

RESOLUTION NO. 210

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING ANALYSIS AND LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduced: 5/8/17

By Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Duncan, Feeney, Fein, Higgins, Mss. Lekakis, McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Signoracci, Simpson, Smith, Touchette, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, Albany County, under the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, prepared the "Albany County Regional Solid Waste Authority Feasibility Study Final Report" of October 2011, and

WHEREAS, The Study recommended that Albany County join a regional solid waste authority, or, as a second choice, create an Albany County Authority, and

WHEREAS, The Study projected "that a coordinated regional recycling program could triple the volume of materials recovered in the study area," and

WHEREAS, The Study found: "During the period of time it takes to develop new facilities, all the existing local public disposal facilities that are currently operating will either close or be privatized," and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation commented positively upon said study, stating that the "study provides an excellent overview of the opportunity and benefits of developing a cooperative regional solid waste management authority," and

WHEREAS, It is the goal of Albany County to provide reliable and reasonably priced solid waste management facilities and services to its residents, and

WHEREAS, Since 2011, new industry-wide opportunities for the recycling, composting, and reduction in the waste stream generated by Albany County have been developed and implemented elsewhere resulting in unknown positive environmental and economic impacts, and

WHEREAS, Albany County currently lacks a comprehensive up-to-date solid waste policy, and

WHEREAS, Albany County has adopted local laws affecting the County's waste stream as part of its solid waste management approach, and

WHEREAS, The 2011 Study needs to be updated with an emphasis on regional waste management and the implementation of recently developed waste management strategies and systems, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body requests that an update of the 2011 Study be undertaken, and that all actions taken to date to implement recommendations of the 2011 Study be identified and included in said update, and be it further

RESOLVED, This Honorable Body requests that any local, state or federal grants that exist to update the Study be pursued, and be it further

RESOLVED, This Honorable Body requests that an updated Comprehensive Recycling Analysis and Local Solid Waste Management Plan be developed, and be it further

RESOLVED, Such studies shall include, but not be limited to, New York State solid waste and recycling goals, pricing at other regional waste management facilities, trends in recycling, composting of organic materials, household hazardous wastes, and future solid waste recycling and disposal strategies for Albany County that are evidence-based and do not pose an undue burden on municipalities or our citizenry, and be it further

RESOLVED, To the extent possible, public hearings shall be held for public input, and be it further

RESOLVED, A report to the County Legislature shall be provided on or before January 1, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of said Resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/8/17