Agenda
Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee

Thursday, November 5, 2026 9:30 AM
Legislature Chambers

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Changes to the Agenda**
4. **Minutes Approval**
   a. October 1, 2026
5. **Appointments**
   a. **Appointment:** Advisory Board Appointments (ID #14479)
   b. **Appointment:** 2027 Advisory Board Reappointment's (ID #14278)
6. **County Administrator's Report**
7. **Department of Planning and Sustainability**
   a. **Report/Discussion:** Peak Electricity Demand Management Flyer (ID #14469)
8. **Chair's Report**

   Member-Filed Resolution

   a. **Resolution:** Initiating the Development of a Countywide Skip the Stuff Local Law (ID #14482)

   2027 County Budget Discussion Follow-Up

   b. **Report/Discussion:** Natural Infrastructure Capital Reserve (ID #14476)
   c. **Report/Discussion:** Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) (ID #14477)
   d. **Report/Discussion:** Waste Diversion (ID #14478)
9. **Committee Members' Reports**
10. **Executive Session**
11. **Adjournment**

Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes – DRAFT 10.01.2026
Thursday, October 1, 2026 9:30 AM
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Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Irene Weiser	Chair	Remote	
Adam Vinson	Vice Chair	Present	
Christy Bianconi	Member	Present	
Judith Hubbard	Member	Present	
John Hunt	Member	Present	
Rachel Ostlund	Member	Present	
Iris Packman	Member	Present	9:34 AM
Taylor Spencer	Deputy Clerk	Present	
Megan McDonald	Deputy Planning & Sustainability Commissioner	Present	
Hailley Delisle	Sustainability Coordinator	Present	
Abigail Conner	Environmental Planner II	Present	
Norma Jayne	Deputy County Administrator	Remote	

Call to Order

Mr. Vinson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Ms. Weiser attended remotely and was permitted to vote in accordance with Rule XVIII - Remote Attendance of the Rules of the Tompkins County Legislature.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present and no comments were submitted to be read.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Ms. Packman arrived at this time.

Minutes Approval

September 3, 2026

The minutes were accepted by roll call vote.

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Hunt, Member
SECONDER:	Christy Bianconi, Member
AYES:	Weiser, Vinson, Bianconi, Hubbard, Hunt, Ostlund, Packman

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Appointments

Water Resources Council
Rebecca Minas, Business and Industry Representative, Term expires December 31, 2027

The appointment was recommended by roll call vote.

RESULT:	**RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Christy Bianconi, Member
SECONDER:	Judith Hubbard, Member
AYES:	Weiser, Vinson, Bianconi, Hubbard, Hunt, Ostlund, Packman

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Chair's Report

Ms. Weiser did not have a Chair's report.

Department of Planning and Sustainability

Resolution No. - Authorizing a Grant Submission to the New York State Department of State Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Program to Advance Resilience Projects (ID #14382)

Ms. Delisle provided an overview of the resolution and program.

Those present engaged in discussion regarding the Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Program, the projects on the proposed list, and potential New York State funding allocations.

The resolution was recommended by roll call vote.

RESULT:	**RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rachel Ostlund, Member
SECONDER:	Judith Hubbard, Member
AYES:	Weiser, Vinson, Bianconi, Hubbard, Hunt, Ostlund, Packman

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure is soliciting applications for a new grant program for communities to develop a Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Plan, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to review Tompkins County's existing plans to prioritize and advance implementation readiness of projects that reduce climate-related risks and strengthen community resilience, and

WHEREAS, a Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Plan will include four components: (1) a countywide resilience needs assessment, (2) a priority resilience project portfolio of at least ten projects, (3) a priority project implementation advancement of at least two projects, and (4) a

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final report, and

WHEREAS, counties are eligible applicants, and the maximum grant funding is $250,000 with a 10% local match requirement, and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the local match requirement, the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability will use staff time to manage the grant and work on several components of the project, and

WHEREAS, the County's Strategic Operations Plan identifies in the Climate Change Mitigation and Resiliency goal area the associated objectives CCMR 04, 05, 06, and 07, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator, or their designee, to apply through the Consolidated Funding Application for up to $250,000 for the Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Program.
SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

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County Administrator's Report

Ms. Jayne briefly mentioned the 2027 Tompkins County Budget process and the upcoming public forum.

Department of Planning and Sustainability - continued

Resolution No. - Authorization to Accept Subrecipient FEMA-4814-DR-NY Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for the Tompkins County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (ID #14387)

Ms. Conner provided an overview of the resolution and those present engaged in discussion regarding updates and implementation of the plan.

The resolution was recommended by roll call vote.

RESULT:	**RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Christy Bianconi, Member
SECONDER:	Rachel Ostlund, Member
AYES:	Weiser, Vinson, Bianconi, Hubbard, Hunt, Ostlund, Packman

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has been awarded subrecipient funding through the New York State Department of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Tompkins County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and

WHEREAS, the County's Strategic Operations Plan identifies in the Climate Change and

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Resiliency goal area the associated objectives CCMR 04, CCMR 05, CCMR 06, and CCMR 07, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to hire a consultant to update the current Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with $10,000 reserved to cover the County's management costs for this effort, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes acceptance of the subrecipient FEMA-4814-DR-NY Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award in the amount of $160,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes the Interim Director of Finance to make the following budget adjustment to the 2027 Budget:

Revenues:		
A8020.44959	Federal Aid	$ 160,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES		$ 160,000.00
Expenditures:		
A8020.54442	Professional Services	$ 150,000.00
A8020.54440	Program Expense	$ 10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$ 160,000.00

RESOLVED, further, That the Interim Director of Finance shall make the adjustment along with any necessary budgetary and accounting entries to effectuate the intent of this resolution,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or their designee be authorized to execute any contracts related to this project.
SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-27

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Committee Members' Reports

Ms. Hubbard spoke regarding spotted lantern flies in Tompkins County, their impact, and what role the County may have in addressing the invasive species. Those present discussed local farming and agencies or advisory boards which may be able to offer information or assist in mitigation. Mr. Hunt intends to bring the topic up at the next Water Resources Council meeting.

Mr. Vinson reported on topics discussed at the September 10, 2026, Environmental Management Council (EMC) meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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ning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee
Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 11/05/26 09:30 AM
Department: Planning and Sustainability Department
Category: Environmental

REPORT OR DISCUSSION ITEM NO.
(ID # 14469)

Peak Electricity Demand Management Flyer

This flyer highlights existing peak electricity demand management programs that local businesses can participate in to help reduce electricity use during peak demand periods. It will also be included in future Business Energy Advisor reports.

BUSINESS ENERGY ADVISOR



Demand Management Resources & Incentives

When the grid hits peak demand, dirtier and more expensive power comes online. Reducing your use during these peak events strengthens the grid and unlocks financial incentives. NYSEG currently offers four incentive programs to manage peak demand:

- **Commercial System Relief Program (CSRP):**
  - Get paid to reduce load during utility-announced high-demand events on summer weekdays in the afternoon.
  - Voluntary participation, where customers opt in on an event-by-event basis, is paid $0.50 per kWh of load reduction.
  - Reserved participation, where participation is mandatory in a certain number of events, is $0.50 per kWh rate plus $4.10-$4.35 per kW per month depending on the number of events in which the user commits to participation.
  - Customers able to reduce load by 50kW are able to enroll directly. Smaller sites are able to enroll through an aggregator. A list of eligible aggregators is available on the NYSEG website.
- **Term or Auto Demand Load Management Programs:**
  - Same mechanism as CSRP, but enrolled through an RFP for longer-term commitments in exchange for increased incentives
- **Smart Savings Thermostat Rewards:**
  - Residential and small business customers with central AC.
  - Install an eligible smart thermostat and let NYSEG adjust it during peak events.
  - Compensation is a one time $70 e-gift card, and $20 dollar bill credit sent at the end of the season.
- **Energy Storage Solutions Program:**
  - Get paid to supply energy to the grid from a battery during peak demand events.
  - Earn $50/kW of average energy supplied during events across the season.

