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TOMORROW IN THE BRONX – COMPOSTING NEWS: NYC Department of Sanitation, GrowNYC, and the NYC Compost Project hosted by the New York Botanical Garden to Celebrate Meeting Goal of More than 200 Neighborhood-based Food Scrap Drop-off Sites

Along with return of curbside composting and new “smart bin” pilot, FSDOs put composting in reach of every neighborhood

TOMORROW, December 17, 2021: The New York City Department of Sanitation, the nation’s largest municipal waste organization, GrowNYC, and the NYC Compost Project hosted by the New York Botanical Garden will celebrate the realization of a promise made in Mayor de Blasio’s 2021 Earth Day announcements: the opening of more than 200 community-based Food Scrap Drop-off sites, at which New Yorkers can bring food waste and other organic material to be turned into fertilizer or high-quality compost. While these sites were closed across the City during the COVID-19 pandemic, the number open today is significantly higher than before the crisis, giving a greater number of New Yorkers in every neighborhood a chance to reduce the material they send to landfills.

WHERE: New Roots Community Farm, 670 Grand Concourse, The Bronx, NY 10451

WHEN: Friday, December 17th, 11am

WHO: NYC Sanitation Commissioner Edward Grayson, GrowNYC senior leadership, staff from NYBG and NYC Compost Project

KEY VISUALS: A community-based food scrap drop-off site

Media should please RSVP to pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov. All New Yorkers can find their closest drop-off site at nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 705 salt spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.