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From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 1:26 PM
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Subject: Fw: Food Scrap Pilot Program

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From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 1:24 PM
To: David Fenigstein
Subject: Re: Food Scrap Pilot Program

Dear Mr. Fenigstein-- Thank you for your email. My best to Michelle.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: David Fenigstein <fenigstein.david@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Food Scrap Pilot Program

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed village food scrap collection pilot program. As a homeowner who has been backyard composting for several years, I have seen real benefits of not throwing food scraps into the normal trash. The most obvious benefit being that food scraps turn into compost, a valuable resource, which helps reduce the need for fertilizers and reduces our water usage since it also helps plants retain moisture. More importantly however, by composting our food scraps my family has significantly reduced the overall amount of trash generated. This means less waste that goes to a landfill or incinerator. Since our family is also vigilant about recycling both paper and plastics in addition to composting, I would estimate that our overall trash volume is down at least 50% if not more compared to the average household. While I don't have any hard metrics, I can tell you that I only bring my trash out to the bin for town collection once a week even though we have scheduled pickups two times a week. Just think about the impact and saving this program will have on 100 households in Scarsdale, not to mention what it could mean in reduction if it were adopted on a larger scale. Ideally everyone would gain these benefits by simply backyard composting but most choose not to do so out of the inconvenience (finding a suitable location, installing a bin, turning occasionally, etc.). That is why this program makes so much sense for Scarsdale which hopefully becomes a model for the rest of Westchester County and the Country.

David Fenigstein

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