

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO EXPLORE COMPOST BIN LOCATIONS IN DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND TO BEGIN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS FOR COMPOSTING SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DeKalb County shall explore compost bin locations for the Maloof building and DeKalb County Government buildings with kitchen or food operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for composting services in identified government buildings by March 1, 2024, or as soon as practicable thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall consider providing 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County may 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; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the composting service provider will work with the County to ensure that the compost produced is used in a productive and environmentally sustainable manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a composting contract is executed and performed, the County will monitor the program and report back to the Board of Commissioners annually on the amount of organic waste diverted from landfills through composting; and

BE IT FURTHER 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.

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 of DeKalb County, this ___ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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