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CAC May minutes

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- Successful composer sales via Westchester County at pool 17-18 sales.
- NRI final report coming soon.
- Tree Ordinance FAQ in process being read by City PR department.
- Food composting flyer in English and Spanish. Bins are for sale at the finance office.
- Food scraps - 9-10 users we hope to grow it and reach out to businesses.
  
- Presentation by Vanessa Agudelo - Zero Waste Project Zero Waste Associates Course
- Plan for Peekskill - Zero Waste Transition from Incineration. Wheelabrator is the largest polluter in the county. Life expectancy is lower in the city compared to the County.
- Stakeholders City, Private Sector, Non-profit's and schools
- Situation Report - current DPW schedule.
- Encourage recycling - cardboard recycling (incinerators want paper) Private Hauler permit program - this program is not being followed at the moment. How would it be enforceable? This program needs to be revisited.
- Make sure food is going to CHHOP.
- 1287 diverted for recycling. 8457 tons go to incinerator (2 percent of total)
- Incinerator 643,395 total tonnage. From county and area counties.

Possible solutions -Divert more paper out of our waste stream - as well as food scraps.

Economic savings could be big by Food Scraps and doing more recycling.

### **Recommendations**

- Adopt a Zero Waste Plan
- Private Hauler fees
- Ban recyclables from being incinerated
- Encourage Better source separation

Successful Earth Day Event at the high school.

Outreach plans for programs are needed.

City won a design award for Tompkins Cove Trailway.