Attachment: Demand Management Flyer (14469 : Peak Electricity Demand Management Flyer)

Tompkins County Legislature
Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 11/05/26 09:30 AM
Department: Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee
Category: Legislation or Funding - State and Federal
Functional Category:

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 14482*

Initiating the Development of a Countywide Skip the Stuff Local Law

WHEREAS, reducing unnecessary disposable foodware accessories can prevent avoidable solid waste, litter, pollution, and purchasing costs for food service businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality (PEEQ) Committee first received a presentation on Skip the Stuff in 2023 and has since received additional research, waste-reduction estimates, supporting calculations, implementation examples, proposed policy language, and County solid-waste cost information, and

WHEREAS, experience in other jurisdictions, including Red Bank, New Jersey, demonstrates that Skip the Stuff policies can significantly reduce unnecessary distribution of disposable utensils and condiments, and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2026, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7321 supporting participation in Zero Waste Ithaca's voluntary Skip the Stuff campaign, demonstrating local municipal interest in reducing unnecessary disposable foodware, and

WHEREAS, voluntary municipal initiatives provide valuable public education, community building, and business engagement, while a countywide local law would establish consistent requirements for covered establishments across municipal boundaries, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature supports development of a countywide Skip the Stuff local law requiring covered food service establishments to provide single-use utensils (including forks, spoons, knives, sporks, and chopsticks), napkins, beverage straws, beverage stirrers, condiment packets, and disposable condiment cups only upon customer request, subject to appropriate definitions and accommodations,

RESOLVED, further, That the proposed legislation shall address dine-in, takeout, and delivery transactions, including orders placed through electronic and third-party delivery platforms, while preserving access and accommodations for individual health, safety, and accessibility needs,

RESOLVED, further, That the proposed legislation shall prohibit distribution of prepackaged or bundled sets containing multiple disposable accessories, while allowing customers to request and receive individual items as needed,

RESOLVED, further, That the proposed local law shall include clear business guidance, an education-first implementation approach, complaint-based enforcement, warnings before penalties, and an assessment of anticipated administrative costs,

RESOLVED, further, That Tompkins County supports and encourages customers to bring their own reusable bags for takeout orders and encourages food service establishments to promote this voluntary practice wherever feasible, consistent with applicable health and safety requirements,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator, in coordination with the County Attorney and appropriate departments, is directed to prepare and present a proposed countywide Skip the Stuff local law to the Planning, Energy and Environmental Quality (PEEQ) Committee within sixty (60) days of adoption of this resolution, for public review and further legislative consideration.

1 **SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-26

ZERO WASTE ITHACA · TOMPKINS COUNTY PEEQ

SKIP THE STUFF

Prevent waste before it’s created.

November 5, 2026

Advancing countywide Skip the Stuff legislation.

10-minute presentation · Committee Q&A



Skip the Stuff campaign graphic · 2022

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SKIP THE STUFF

Provide disposable extras only by request.

Change the default. Keep customer choice.

TODAY: AUTOMATIC

Disposable extras added by default

PROPOSED: BY REQUEST

Provide only what the customer asks for

COVERED ITEMS

- Utensils
- Napkins
- Straws
- Stirrers
- Condiments
- Condiment cups

- Dine-in, takeout, delivery
- Customer access and accommodations preserved
- Reusable takeout bags encouraged

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SCENARIO-BASED MODELING

The potential to prevent waste is substantial

174–347

tons/year potentially avoided

Upstream / Chart-Reuse scenario range

$409K–$820K

annual business purchasing savings

Modeled scenarios; not realized savings

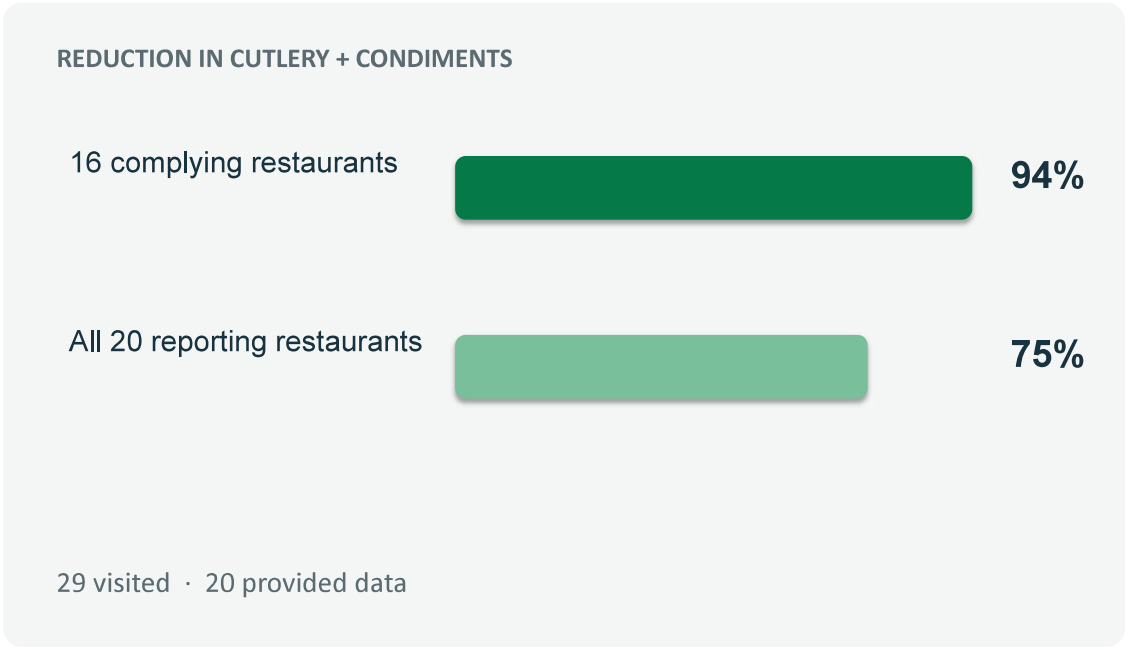
IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION

The model covers a broader set of accessories than the proposed local law. Results depend on scope, assumptions, and compliance.

Source: Upstream / Chart-Reuse, Ithaca Skip the Stuff Calculations (2023).

RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

A documented implementation example



94%

Reduction across all 16 complying restaurants

1.58M

Estimated pieces of disposable cutlery avoided annually

Source: Clean Water Action / Clean Water Fund, Red Bank case study (2025).

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FOIL RECORDS

County waste costs: distinguish fees from spending

$1,037,923

County 2025 MSW transport and disposal payments

$62.57 / ton — 2025 effective vendor-paid rate

$110 / ton — County published MSW fee

Benefits of Waste Prevention: Reducing waste at the source can lower disposal costs, reduce unnecessary business spending, and lessen the burden on the County's waste-management system.

Source: ZWI FOIL summary, July 2026; County records (2025).

VILLAGE OF LANSING AND COUNTYWIDE ACTION

Local leadership + practical implementation

VILLAGE OF LANSING

Unanimous vote

Resolution #7321 · August 17, 2026

Supports ZWI's voluntary campaign and business recognition.

COUNTYWIDE IMPLEMENTATION

- Education and business guidance
- Simple customer-request procedures
- Warnings before penalties
- Staff/counsel review of enforcement

Voluntary participation encourages change. County legislation establishes a consistent standard.

