

# **ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2662**

### **RE: Approving 2026 Final Agency Budget**

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (the “Agency”) has prepared and reviewed a proposed 2026 Agency Budget, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Management Agreements by and between the Agency and Municipalities, the Agency is required to inform certain Municipalities the proposed tipping fees and pull charges for the next ensuing year, and

WHEREAS, the Agency has forwarded the proposed 2026 Budget with the notification of the proposed 2026 municipal tipping fee of \$135.00 per ton plus other charges as required by the Municipal Solid Waste Management Agreements with the municipalities of Ulster County, 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 \$150.00 per ton in the year 2026 Budget, and

WHEREAS, no public comments on the budget have been received by the Agency, and the Agency has 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, the Agency’s tipping fee compares favorably to other tipping fees charged by comparable solid waste systems, 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 11, 2025, 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 2026 Agency Budget, in the same form and substance as annexed hereto, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the basic 2026 tipping fee for use of Agency facilities be set at \$150.00 per ton of solid waste for private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 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 9, 2025

Financial Impact: See Attached

	2024 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 115/ton)	2025 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 135/ton)	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET (@ 150/ton)
MSW/C&D TONS	143,000	142,800	135,000
SEWAGE SLUDGE TONS	3,050	3,250	3,250
TOTAL TONS	146,050	146,050	138,250

REVENUES

Tipping Fees	\$ 16,795,750	\$ 19,716,750	\$ 20,486,250
Compost Tipping Fees	\$ 254,500	\$ 330,750	\$ 354,500
Miscellaneous Leachate/MSW Hauling	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Town Box Rental	\$ 36,036	\$ 35,112	\$ 35,112
Town Pull Charge	\$ 237,500	\$ 247,000	\$ 199,500
Fuel Surcharge	\$ 1,488,878	\$ 1,747,091	\$ 1,247,175
Recycling Service/Tipping Fees	\$ 220,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 300,000
Sales of Recyclables	\$ 495,000	\$ 715,500	\$ 610,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Grants	\$ 280,000	\$ 248,959	\$ 230,000
Net Service Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 20,067,664	\$ 23,566,162	\$ 23,737,537

EXPENDITURES

Agency Personnel Expense

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,432,421	\$ 2,817,554	\$ 2,994,568
Overtime Wages	\$ 300,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 360,000
Longevity Bonus Payments	\$ 18,850	\$ 25,950	\$ 42,000
Benefits - Taxes	\$ 213,233	\$ 247,858	\$ 261,277
Benefits - Pension	\$ 283,312	\$ 355,739	\$ 441,755
Benefits - Health Insurance	\$ 748,852	\$ 1,060,411	\$ 1,164,140
Benefits - Retirees Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 104,740	\$ 35,836
Total Agency Personnel Expense	\$ 3,996,668	\$ 4,937,252	\$ 5,299,576

Administration Expense

General Administration	\$ 225,000	\$ 282,500	\$ 310,000
Insurance	\$ 393,313	\$ 493,669	\$ 565,878
Contract Services	\$ 307,972	\$ 289,923	\$ 172,367
Total Administration Expense	\$ 926,285	\$ 1,066,092	\$ 1,048,245

Recycling Ed./Composting Ops.

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

Facilities O&M Expense

MRF (Recycling) Operations	\$ 106,000	\$ 117,000	\$ 107,500
Transfer Station Operations	\$ 162,300	\$ 177,989	\$ 173,239
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$ 105,000	\$ 101,000	\$ 78,000
HHW Cleanup Day	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 140,000
Transportation System	\$ 95,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$ 207,500	\$ 228,000	\$ 218,000
MSW Private Hauling Contracts	\$ 5,527,409	\$ 5,492,696	\$ 5,458,957
Fuel Replenishment Program	\$ 1,099,824	\$ 1,045,120	\$ 966,119
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$ 4,056,084	\$ 7,219,750	\$ 7,341,800
Recycling Transport/Disposal Costs	\$ 42,500	\$ 45,600	\$ 48,140
Sewage Sludge Disposal & Transport	\$ 309,575	\$ 334,750	\$ 422,500
Other Disposal Costs	\$ 31,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000
CLF Monitoring and Maintenance	\$ 216,785	\$ 298,500	\$ 384,900
Reuse Innovation Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520,000
HCB Payments and Taxes	\$ 378,032	\$ 399,220	\$ 359,488
Total Facilities O&M Expense	\$ 12,497,009	\$ 15,721,625	\$ 16,323,642
TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES	\$ 17,569,962	\$ 21,894,969	\$ 22,841,464
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 2,497,702	\$ 1,671,192	\$ 896,073
DEBT SERVICE	\$ (1,790,000)	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE TRANSFER OUT	\$ -	\$ (895,000)	\$ -
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ (686,543)	\$ (686,543)	\$ (895,000)
CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -
OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN/(OUT)	\$ (77,702)	\$ -	\$ -
BUDGETED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 33,457	\$ 89,649	\$ 1,073