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Ms. Rebecca Yurkovich
Sustainability and Resilience Manager
Delaware County, PA
201 West Front Street, Room 209
Media, PA 19063

Re: Letter of Support for Compost Facility Development, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program

Dear Ms. Yurkovich:

The Delaware County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is responsible for managing waste generated in Delaware County, PA. To fulfill this responsibility, the Authority incorporates into its operations a variety of waste handling options, including waste consolidation (two transfer stations), contracted WTE processing, and ownership and operation of a landfill.

A regional compost facility capable of managing a large portion of organics (including food waste) generated in Delaware County is a missing component in the "toolbox" to manage the waste stream moving forward. Fortunately, the Authority operates its Transfer Station #1 on a parcel of land owned by Delaware County that could be used to accommodate a regional facility. The parcel was previously used as a low technology leaf compost operation run by the Authority and is currently leased to a wood mulch private operator. The site being utilized is currently 7 acres in size but could easily be expanded to approximately 21 acres to accommodate a larger operation.

The development of a facility capable of managing a variety of organics, including food waste, must be properly constructed, permitted, and outfitted with proper material handling and processing equipment. The CPRG grant program would be an important component of a project finance package that could make the project a reality. As such, the Authority **supports** Delaware County's efforts to submit a grant application for a regional compost facility to be operated at the location described.

In addition to supporting the grant application, the Authority will continue to support the project, as needed, under the assumption the Authority will ultimately be responsible for the following, through the use of staff, consultants and subcontractors:

1. Site design and permitting

2. Selection of processing technology
3. Establishment of user fees
4. Selection of operator (if private operation chosen)

We are excited for the opportunity a regional compost operation could bring to Delaware County and the waste reduction results that would follow.

Sincerely,



Brooks Stayer

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