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WHAT ZWI HAS ALREADY DONE

Three years of grassroots action

2023

Brought Skip the Stuff to PEEQ

ONGOING

Voluntary sticker program and business outreach

FEB 2026

Answered detailed questions; pursued FOIL records

AUG 2026

Submitted evidence, case study, calculations and draft



Our voluntary business window sticker

Volunteer outreach builds participation. A countywide standard does not depend on sticker enrollment.

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THE ACTION REQUESTED · NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Move Skip the Stuff into the legislative process.

01 Recommend the proposed resolution to the County Legislature to initiate countywide Skip the Stuff legislation.

02 Direct County staff and counsel to prepare a draft local law within 60 days of the Legislature's adoption of the resolution.

03 Identify a legislative sponsor and a date for the resolution's consideration.

After three years of advocacy, we ask for a clear path to legislative action.

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APPENDIX · ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS

Q&A

1

Is the tonnage estimate reliable?

It is scenario modeling, not a measured waste total. The model includes a broader accessory scope than the draft law, and assumptions are available for review.

2

Why not rely on voluntary participation?

The Village of Lansing supports voluntary outreach. It builds awareness but does not create one consistent standard across covered establishments.

3

Who will pay for and enforce this?

We propose education-first, complaint-based implementation. County staff and counsel should determine departments, procedures, costs, and legal authority.

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Zero Waste Ithaca, Inc.

ITHACA, NEW YORK

August 10, 2026

Subject: Skip the Stuff — follow-up materials responding to the committee's February questions

August 10, 2026

Dear Chair Wiser, Vice Chair Vinson, and Members of PEEQ Committee,

Thank you for identifying the information you wanted before the County considered moving Skip the Stuff forward. We have now compiled the calculation methodology, implementation example, County cost context, draft resolution language, and supporting materials.

In February, you asked for clarification on the waste-volume estimate, examples from other communities, staff time and enforcement models, program costs and funding, and savings from reduced hauling weights. The attached materials respond to those questions.

To summarize:

The waste estimate is based on an Upstream/Chart-Reuse model using local business categories, customer counts, takeout percentages, days open per year, item quantities, item costs, emissions factors, and item weights. The model estimates a range of approximately 174-347 tons/year of avoidable single-use foodware accessories, depending on reduction assumptions. For cost illustrations, we have used 300 tons/year as a planning estimate within that model, while recognizing that actual avoided tonnage would depend on final ordinance scope, compliance, and business mix.

The model also estimates substantial business savings from reduced purchasing of unnecessary default accessories: approximately **$409,000 to $820,000 per year**, depending on the reduction scenario. These are procurement savings for local food businesses, not County hauling savings. This is why Skip the Stuff should be understood not as a business burden, but as a small-business cost-savings policy.

Because you raised concerns about the calculation method, we followed up directly with Upstream and confirmed the methodology with the person who prepared the original calculation. She provided the spreadsheet showing the calculation method, assumptions, formulas, and source data in the individual cells. We are attaching that spreadsheet so the County can review the methodology transparently rather than relying on a rounded summary figure.

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County-side savings are more modest, but still real. FOIL records show that Tompkins County paid over **$1 million in 2025** for MSW transport and disposal alone. Using the County's published $110/ton MSW fee, the estimated 300 tons of avoidable single-use foodware accessories represents approximately **$33,000 per year in public waste-management costs.** That does not include business savings, additional County solid waste operating costs not captured in the vendor-paid rate, or long-term savings from reducing waste at the source.

We also found a documented implementation example from **Red Bank, New Jersey**. Red Bank adopted a Skip the Stuff ordinance in March 2024, supported implementation with outreach and educational materials, and later surveyed restaurants. The case study reports a 94% reduction in cutlery and condiment distribution among complying restaurants, and over 1.5 million pieces, more than 10,000 pounds, annually reduced from the waste stream. Red Bank is useful as a documented implementation and compliance example; the local tonnage estimate for Tompkins County comes separately from the Upstream/Chart-Reuse model.

The enforcement model does not need to be burdensome. Skip the Stuff can be implemented through an education-first approach, clear guidance to businesses and delivery platforms, warnings before fines, complaint-based enforcement, and escalation only for repeated noncompliance. We are also exploring whether Cornell Engineers Without Borders students may be able to help develop a simple public-facing webpage or form for complaint submissions or compliance reporting, which could further reduce administrative burden. County enforcement authority would, of course, still need to remain with the appropriate County department.

Some implementation questions are properly County questions: which department should enforce, how citations should be issued, how unpaid fines should be handled, and how the County should coordinate with the City, towns, and villages. Those are not reasons to delay introduction. They are exactly the questions County staff and counsel should resolve through the drafting process.

After years of discussion since 2023, public education, draft language, outside consultation, FOIL work, and growing municipal interest, we respectfully ask that the County move Skip the Stuff forward by placing it on the appropriate committee agenda and directing staff and counsel to prepare a countywide local law.

Skip the Stuff does not ban takeout, and it does not prevent customers from receiving utensils, napkins, straws, stirrers, or condiments when needed. It simply stops unnecessary ***default*** distribution of items many customers do not want and many businesses should not have to buy.

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Given the materials now provided, we respectfully ask that PEEQ place Skip the Stuff on the August 6 or September 3 agenda and direct County staff and counsel to prepare a countywide local law for committee review. Our draft resolution offers one practical path: directing staff and counsel to return within 60 days with proposed local law language, including definitions, electronic ordering requirements, enforcement authority, and a compliance schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this. We hope the attached materials help advance this common-sense waste-prevention policy, which can reduce unnecessary costs for small businesses while protecting our public health and environment from needless waste.

Sincerely,

Zero Waste Ithaca (ZWI)
Prepared by: Yayoi Koizumi, Founder
With Mary Cauchard, ZWI's local Skip the Stuff lead and ZWI Policy Working Group

Cc: PEEQ Committee Members; Shauna Black, Chair of the Legislature; ZWI Policy Working Group

Attachments:

- Upstream/Chart-Reuse Ithaca Skip the Stuff calculations
- Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund Red Bank Skip the Stuff case study
- Draft Skip the Stuff resolution
- FOIL summary on Tompkins County MSW transport/disposal costs. Full FOIL records are available upon request.
- Zero Waste Ithaca Skip the Stuff materials: zerowasteithaca.org/skip-the-stuff

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FOIL Summary:
Tompkins County MSW Transport and Disposal Costs

Source record: *Tompkins County FOIL 277905 production, uploaded March 9, 2026. Later correspondence clarified that New England Waste Services is a Casella company, but no later March-May 2026 invoices are included in this summary.*

Purpose

This summary distills the Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management (TCRMM) FOIL records relevant to Skip the Stuff cost discussions. It is intended to support a concise policy conversation, not to replace the underlying FOIL records.

Key findings

Item	Amount	What it means
2025 MSW transport/disposal payments	$1,037,923.00	County payment summary for New England Waste Services/Casella MSW transport and disposal.
2025 outgoing MSW tonnage disclosed	16,588.5 tons	County tonnage/destination records.
Effective vendor-paid rate from 2025 records	$62.57/ton	$1,037,923.00 divided by 16,588.5 tons.
Jan-Feb 2026 invoice rate	$62.94/ton	$41.30/ton disposal plus $21.64/ton transportation.
County published MSW fee used for public-facing calculations	$110/ton	Use as a public-facing County fee, pending a separate fee-breakdown record.

Invoices provided

The County provided eight weekly New England Waste Services invoices covering January 4 through February 28, 2026. They did not provide March, April, or May 2026 invoices in this packet.

