

RESOLUTION NO. 336

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A PILOT POLYSTYRENE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Introduced: 8/3/17

By Messrs. Mauriello, Burgdorf, Grimm, Drake, Stevens and Mendick:

WHEREAS, the waste stream consists of many products, both recyclable and not, and

WHEREAS, municipalities have initiated various recycling programs to reduce said waste stream and the amount of refuse buried in our landfills, and

WHEREAS, the useful life of many of our local landfills is finite and any waste that can be recycled and diverted from our landfills will increase the longevity of the landfills, and

WHEREAS, the County of Albany has adopted multiple policies and initiatives in order to help preserve our environment, and

WHEREAS, polystyrene is a product which is being recycled successfully and economically by other municipalities in our state and country from Central New York to California to Florida, and

WHEREAS, polystyrene is a material that can be diverted from taking up space in our landfills and can be recycled and reused instead, providing a benefit to our County and region both environmentally and economically, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the County Executive be, and hereby is, requested to investigate, design, and implement a pilot polystyrene recycling program in the County of Albany and is authorized to pursue any grant(s) or funding opportunities necessary to implement said program, and, be it further

RESOLVED that said investigation's results and a report of them are to be provided to the Albany County Legislature upon its completion no later than one-hundred and eighty days after passage.

Referred to Health and Audit and Finance Committees. 8/14/17