

## **Compost Facility Siting Task Force**

### **Mission Statement**

The Solid Waste Management Plan (“SWMP”) requires the Mayor and the City Council to create a Compost Facility Siting Task Force to identify sites for additional composting facilities and to enable the testing of new technologies for waste disposal (see SWMP Section 2.4.8.4). The Task Force is designed to help educate elected officials and the communities they represent, to have them participate in the site selection process, and to successfully complete necessary site selection efforts. By July 1, 2008 the Task Force is required to submit sites to the Mayor and the City Council for further review.

The Task Force will consist of eleven members: three Mayoral appointees, three members appointed by the City Council Speaker, and one member appointed by each of the Borough Presidents. One Mayoral appointee will be designated to serve as chairperson and one Speaker designated appointee will serve as vice-chairperson. Task Force members will serve four-year terms without compensation, and may be appointed for up to two terms. Any vacancies will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term of the departing member.

The Task Force will immediately undertake the following tasks:

1. Define the general and specific siting needs of the yard-waste composting program and of the various new technologies evaluated by the City in order to develop respective criteria to evaluate potential sites;
2. Assemble through research and other means a list of public and privately owned sites to evaluate;
3. Assess the sites identified against the criteria developed; and
4. Present recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council by July 1, 2008 on sites that should be the subject of further review.