Invoice #	Service period
1	Jan. 4-10, 2026
2	Jan. 11-17, 2026
3	Jan. 18-24, 2026
4	Jan. 25-31, 2026
5	Feb. 1-7, 2026
6	Feb. 8-14, 2026
7	Feb. 15-21, 2026
8	Feb. 22-28, 2026

Attachment: TCRMM FOIL Summary MSW Transport Disposal - PEEQ 11.05.2026 (14482 : Initiating the Development of a Countywide Skip the

Rate calculation from invoice line items

Line item	Rate
Disposal	$41.30/ton
Transportation	$21.64/ton
Combined invoice rate	$62.94/ton

The 2025 annual payment and tonnage records produce a very similar effective vendor-paid rate: $1,037,923.00 / 16,588.5 tons = $62.57/ton.

2025 destination totals in the FOIL packet

Destination category in record	Tons
Ontario County MSW	287.11 tons
Chemung MSW and C&D	16,272.58 tons
Hyland MSW	35.81 tons
Total	16,588.50 tons

The disclosed 2025 records show Chemung as the dominant destination category. Earlier assumptions that Ontario County Landfill was the main destination should be corrected when discussing these FOIL records.

Application to the 300-ton Skip the Stuff planning estimate

Basis	Rate	300-ton estimate
FOIL-derived 2025 vendor-paid rate	$62.57/ton	$18,771/year
Jan-Feb 2026 invoice rate	$62.94/ton	$18,882/year
County published MSW fee	$110.00/ton	$33,000/year

Important limits

- The $1,037,923.00 figure appears to be vendor-paid MSW transport and disposal, not the full public-system cost of managing MSW.
- The records do not explain what cost components are included in the County's published $110/ton MSW fee.
- The records do not include County internal labor, administration, transfer station operations, equipment, maintenance, capital costs, overhead, or other possible system costs unless those costs are embedded elsewhere.
- The County tonnage reports note that dollar totals do not include "Special Fees," so the $62.57/ton should be treated as a conservative vendor-paid floor, not an all-in public cost.

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Village of Lansing

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2026, in person at 2405 N. Triphammer Road and via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing.

PRESENT: Mayor Ronny Hardaway; Trustees, Susan Ainslie, Patrick Gillespie, Carolyn Greenwald, Kathleen Yen; Attorney Natalie French; Planning Board Member Kevin Kelvington; Public-0

Mayor Hardaway called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm. Kelvington stated that he was the liaison for the Planning Board.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Mayor Hardaway made a motion to close the public comment period. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Patrick Gillespie-Aye
Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Hardaway stated that the recording would be paused and the Trustees would go to the Mayor's office to seek council from Attorney French.

Hardaway stated that the Trustees returned at 7:44pm from their session of advice from council but no decisions were made in the meeting. The Board then proceeded with the agenda topics.

Website Vendor Selection

Hardaway stated that the Village has received the Munibit contract to provide website services. French noted that Munibit can change the terms of service at any time by simply uploading them to their website and by continuing to use their website, you agree to their new terms of service. To the extent any changes are made, it would be hard to monitor and govern that they won't make additional changes. They are not required to notify us if there is a change. French wondered if modifications to the contract could be made because she has concerns regarding a lot of the indemnity, disclaimers and limitations of liability that are in the contract. She feels the limitation on damages should be increased. There are no warrantees that the product will even work and there is no indemnification for gross negligence or willful misconduct by either party.

Greenwald also pointed out that the fee schedule can be updated from time to time and she would like to have the Village ask for a fee schedule for one year and an increase not to exceed amount. She feels we should push back a little bit on the contract terms. Greenwald would also like to see an arbitration clause or consider jurisdictional change because the current jurisdiction is the federal courts in Missouri which would be very expensive for us to litigate.

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Hardaway stated that at this point we also need to consider how easily can we migrate information off their system and provide it to someone else.

Gillespie feels we should have access to backups. The contract says we have 90 days to get everything off if the contract is canceled.

Hardaway asked Attorney French to put together a list to present to Munibit.

Hardaway stated that we still need to decide who will be getting user account names to be able to add, delete or edit information on the website. We also have to make sure that we are not putting someone else's copyrighted material on our website without their permission. We will get into that once we have a contract.

CSC "Skip the Stuff"

Yen has provided a proposed resolution for the Trustees to consider adopting the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Taskforce's recommendation that the Village participate in the voluntary Zero Waste Ithaca "Skip the Stuff" Campaign. She previously gave a summary of the program to the Trustees at the June 1, 2026 Trustees meeting. Hardaway had slight changes that were implemented in the resolution. Gillespie also had some punctuation changes.

Resolution#7321- Recommending That the Village of Lansing NY Participate in the "Skip the Stuff" Campaign

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing New York (herein referred to as the Village) is committed to providing a sustainable future for the community, and protecting the environment and community health and well-being, and

WHEREAS, single-use consumable products, provided by food service businesses for take-out and delivery, such as single-use plastic utensils, condiment packets, beverage straws, beverage stirrers chopsticks, and other single-use items that customers don't want or need, are a source of litter and solid waste, and

WHEREAS, production of unnecessary single-use products, uses energy and natural resources, contributes to increased CO2 emissions, and pollution, which adversely impacts climate, the Cayuga Lake watershed, natural ecosystems, public health, and community well-being,

WHEREAS, many single use products are frequently not recyclable or compostable within existing waste management systems, and micro- and nano-plastic pollution poses documented risks to wildlife, water quality, and human health, and

WHEREAS, unwanted and unused single-use waste increases the amount of waste going to landfills and incinerators, and increases costs for taxpayers, municipal waste management facilities, and food service businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Village, as a certified Climate Smart Community, has established sustainability, climate, and waste reduction goals in its updated Comprehensive Plan, and supports the reduction of unnecessary single-use consumable products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees support:

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•The Village of Lansing New York's participation in the Zero Waste Ithaca "Skip the Stuff" Campaign,
•Promoting a "by request only" rather than a default distribution approach to reduce the unnecessary distribution of single-use items by food establishments in the Village, and
•Increasing public awareness and recognizing participating businesses that display the "Skip the Stuff" stickers by providing a link to the campaign on the Village website.

Trustee Yen made a motion to move this resolution. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Patrick Gillespie-Aye
Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye

Emergency Preparedness Plan Update

Yen thanked Hardaway for providing the Bolton Point Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Yen has contacted the Town Fire Department but has not heard back. Yen had previously sent the Trustees a copy of the template and roles and responsibilities. Yen has not received any feedback on the table.

Hardaway wondered why we are reproducing this if the County already has it. Yen stated that it would be nice to have our plans and procedures integrated so that they are all aligned. Hardaway feels that if we point to the County's version we would automatically be aligned. Typically, we rely on the County to take the lead in these types of situations.

Hardaway asked Yen to contact the County and get an email from them saying that we have to complete every section in that document. Greenwald thinks the two options are either do our own thing or fill out their document. Hardaway stated that their document is 47 pages long. Greenwald liked Hardaway's previous option of using their boxes but only the ones that are relevant to the Village. Hardaway thinks that all we have to do is say we will follow the County's plan when they release it.

Yen stated that it is the exact same command structure. The reason for having the individual municipal plans is because there will be an incident that requires the Village to act. Hardaway stated that we would follow our current Emergency Preparedness Plan, we would not go into the County's addendum. Hardaway did not understand why we are doing this. French asked if we could just say that we are following the County's protocols. Yen stated that in the appendix you can just list the Village plans and agreements.

