

Composting Service for Brentwood Meeting Notes 11/20/2023

Attendees:

Town Administrator Mr. Gaston
Brentwood Community Outreach Debi Martinez-Zambrano
Councilmember Lauren Rauk
Resident Scott Drewes

Background

- The town and some residents are interested in composting
- The town and residents would like to find a service that doesn't raise costs for municipality or residents
- Town has a list of residents interested in paying for composting services
- Randolph Wilson is the project manager for the PGC DoE compost program (pgccomposts@co.pg.md.us)
- The town currently pays \$25/ton for yard waste and \$70/ton for landfill waste (garbage). The town would pay \$45/ton for yard & food waste combined (\$25 for yard waste plus \$20 for the food waste).

What's needed for composting

- A place to put the food scraps, paper scraps
 - The town would need to provide residents with cart/bucket that could be used for lawn and food
 - Hyattsville has their own carts <https://hyattsville.org/931/Compost-Yard-Waste>
 - PGC uses <https://www.toter.com/products/homeowners> for the assembly and distribution services (putting the product together and then delivering it to residents).
- A way to pick up and take the compostable items to a facility
 - Can Bates add this to the current contract / amend the current contract for yard waste to add food waste and cardboard and take it to the PGC facility
 - Would need yard waste/food waste pick up year-round
 - The town could contract with a private company or residents could pay to participate with a private company
 - <https://www.veterancompost.com/>
 - <https://compostcrew.com/our-services/>
- Town would need to engage in MOU with county for hauler to deliver to county. Town would need to let DoE know before we started the program so they'd adjust our [tip fee](#).
- Educational campaign to inform, educate, and motivate residents and businesses to compost
 - Educational compost demo

Next Steps

- Councilmember will provide an educational article for monthly Lamplighter newsletters
- TA will ask Bates about town's current amount of landfill, yard waste tonnage and cost (tip fee)
- TA will ask Bates about the current contract and cost for expanding or amending contract to add food to yard waste