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COUNTY OF DEKALB)

RESOLUTION 2014-65

WHEREAS, DeKalb County Resolution 2013-66, adopted by the DeKalb County Board on October 16, 2013, authorized the creation of a Zero Waste Task Force (ZWTF) to undertake consideration of adopting Zero Waste as a guiding principle within the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan and, if the Task Force recommended that Zero Waste should be adopted, identify and evaluate the goals, objectives, policies, programs, tasks and costs associated with implementing a Zero Waste approach to waste management; and

WHEREAS, the ZWTF was appointed by the Chairman of the DeKalb County Board, with input from the Board of Health and final approval of the County Board on October 16, 2013, and consisted of 13 members, two (2) from the County Board, three (3) from municipal elected or appointed officials, one (1) representing local businesses, two (2) DeKalb County residents, one (1) representing the waste industry, two (2) representing educators, of which one represented Northern Illinois University, and two (2) from the County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, The DeKalb County Health Department organized and coordinated monthly meetings of the ZWTF that met beginning on November 7, 2013 and thereafter monthly through August 27, 2014, to learn principles and practices of waste management, gain a thorough understanding of the current state of DeKalb County solid waste, as well as the opportunities and challenges, and review resource information; and

WHEREAS, the ZWTF, on March 6, 2014, unanimously recommended that the County Board adopt Zero Waste as a guiding principle, and in future meetings discussed strategies to work toward Zero Waste and prioritized these strategies; and

WHEREAS, the ZWTF presented a report on its efforts, findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Committee of the County Board on August 27, 2014 as follows:

“The membership of the ZWTF recommends the County adopt Zero Waste as a guiding principle in order to divert material from landfills into productive uses and reduce environmental impacts. They also recommend that the initial tasks focus on: the expansion of Rural Recycling, proposing an Ordinance to address Commercial/Multi-Unit Recycling and pilot programs to harvest organics. It is also recommended that a community advisory committee continue to provide input into the planning, track progress, evaluate success and continue to advance efforts to achieve Zero Waste.” and;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee at its meeting of August 27, 2014, having considered the efforts and recommendation of the ZWTF, passed a motion on a vote of four “yes”

and two "no" to recommend that the DeKalb County Board adopt Zero Waste as a guiding principle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS, as follows:

The DeKalb County Board hereby adopts Zero Waste as a guiding principle within the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan, as recommended by the Zero Waste Task Force, and hereby directs that the initial tasks related to the Zero Waste principle shall focus on: the expansion of Rural Recycling, development of an ordinance to address Commercial/Multi-Unit Recycling, development of a pilot program to harvest organic waste, establishment of a community advisory committee continue to provide input into the planning, track progress, evaluate success and continue to advance efforts to achieve Zero Waste, and these tasks shall be implemented by the Solid Waste Program of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014, AD.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Chairman, DeKalb County Board