Hardaway feels there is no value to having our own addendum when in our case, we only have to respond to a Type I emergency, which we can do now. For Type II and Type III we don't do anything except go to the County and wait for their instructions on how we support them for our portion of that emergency.

Greenwald asked if the document we already created could be our addendum. Hardaway understood that it could be. Greenwald feels we can look at their boxes for inspiration.

Yen stated that the current Emergency Preparedness Plan is out of date. Hardaway had previously provided a draft and Yen provided a draft back in March based on the training she attended. This plan primarily addresses a Type III. Yen feels it needs to be clear what the succession plan is if the Mayor is not available, so we know what to do. Hardaway stated that it is already in our Code.

French stated that it seems that these are easy things that can be added to Hardaway's plan and be reviewed annually.

Yen stated that we had agreed to update and rename the pandemic plan which is supposed to be reviewed annually because it is an operation. Yen feels this plan needs significant updates.

It was decided that Hardaway's current Draft Emergency Preparedness Plan will be updated and submitted to the County by the end of October.

Post Retirement Health Insurance

Hardaway stated that French is going to come up with some wording that will help the Trustees with planning an annual plan, a look and review and update of the post-retirement health insurance. Hardaway thanked Greenwald for raising that question and starting that discussion.

Hardaway stated that one topic he wanted to add was the hiring of a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Hardaway will have Dake publish the job description so that we can start getting applicants.

General Discussion

Gillespie had nothing to report.

Greenwald reported that Greenway and CAAC were both meeting this week. Greenwald is the liaison for the Planning Board but will be at NYCOM for their September 14th meeting. Gillespie agreed to cover that meeting.

Ainslie had nothing to report.

Yen reported on the following:

1. Town of Lansing Conservation Advisory Council: Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 6:30 PM ET – attended.

The Town recently submitted its application for certification as a Climate Smart Community; Discussion focused on finalizing plans for the Saturday, August 8, 2026 community Lansing Center Trail Bioblitz at the Lansing Center Trail area; Flyers with a schedule of trail walks with experts included: (1) bird walk with Robyn Bailey, (2) Snail and invertebrate walk with Marla Coppolino, (3) plant walk with Dan Segal, (4) mushroom walk with Greg Czekaj, (5) bat talk at Scoops with John Hatfield. Flyers were made available at the Village office and a reminder sent to Village officials and committee chairs.

2. Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Taskforce: Kathleen reported that Ashley Seyfried, So. Tier 8 Regional Economic Development Board and CSC Taskforce advisor/liaison will be making a presentation at the October 5, 2026 (7:30 PM ET) Village of Lansing's Trustee meeting.

3. Tompkins County Core Advisory Group: Monday, August 17, 2026 - attended

Presentation on Code Blue Sheltering – Lisa M. Barrett, Senior Director of Housing and Shelter Services, Volunteer of America Upstate New York

4. Tompkins County Planning, Energy, Environmental Quality (PEEQ) Committee: Thursday, August 6, 2026, 9:30 AM ET – attended

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The Finger Lakes Land Trust Director of Conservation, Kate Riley, presented an overview of proposed funding requests from the County's Natural Infrastructure Capital Program for three properties located in the Towns of Caroline, Danby, and Newfield, and answered questions and Katherine Borgella provided additional information in response to Legislators' questions. The three resolutions were unanimously approved to recommend appropriating funds for the three parcels which will be considered by the full Legislature at their August 18, 2026 meeting. PEEQ Committee Chair, Irene Weiser, reiterated the importance of protecting and preserving the region's natural resources,

5. Announcement: 2026 Tompkins County Airport Day & Preparedness Expo: A Community Celebration, Saturday, September 19, 2026

6. Announcement: Please refer to the following NYS Senate Press: (https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2026/kristen-gonzalez/ny-state-senator-kristen-gonzalez-announces-ny-fights) for details on NYS Senator Kristen Gonzalez's schedule of visits at locations around the state with existing and proposed data centers. One of the scheduled visits is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2026, 12 noon, at Myers Park, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing NY. NYS Senator Kristen Gonzalez is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Internet and Technology and sponsor of the Responsible Data Center Development Act.

Hardaway had no additional comments.

Adjournment

Motion- To Adjourn

Mayor Hardaway motioned to adjourn. Trustee Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Ronny Hardaway-Aye	Trustee Susan Ainslie-Aye
Patrick Gillespie-Aye	Carolyn Greenwald-Aye
Trustee Kathleen Yen-Aye	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

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SKIP THE STUFF CASE STUDY:

Borough of Red Bank

Restaurants providing single-use cutlery and condiments upon request only

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SCOPE OF WORK

Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund's ReThink Disposable program helps to stop waste before it starts.

In March 2024, Red Bank passed their Skip the Stuff Ordinance (2024-08), which has restaurants only provide single-use cutlery and condiments upon request for take-out orders. This led nine other municipalities to pass similar ordinances in 2024.

Red Bank's Green Team, with the help of Clean Water Action, created educational flyers in English and Spanish and provided outreach to businesses and residents.

In November 2024, Clean Water Action visited twenty-nine (29) restaurants in Red Bank to gauge the success rate of the Skip the Stuff Ordinance.

Of the twenty-nine (29) restaurants visited, twenty (20) restaurants were able to provide data while nine (9) did not have managers present to provide financial information. In some cases, multiple visits were made to try to speak with the person in charge but that was not always possible.

New Jersey Needs to
"Skip the Stuff"

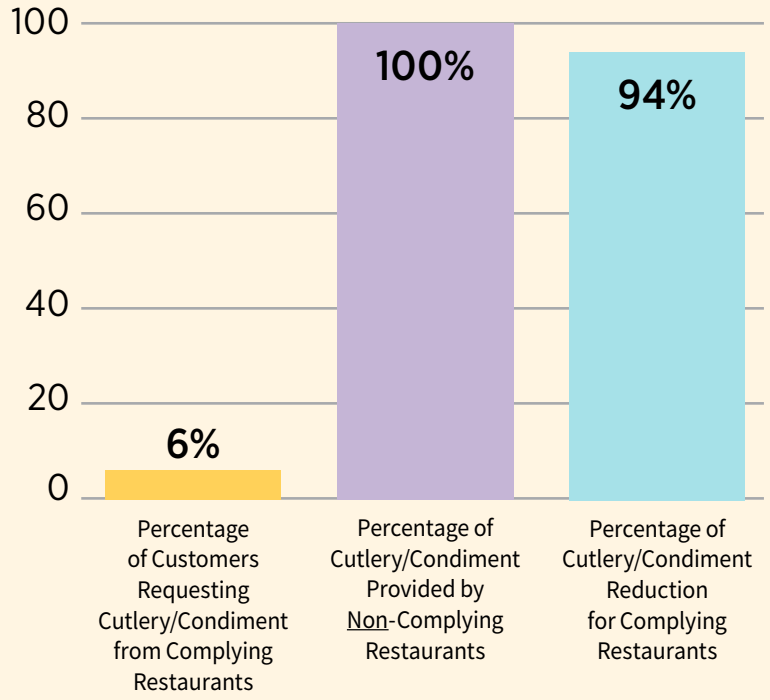


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MEASURING OUTCOMES

Cutlery and Condiment Waste Reduction and Restaurant Savings



- 29 restaurants surveyed
- 20 restaurants provided data
- 9 restaurants did not provide data
- 4 restaurants were not following ordinance, either because their customers had no access to wash or it was a newly established business
- 75% reduction in single-use condiments and cutlery being provided to customers by all businesses who provided data

1,578,769 pieces

of toxic plastic cutlery (over 10,000 lbs) annually reduced from the waste stream as a result of 16 compliant restaurants in Red Bank

94% reduction

in single-use cutlery and condiments for all businesses following Skip the Stuff, equating to money saved



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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING



INBETWEEN CAFE:

“Some people bring their own containers. It’s a win-win for the environment and our business.”

