look for these opportunities and pursue funding mechanisms to make them a reality, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is requested to take all necessary steps to establish a pilot program at Albany County facilities to turn waste into energy, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also requested to seek grant opportunities to fund the aforementioned pilot program, 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 Audit and Finance Committee. 9/13/10
Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/12/10*