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## Town of Bristol, Rhode Island



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TO: Town Council

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **Curbside Compost Collection 2-year Pilot Program Update**

As you recall at the March 26 Town Council meeting, the Council voted to move forward with a proposal from 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing for funding a 2-year pilot program for curbside compost collection since we were unsuccessful with the USDA grant last year. The Council voted to contribute the same amount of grant match that we had used for the USDA grant application which was \$10,969.30 over the 2 years.

Since the March 26 meeting, we have been moving forward with the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing proposal and have also partnered with the Eastern RI Conservation District (ERICD) to undertake implementation of the program which we think will help make this successful. With the ERICD partnership, the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour grant will not need to be a grant to the Town, it will go to directly to ERICD along with the Town's matching funds and ERICD will hire the composting contractor, provide education and outreach; and, undertake all grant administration and metrics for the composting program.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing Grant will fund the compost bins and liners as well as a subsidy to residents. After reviewing this with ERICD, we are proposing that the subsidy would be 66% in year one and 33% in year two so that residents would pay 1/3 in year one and 2/3 in year two. After year two, residents would fully private pay if they choose to continue using the service. This is consistent with what Barrington is doing in the same program and we felt it would be a good idea to have the consistency between the two East Bay towns. Bristol will also provide some in-kind match to help with education and outreach with a goal of 500 residents participating for the 2-years.

We are excited about this opportunity to introduce more residents to the curbside composting collection service and will keep you posted with updates as needed.