CUSTOMER:

“I have a junk drawer at home full of stuff I never use. Now I don’t have that problem!”



SURF TACO COASTAL CUISINE:

“We are definitely saving a lot of money.”

RED BANK DINER:

“It’s definitely saving us a lot of money.”



BUONA SERA:

“We’d rather give out our own silverware than cheap plastic stuff that breaks. People just return it, even when staying at hotels.”

CUSTOMER:

“Skip the Stuff is a no-brainer!”

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TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends adoption of "A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding Chapter 542 regarding single-use foodware, beverage stirrers, and splash sticks."

Your Committee understands that plastic utensils, stirrers, splash sticks, and condiment packets—among other single-use foodware items—are prevalent in Westchester County and around the world. According to a 2018 *Nature Magazine* article, globally, more than 320 million tons of plastic are consumed every year, and the use of plastics has continued to expand. In 2019, *National Geographic* reported that plastic production has increased exponentially, from 2.3 million tons in 1950, to 448 million tons in 2015; production will likely double by the year 2050. The manufacture of these plastics, which are made of petroleum and other fossil fuels, contributes to climate change and pollution.

Your Committee acknowledges that with the ubiquitous use of plastics and other disposable single-use items, comes staggering waste. People in the United States produce more plastic waste than in any other nation—an average of 231 pounds of plastic per year, according to a 2020 *Forbes* article. As for plastic utensils, specifically, a 2020 *Forbes* piece explained, "[s]ome estimates put the number of individual plastic utensils wasted at 40 billion per year in the United States alone. After just one single use, most of them are thrown out and end up in landfills and in our waterways."

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Your committee is aware that single-use foodware items, made both from plastics and from other types of materials, are commonly littered and thrown-away. Contaminated plastic utensils in particular generally cannot be recycled, and *National Geographic* reported in 2019 that billions of plastic forks, knives, and spoons are discarded every year. These plastic utensils can take centuries to break down, while they work their way into the environment. This is true of all plastics: according to a 2022 *New York Times* article, only about 9 percent of all plastics ever manufactured have been recycled, while nearly 80 percent have ended up in landfills, dumps, or the environment; the remainder are and have been burned, emitting pollutants that contribute to global warming. When plastic breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, it harms sea life, wildlife, and threatens human health.

Your Committee recognizes that this Local Law, in making single-use foodware items and condiment packets available upon request, and in banning certain plastic items (splash sticks and stirrers) altogether, will eliminate some of the plastic consumption and pollution in the County. The law may also raise awareness about the simple decisions County residents can make to reduce their waste. Moreover, as *Westchester Magazine* explained in 2019, many businesses in Westchester County have already begun to take steps towards reducing this type of rubbish—for instance, some have stopped automatically providing single-use utensils with to-go orders, while others no longer offer plastic straws unless they are specifically requested. Notably, takeout and delivery from restaurants increased dramatically during the pandemic, and those orders often arrived with single-use foodware items that were not necessarily needed or desired by people eating at home. This trend coincided with single use-foodware items becoming more expensive for businesses. In addition to reducing waste, this proposed Local Law will also spare food

providers the financial burdens associated with providing unnecessary utensils, napkins, and condiment packets for every order they receive.

Your Committee notes that the intent of this Local Law is to maintain a healthful environment, and to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of County residents. The Local Law prohibits food service establishments and retail food stores from providing single-use foodware items, as defined—including, but not limited to, forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids—or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customers, either directly or through a food delivery service, unless the items are specifically requested. The law would also prohibit food service establishments and retail food store cafes from providing any plastic beverage stirrers or plastic splash sticks. Finally, the law would ban, under most circumstances, foodware or condiment packets that are packaged together in a way that precludes a customer from selecting only the type of single-use foodware item or condiment packet that the customer wants—for instance, forks, knives, spoons, napkins, and salt and pepper packets that are bundled together in plastic wrap.

To further compliance, the Local Law provides for ordering option requirements, such that a customer must be allowed to request any applicable single-use foodware items or condiment packets when ordering food. Moreover, food service establishments and retail food stores will be responsible for coordinating with any third-party food delivery service as necessary in order to prompt the customer to affirmatively request the single-use foodware items or condiment packets that they want. Food service establishments and retail food stores, as applicable, must also post at least one sign advising clientele that single-use foodware items and condiment packets are

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available upon request. This Local Law will be enforced by the County Department of Health and the County Department of Environmental Facilities.

Your Committee is informed that the proposed project does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning, dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

In light of all of the foregoing, your Committee recommends passage of this Local Law.

Dated: , 2023
White Plains, New York

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LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. - 2023

A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding Chapter 542 regarding single-use foodware, beverage stirrers, and splash sticks.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. A new Chapter 542 is hereby added to the Laws of Westchester to read as follows:

CHAPTER 542

Single-use Foodware Law

Sec. 542.01. Short title.
Sec. 542.11. Definitions.
Sec. 542.21. Restrictions.
Sec. 542.31. Ordering Option Requirements.
Sec. 542.41. Posting of Signs.
Sec. 542.51. Exemptions.
Sec. 542.61. Enforcement and penalties.
Sec. 542.71. Construction.
Sec. 542.81. Severability.

Sec. 542.01. Short title.

This title shall be known as and may be cited as the "Single-use Foodware Law."

Sec. 542.11. Definitions.

1. "Beverage splash stick" shall mean a device primarily intended to be used to keep heat and liquid from escaping a lidded cup.
2. "Beverage stirrer" shall mean a device primarily intended to be used by a person for the purpose of stirring beverages.

3. "Condiment packet" shall mean an individual single-use container, sealed by the manufacturer or a food service establishment or retail food store, containing a sauce or other substance used to enhance the flavor of food, which may include, but need not be limited to, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, soy sauce, hot sauce, salt, pepper, and salad dressing.
4. "Dine-in" shall mean food or beverage provided by a food service establishment or retail food store to be consumed on the premises of such food service establishment or retail food store.
5. "Electronic orders" shall mean food or beverage orders made through the website, mobile phone application, or other digital platform of a food service establishment, retail food store, or third-party food delivery service.
6. "Food service establishment" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 873.420.1(1)(c) of the Laws of Westchester County. The term does not include retail food stores, as defined in this Chapter.
7. "Plastic" shall mean a synthetic material made from organic polymers, including, but not limited to, polypropylene and polystyrene, that can be molded into shape while soft, and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form.
8. "Retail food store" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 500(1)(b) of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. The term does not include food service establishments, as defined in this Chapter.
9. "Self-service station" shall mean a designated area or mechanical dispenser in a food service establishment or retail food store where customers may help themselves to single-use foodware or condiment packets.

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10. "Single-use foodware" shall mean any eating utensil or other item used as part of food or beverage service that is designed and intended by the manufacturer for only one use before being discarded, including, but not limited to, forks, spoons, sporks, knives, chopsticks, beverage straws, cocktail sticks, toothpicks, napkins, wet-wipes, cup sleeves, beverage trays, beverage lids, empty plates, empty bowls, and empty cups. For the purposes of this Chapter, "single-use foodware" exempts, and shall not include: (a) a beverage stirrer or beverage splash stick, as defined in this Section; or (b) containers actively holding food or beverages for dine-in or take-away customers, such as plates, bowls, and cups.
11. "Take-away" shall mean food or beverage provided by a food service establishment or retail food store to be consumed off the premises of such food service establishment or retail food store, including same-day delivery or same-day pickup of food and beverages from food service establishments or retail food stores.
12. "Third-party food delivery service" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 685.01(6) of the Laws of Westchester County.

