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To: Mayor; Clerk's Department
Subject: Comment for Municipal Services Committee meeting

Dear Mayor Hochvert and Clerk Conkling,
Please accept my comment below for discussion at the Municipal Services Committee meeting on January 30th. I am unable to attend in person but would appreciate my comments being made public for the meeting.

I am writing in support of the Conservation Advisory Council's recommendation to start curbside collection of food waste. My family has been an active participant in this program since inception. Our solid waste generation has fallen from approximately 3 bin bags per week to less than 1 bag per week. This is our 2nd experience with a food scrap collection program. We lived in Camden Council in London for many years. Camden has a mandatory food scrap collection program that significantly reduced our solid waste generation. The Council's municipal services collected food scraps weekly along with solid waste and recycling. It was and continues to be a successful program which Scarsdale would be wise to follow.

In our view, the Scarsdale food scrap program has been a success. What would make it an even bigger success would be curbside food scrap collection. As I already bring my solid waste bin to my curbside I certainly support this trade-off in exchange for curbside food scrap collection. I do not require the sanitation staff to come all the way to my garage to collect my things. I am not sure why this accommodation is offered whereas recycling is collected at curbside. I expect other Scarsdale residents would agree.

Curbside collection of food scraps is important. We are not always able to make it to the Recycling Center on Saturdays and during such weeks we have to limit our food scrap collection based on the capacity of our food scrap bin. Not only would we find curbside collection convenient but it would increase our use of the program, further reducing our solid waste generation.

Thanks for your consideration of this proposal.

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