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## **QUEENSBORO BRIDGE / NYC COMPOST PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING:**

### **Open House Celebrates Completion of Site, Teaches Community about Composting**

**WHAT:** To celebrate the completion of the NYC Compost Project's Queensboro Bridge site, the groups, along with the Department of Sanitation, will host an open house and ribbon cutting.

The current site allows for improved stormwater management and acts as an educational space for residents. The site also allows an increased amount of organic material to be processed locally, brings the city closer to its zero waste to landfill goal, and provides a free resource for improving the local environment.

**VISUALS:** The open house will include equipment demonstrations, compost bagging, mulching, a micro-organisms table/demonstration, planting bulbs and DSNY's costumed characters.

**WHO:** Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia  
Big Reuse Executive Director Justin Green  
Council Member Ben Kallos

**WHEN:** Friday, October 12  
Speaking program: 3 p.m.  
Open House: 2 p.m – 5 p.m

**WHERE:** Corner of Vernon Boulevard and Queens Plaza South  
Under the Queensboro Bridge

#### **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 693 salt/sand 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.