Sec. 542.21. Restrictions.

Subject to the exemptions set forth in Section 542.51 of this Chapter:

1. No food service establishment or retail food store shall provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customer, whether directly to such customer or through a third-party food delivery service, unless the customer requests such single-use foodware or condiment packets.
2. No food service establishment or retail food store shall provide any single-use plastic beverage stirrer or single-use plastic beverage splash stick to any dine-in or take-away customer, whether directly to such customer or through a third-party food delivery service,

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except that retail food stores may sell packages or boxes of single-use plastic beverage stirrers or single-use plastic beverage splash sticks to their customers.

3. Notwithstanding requests for single-use foodware or condiment packets by any dine-in or take away customer, no food service establishment or retail food store shall provide, in a self-service station or otherwise, single-use foodware or condiment packets that are bundled or packaged in a manner that prohibits a dine-in or take-away customer from taking only the type of single-use foodware item or condiment packet desired.

Sec. 542.31. Ordering Option Requirements.

1. Food service establishments or retail food stores that supply single-use foodware or condiment packets to customers shall provide options to allow a customer to affirmatively request applicable single-use foodware or condiment packets when ordering dine-in or take-out food and beverages across all ordering or point of sale platforms, including through in-person, telephone, and electronic orders.
2. The food service establishment or retail food store shall coordinate with any third-party food delivery service, as necessary, to prompt the customer to affirmatively request single-use foodware or condiment packets as applicable. The default selected option for electronic orders shall be that no single-use foodware or condiment packets are requested.

Sec. 542.41. Posting of Signs.

1. Each food service establishment or retail food store that provides single-use foodware and/or condiment packets shall post at least one sign on its premises meeting the requirements of this Section.

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2. Such sign shall be posted in a conspicuous area on the premises in a manner that is clearly visible to customers approaching a point of service.
3. The sign shall state as follows (except that items listed in the following that are not offered by the food service establishment or retail food store shall not be included in the sign): "SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ITEMS SUCH AS PLASTIC STRAWS, UTENSILS, AND CONDIMENT PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST."
4. The sign shall be at least two inches by seven inches, and text on the sign shall be no smaller than 21-point font size and in a contrasting color to the background.
5. The sign shall be available for inspection at all times by the County Department of Health and the County Department of Environmental Facilities.
6. The Commissioner of the County Department of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of the County Department of Environmental Facilities, is authorized to design, create, and make available, through a website download or otherwise, signs that conform to the requirements of this Section.

Sec. 542.51. Exemptions.

The following situations are permitted under this Chapter and shall not constitute a violation of the Sec. 542.21 restrictions, or the Sec. 542.31 or Sec. 542.41 requirements:

1. Food service establishments or retail food stores may allow customers to access a self-service station for single-use foodware and/or condiment packets, provided that such single-use foodware and/or condiment packets are not bundled or packaged in a manner that prohibits a customer from taking only the type of single-use foodware item or condiment packet desired.

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2. For take-away orders, food service establishments or retail food stores and/or third-party food delivery services may choose to include specific single-use foodware, such as beverage lids and beverage trays, in order to prevent spills and ensure safety.
3. Food service establishments or retail food stores may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets that are prepackaged with or attached to any food or beverage products by the manufacturer prior to receipt by the food service establishment or retail food store such as plastic straws attached to juice boxes, or a separate plastic container of dressing included within a larger salad container, or any other similar prepackaged item.
4. Food service establishments or retail food stores may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets with free or reduced-price meals as part of a charitable program or donation, including, without limitation, free or reduced-price meals provided by school systems, homeless shelters, and programs that deliver meals.
5. Food service establishments or retail food stores may provide single-use foodware items or condiment packets pursuant to an order of the Commissioner of the County Department of Health, or pursuant to a disaster emergency declared by the New York State Governor, a local state of emergency declared by the County Executive, a public health emergency declared by the County Department of Health, or a public health emergency declared by any other authorized federal, state, or local official.
6. Hospitals, health-care facilities, and congregate care facilities (including, for the purposes of this Section, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day cares, hospice facilities, rehabilitation facilities, correctional facilities, jails, juvenile justice facilities, and residential treatment centers) may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets, including those that are bundled or packaged together, to their patients and/or residents.

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Sec. 542.61. Enforcement and Penalties.

1. For food service establishments that are permitted by the County Department of Health under the County Sanitary Code or the New York State Sanitary Code, the County Board of Health is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter 542 in the same manner that it enforces the provisions of Chapter 873 of the Laws of Westchester County (i.e., the Westchester County Sanitary Code).
2. For retail food stores and food service establishments that are not permitted or licensed by the County Department of Health, the County Department of Environmental Facilities is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter 542 in the same manner that it enforces the provisions of Chapter 825 of the Laws of Westchester County.
3. Any food service establishment or retail food store that violates any provision of Section 542.21, 542.31, or 542.41 of this Chapter may be subject to a civil penalty. Such penalty shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars ($100) for the first violation, two hundred dollars ($200) for the second violation committed on a different day within a period of twelve (12) months, and four hundred dollars ($400) for the third and each subsequent violation committed on different days within a period of twelve (12) months, except that neither the Westchester County Board of Health, nor the County Department of Environmental Facilities shall issue a notice of violation, but shall issue a warning and provide a copy of this Local Law, for any violation that occurs within the first six months of the effective date of this Local Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no single incident of non-compliance shall be subject to violation from more than one Department of the County of Westchester; however, violations issued by one Department of the County of

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Westchester shall be considered in the determination of the number of total violations received by a food service establishment or retail food store.

4. No civil penalty shall be imposed as provided for herein unless the alleged violator has received notice of the violation and has had an opportunity to be heard.

Sec. 542.71. Construction.

No provision of this Chapter shall be construed or interpreted to limit or frustrate a food service establishment's or retail food store's lawful compliance with, nor the ability of the County Department of Health to enforce, the New York State Sanitary Code, including 10 N.Y.C.R.R. § 14-1.97, or the Westchester County Sanitary Code, Chapter 873 of the Laws of Westchester County.

Sec. 542.81. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect one-hundred-eighty (180) days after adoption.

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Percent takeout	Reporting business name	Business type	Days open per week	Days open per year	Cust per day	Takeout customers annually	Total restaurants	Restaurants per category
25.00%	Co.	Restaurant	5	260	348	22,620.00	289	57.8
0.00%	Tacos CDMX	Restaurant	6	312	207	0.00		
75.00%	khmer Angkor	Stand	2	104	416	32,448.00		
50.00%	Coffee	Cafe/Cafeteria	7	364	144	26,208.00		
25.00%	Cafe	Coffee shop	7	364	110	10,010.00		
25.00%	Hypothetical	Restaurant	6	312	207	16,146.00		

Restaurant

Takeout type	Item quantity	Cost ($)	Emissions (lb)	Mass (lb)
packet PLA	1	0.03	0.06	0.032
Napkins	6	0.01	0.02712934	0.03992
Plastic Bag	1	0.01	0.002225069	0.001178571
Ramekin	1	0.04	0.0077148	0.0036
Total	9	0.09	0.097069209	0.076698571
Business	203,580.00	2,035.80	2,195.71	1,734.92
25%	50,895.00	508.95	548.93	433.73
Savings 25%	152,685.00	1,526.85	1,646.78	1,301.19
50%	101,790.00	1,017.90	1,097.85	867.46
Sector total	11,766,924.00	117,669.24	126,911.78	100,278.47
savings 25%	8,825,193.00	88,251.93	95,183.83	75,208.86
savings 50%	5,883,462.00	58,834.62	63,455.89	50,139.24

