

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2627

RE: Approving 2025 Final Agency Budget

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (the “Agency”) has prepared and reviewed a proposed 2025 Agency Budget, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Service Agreement by and between the Agency and the County of Ulster as of January 1, 1992, as amended (the “Service Agreement”), the Agency forwarded the proposed 2025 Agency Budget to the County for review and comment, and

WHEREAS, the Agency has forwarded the proposed 2025 Budget with the notification of the proposed 2025 municipal tipping fee of \$135.00 per ton plus other charges as required by the Solid Waste Management Agreements with the municipalities of Ulster County, and has held hearing thereon, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Legislature approved a Local Law #10 of 2012 the “Flow Control Law”; private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency facilities are required to pay a tipping fee of \$135.00 per ton in the year 2025 Budget and

WHEREAS, comments on the budget have been received, and the Agency has reviewed such comments and determined that the budget and tipping fees are justified, based upon the costs to be incurred in the exportation of solid waste and sewage sludge, the significant cost increase of disposal of solid waste, the increase in personnel costs, cost of diesel fuel, monitoring of and collection and disposal of leachate from the closed consolidation landfills in Ulster County, providing collection of solid waste and regulated recyclables at the municipal drop-off stations and providing free Household Hazardous Waste disposal for residents at the Agency’s HHW disposal days and free recycling to residents who use the municipal drop-off centers, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the continued operation of the Agency that it set a tipping fee sufficient to meet its operating costs, and

WHEREAS, Local Law #10 of 2012 “Flow Control Law” has been passed by the Ulster County Legislature to provide the Agency with a more competitive tipping fee structure, to ensure that solid waste sufficient to maintain the system at a reasonable cost to all, is received by the Agency, and

WHEREAS, that the public hearing on said final agency budget was held on September 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Agency’s Offices in the Town of Ulster,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, that the Agency does hereby approve the 2025 Agency Budget, in the same form and substance as annexed hereto, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the basic 2025 tipping fee for use of Agency facilities be set at \$135.00 per ton of solid waste for private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 municipal tipping fee where the Agency hauls be set at \$135.00 per ton plus a \$95.00 pull charge and \$135.00 per ton for the municipalities that self-haul as required by the Solid Waste Management Agreements with the Municipalities of Ulster County, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote: Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: October 10, 2025

Financial Impact: See Attached

	2023 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 110/ton)	2024 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 115/ton)	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET (@ 135/ton)
MSW/C&D TONS	145,000	143,000	142,800
SEWAGE SLUDGE TONS	3,150	3,050	3,250
TOTAL TONS	148,150	146,050	146,050

REVENUES

Tipping Fees	\$ 16,296,500	\$ 16,795,750	\$ 19,716,750
Compost Tipping Fees	\$ 196,000	\$ 254,500	\$ 330,750
Miscellaneous Leachate/MSW Hauling	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000
Town Box Rental	\$ 36,036	\$ 36,036	\$ 35,112
Town Pull Charge	\$ 247,000	\$ 237,500	\$ 247,000
Fuel Surcharge	\$ 1,525,926	\$ 1,488,878	\$ 1,747,091
Recycling Service/Tipping Fees	\$ 200,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 250,000
Sales of Recyclables	\$ 793,708	\$ 495,000	\$ 715,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 158,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Grants	\$ 320,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 248,959
Net Service Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 19,785,170	\$ 20,067,664	\$ 23,566,162

EXPENDITURES

Agency Personnel Expense

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,284,917	\$ 2,432,421	\$ 2,817,554
Overtime Wages	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 325,000
Longevity Bonus Payments	\$ 18,700	\$ 18,850	\$ 25,950
Benefits - Taxes	\$ 200,632	\$ 213,233	\$ 247,858
Benefits - Pension	\$ 226,337	\$ 283,312	\$ 355,739
Benefits - Health Insurance	\$ 772,614	\$ 748,852	\$ 1,060,411
Benefits - Retirees Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,740
Total Agency Personnel Expense	\$ 3,803,200	\$ 3,996,668	\$ 4,937,252

Administration Expense

General Administration	\$ 203,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 282,500
Insurance	\$ 339,476	\$ 393,313	\$ 493,669
Contract Services	\$ 166,472	\$ 307,972	\$ 289,923
Total Administration Expense	\$ 708,948	\$ 926,285	\$ 1,066,092

Recycling Ed./Composting Ops.

Recycling Education/Advertising/Supplies/FSR Grant	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Operational Costs/R&M	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,000
Total Composting Ops	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 170,000

Facilities O&M Expense

MRF (Recycling) Operations	\$ 112,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 117,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$ 162,800	\$ 162,300	\$ 177,989
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$ 95,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 101,000
HHW Cleanup Day	\$ 120,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Transportation System	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 65,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$ 182,500	\$ 207,500	\$ 228,000
MSW Private Hauling Contracts	\$ 5,581,420	\$ 5,527,409	\$ 5,492,696
Fuel Replenishment Program	\$ 1,600,184	\$ 1,099,824	\$ 1,045,120
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$ 4,003,872	\$ 4,056,084	\$ 7,219,750
Recycling Transport/Disposal Costs	\$ 37,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 45,600
Sewage Sludge Disposal & Transport	\$ 315,000	\$ 309,575	\$ 334,750
Other Disposal Costs	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 37,000
CLF Monitoring and Maintenance	\$ 206,285	\$ 216,785	\$ 298,500
HCB Payments and Taxes	\$ 341,460	\$ 378,032	\$ 399,220
Total Facilities O&M Expense	\$ 12,884,021	\$ 12,497,009	\$ 15,721,624

TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES \$ 17,496,169 \$ 17,569,962 \$ 21,894,969

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 2,289,001 \$ 2,497,702 \$ 1,671,193

DEBT SERVICE \$ (1,790,000) \$ (1,790,000) \$ -

CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE TRANSFER OUT \$ - \$ - \$ (895,000)

CAPITAL OUTLAY \$ (1,119,000) \$ (720,000) \$ (686,543)

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN \$ 120,000 \$ 90,000 \$ -

OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN/(OUT) \$ 500,000 \$ (77,702) \$ -

BUDGETED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 89,650