

Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

WHEREAS, composting is a natural process that transforms organic material into a nutrient-rich soil amendment;

WHEREAS, composting can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills and reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers;

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase waste diversion;

WHEREAS, government buildings in DeKalb County generate significant amounts of organic waste that could be diverted through composting;

WHEREAS, composting can also reduce the cost of waste management by decreasing the amount of waste that needs to be hauled to landfills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all DeKalb County government buildings shall be required to have compost facilities by January 1, 2024.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall provide funding for the installation of compost facilities in government buildings, as well as training for staff on how to properly manage and maintain these facilities.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall work with local composting organizations and businesses to ensure that the compost produced from government buildings is used in a productive and environmentally sustainable manner.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for composting services to provide composting services for each government building.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall select the composting service provider through a competitive bidding process, considering factors such as cost, experience, and environmental sustainability.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the composting service provider shall be responsible for collecting organic waste from government buildings, transporting it to a composting facility, and processing the waste into compost.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the composting service provider shall work with the County to ensure that the compost produced is used in a productive and environmentally sustainable manner.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County shall monitor the success of this program and report back to the Board of Commissioners annually on the amount of organic waste diverted from landfills through composting.

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all DeKalb County government departments and made available to the public through the County's website.

Effective Date: January 1, 2024.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ROBERT PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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