

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development

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TO:

Town Council

FROM:

Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE:

Composting - Pilot Program Opportunity

As you may know, the Town did not receive the USDA grant for the 2-year pilot program to compost food waste. However, we have recently been contacted by 11th Hour Racing who has offered to provide funding for the program in lieu of the grant. The total project cost was estimated at approximately \$190,000 and the Town's grant match had been \$10,969 with a small amount of inkind match for staff to help with the public education.

11th Hour Racing has asked if the Town Council would still be interested in participating in the program with 11th Hour Racing being the primary funder along with the Town's same match as noted above.

If the Town Council is in agreement to move forward with 11th Hour Racing, we would submit our proposal to them for funding. It is noted that this would only be a 2-year pilot program and the Town would have to do an RFP to hire a full service private compost hauler for this program. It is hoped that this pilot program can be a demonstration for the Town to see how this can be included in a long-term waste budget.

Thank you.

cc:

Steven Contente, Town Administrator

Chris Parella, DPW Director

Edward M. Tanner, Principal Planner