Coffee shop

Takeout type	Item quantity	Cost ($)	Emissions (lb)	Mass (lb)
Utensil packet	1	0.03	0.08554856	0.03992
Business	10,010.00	300.30	856.34	399.60
25%	2,502.50	75.08	214.09	99.90
Savings 25%	7,507.50	225.23	642.26	299.70
50%	5,005.00	150.15	428.17	199.80
Sector total	578,578.00	17,357.34	49,496.51	23,096.83
savings 25%	433,933.50	13,018.01	37,122.39	17,322.63
savings 50%	289,289.00	8,678.67	24,748.26	11,548.42

Cafe/Cafeteria

Takeout type	Item quantity	Cost ($)	Emissions (lb)	Mass (lb)
packet	1	0.03	0.08554856	0.03992
Napkins	6	0.01	0.02712934	0.01457
Lid stirrer	1	0.03	0.005818245	0.002715
packets	1	0.03	0.18922575	0.101625
2 creamers	1	0.08	0.067385444	0.031444444
Total	10	0.18	0.375107339	0.190274444
Business	262,080.00	4,717.44	9,830.81	4,986.71
25%	65,520.00	1,179.36	2,457.70	1,246.68
Savings 25%	196,560.00	3,538.08	7,373.11	3,740.03
50%	131,040.00	2,358.72	4,915.41	2,493.36
Sector total	15,148,224.00	272,668.03	568,221.00	288,231.99
savings 25%	11,361,168.00	204,501.02	426,165.75	216,173.99
savings 50%	7,574,112.00	136,334.02	284,110.50	144,116.00

Restaurant

Takeout type	Item quantity	Cost ($)	Emissions (lb)	Mass (lb)
Utensil packet	1	0.03	0.08554856	0.03992
Napkins	6	0.01	0.02712934	0.01457
Paper bag	1	0.02	0.1962548	0.1054
Ramekin	1	0.04	0.0077148	0.0036
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Total	10	0.14	0.3243623	0.16709
Business	161,460.00	2,260.44	5,237.15	2,697.84
25%	40,365.00	565.11	1,309.29	674.46
Savings 25%	121,095.00	1,695.33	3,927.87	2,023.38
50%	80,730.00	1,130.22	2,618.58	1,348.92
Sector total	9,332,388.00	130,653.43	302,707.48	155,934.87
savings 25%	6,999,291.00	97,990.07	227,030.61	116,951.15
savings 50%	4,666,194.00	65,326.72	151,353.74	77,967.44

Stand

Takeout type	Item quantity	Cost ($)	Emissions (lb)	Mass (lb)
packet PLA	1	0.03	0.06	0.032
Napkins	6	0.01	0.02712934	0.01457
packets	1	0.1	0.04286	0.02
Straw	1	0.01	0.00270018	0.00126
Total	9	0.15	0.13268952	0.06783
Business	292,032.00	4,867.20	4,305.51	2,200.95
25%	73,008.00	1,216.80	1,076.38	550.24
Savings 25%	219,024.00	3,650.40	3,229.13	1,650.71
50%	146,016.00	2,433.60	2,152.75	1,100.47
Sector total	16,879,449.60	281,324.16	248,858.45	127,214.79
savings 25%	12,659,587.20	210,993.12	186,643.84	95,411.09
savings 50%	8,439,724.80	140,662.08	124,429.23	63,607.39

Totals

type	emissions	accessory quantity	landfilled		
Restaurant	63.5	11,766,924.00			
Restaurant	151.4	9,332,388.00			
Stand	124.4	16,879,449.60			
a	284.1	15,148,224.00			
Coffee shop	24.7	578,578.00			
Total	648.1	53,705,563.60	347.38		
Scenario	savings (tons	(tons)		($)	cost/restauran
accessories	648.1		347	$819,672.20	$2,836.24
accessories	486.1		261	$614,754.15	
accessories	324.0		174	$409,836.10	

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Functional unit: 1 trip to drop off trash

Waste hauling emissions	
miles per route	130
Truck EF: kg CO2/tonne*km	0.094
Truck EF: lb CO2/tonne*km	0.20723428
avg weight load of refuse truck, tons	18
trucks required for 100% accessories	#REF!
ton*mi	2340
ton*mi/trip	2340
ton*mi/year	#REF!
tonne-km/year	#REF!
lb CO2/year	#REF!
tons CO2/year	#REF!

Average garbage truck route length

Trash truck mpg

Diesel fuel EF

Trash truck weight capacity

assumes trash trucks were filled with only foodware

Assumes empty trucks on the way back (out of

GWP truck tonne*km

Assumes refuse trucks can carry up to 18 tons of

miles per gallon	2.53
emissions per diesel gallon, *lbs*	22.45
CO2 emissions per truck per route, *lbs*	1153.557312
CO2 emissions per truck per route, *tons*	0.576778656

Emissions for Collection Trucks

Annual CO2e for accessory-only trucks (lb)	23071.14625
Annual CO2e for accessory-only trucks (tons)	11.53557312

Tipping fee/ton

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Item database	Item costs	Item emissions (lb)	Mass	Material	Mass per case	Items per case	Emission factor	Source
Lid stirrer	0.03	0.005818245	0.002715	PP	5.43	2000	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/royal-paper-stirstix-bk-stix-to-go-4-3-4-black-beverage-plug-and-stirrer-case/485STRSTXBK.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid
3 sugar packets	0.03	0.18922575	0.101625	Paper	13.55	400	1.862	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/sugar-in-the-raw-5-gram-packets-case/110835.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid=Cj0KC
2 creamers	0.08	0.067385444	0.031444444	PP	5.66	180	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/nestle-coffee-mate-french-vanilla-single-serve-non-dairy-creamer-case/110CMPCVANIL.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gcli
Plastic Bag	0.01	0.002225069	0.001178571	LDPE	8.25	7000	1.887937675	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/1-6-size-white-thank-you-plastic-t-shirt-bag-case/433NHT101.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid=Cj
4 condiment packets	0.1	0.04286	0.02	PP	20	1000	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/heinz-ketchup-9-gram-portion-packets-case/125PC148.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid=Cj0
6 Napkins	0.01	0.02712934	0.01457	Paper	29.14	2000	1.862	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/choice-15-x-17-3-ply-white-dinner-napkin-case/5003DNAP.html
Utensil packet	0.03	0.08554856	0.03992	PP	19.96	500	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/visions-heavy-weight-black-wrapped-plastic-cutlery-pack-with-napkin-and-salt-and-pepper-packets-case/130BKFSNSPH.html?utm_source=google&utm_
Ramekin	0.04	0.0077148	0.0036	PP	9	2500	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/choice-2-oz-clear-plastic-souffle-cup-portion-cup-case/127P2C.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid=Cj0KC
Straw	0.01	0.00270018	0.00126	PP	0.63	500	2.143	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/choice-7-3-4-jumbo-black-unwrapped-straw-box/999UJ7BK.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GoogleShopping&gclid=Cj0K
Paper bag	0.02	0.1962548	0.1054	Paper	26.35	250	1.862	https://www.webstaurantstore.com/choice-10-x-6-3-4-x-12-natural-kraft-paper-shopping-bag-with-handles-case/433BR10712C.html
Utensil packet PLA	0.03	0.06	0.032	PLA				https://www.amazon.com/100-Compostable-Utensils-Heavyweight-Flatware-Friendly/dp/B0B5R7RRVK/ref=sr_1_5?crid=1JLPGLM4KX0IC&keywords=COMPOSTABLE%2Butensils&qid

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