



# Public Participation Meeting

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
Proposed Part 360 Permit Modification

May 1, 2025

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# Meeting Agenda

Meeting Purpose

Proposed Permit Modification

Permit Application Process

Project Benefits and Potential Impacts

Public Comment / Q&A

# Meeting Purpose

- Located in a Disadvantaged Community
- NYSDEC Requires Enhanced Public Participation During Application Review Process
- Inform Stakeholders of the Project
- Solicit Public Input



# Proposed Permit Modification



- 999 Flatbush Road
- South of Rt 199 & East of Rt 32
- Existing Solid Waste Management Facility
- Covers 26.8 acres of a 42 acre parcel
- Operates a Transfer Station, Material Recovery Facility, and Organics Composting Area

# Proposed Permit Modification

- Facility currently receives up to 5,000 tons per year of organics for composting.
  - Proposal to increase to 7,500 tons per year
- Facility currently receives discarded mattresses that are sent to a landfill.
  - Proposal to separate mattresses for offsite recycling.
  - Recycler will disassemble mattresses to recover wood, metal, and textile



# Permit Application Process

1. UCRRA Submitted an Application for Modification – February 2024
2. Administrative / Technical Review by NYSDEC – In Progress
3. Enhanced Public Participation – In Progress
4. Notice of Complete Application – Following Completion of 2 & 3
5. 30-Day Public Comment Period
6. Decision by NYSDEC to Approve or Deny

# Project Benefits

- Increased Organics Recycling
  - Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act requires separation and recycling
  - UCRRA has been operating its organic composting since 2012
  - Compost is marketed as “Grown Ulster Green Compost” that is sold daily
- Increased Resource Recovery vs Disposal
  - Mattresses are currently disposed of at a landfill
  - NYS Solid Waste Management Policy is to reduce landfilling with sustainable materials management
  - Mattress recycling will recover reusable materials

# Potential Impacts

- Traffic / Particulate Matter:
  - Anticipated increase in traffic by 3 to 4 new vehicles per day
  - Enter and exit the facility from Rt 32
  - Rt 32 and Rt 199 currently accommodate 11,000 to 20,000 vehicles per day
- Odor:
  - Organics composting occurs outdoors
  - No increase in operating footprint or changes to operating equipment
- Noise:
  - 1 additional hour per day of operating equipment during normal operating hours.
  - No changes to types of operating equipment
  - Noise monitoring requirement in NYSDEC permit



# Public Comment / Q&A

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