

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager
DATE: March 10, 2009 (B of T) Date: March 19, 2009
TITLE: Composting Bin Grant Program
SUBMITTED BY: David Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DG*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Public Works transmits for your consideration a recommendation for approval from the Environmental Concerns Committee regarding a proposed policy memorandum to establish a Compost Bin Grant Program.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The \$5,000 annual cost of this program will be funded from the Village's service fee that is collected the Solid Waste Contract (account no. 2790.777500).

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ (Reviewed on 11/19/08) Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

THROUGH: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CJ*

FROM: David P. Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DPG*

SUBJECT: **Compost Bin Grant Program**

DATE: March 10, 2009

Attached is a draft policy memorandum for a Compost Bin Grant Program for consideration by the Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Environmental Concerns Committee.

Background:

Following the success of the rain barrel grant program, the Environmental Concerns Committee has crafted a similar program for compost bins. The aim of the proposed program is to reduce the volume of landscape waste and other biodegradable waste that is hauled off of residential properties. The attached draft policy would create a grant program to reimburse each homeowner up to \$80 to install one compost bin. The price for bins ranges from \$100 to \$200. The program has been approved for funding in FY 09-10 at a budget amount of \$5,000. However, the actual policy memorandum had not yet been approved by the Board.

As with the other recycling grant programs, this program would be funded from the Village's service fee that is collected per the Solid Waste Contract (10¢/month for each multi-family residential customer and \$3.00 for each Commercial customer). This fee wholly funds the Education Recycling Grants, Commercial Recycling Grants and Rain Barrel Grants. The approved budget for all Recycling Grants in FY 08-09 is \$29,000. This budget level has been adequate to meet the needs of the grant requests.

As drafted, the proposed policy states that "all compost bins and their use shall comply with the Lombard Code of Ordinances, Title IX, Chapter 92.40 through 92.42 regarding composting." That Code only allows "landscape waste" and "biodegradable food waste" (which does not include meat products) for composting.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Village Board approve that attached draft policy memorandum to establish a Compost Bin Grant Program. The Environmental Concerns Committee voted on October 28th to recommend the policy.

DG:dg Compost Bins Memo to BOT
attachment: proposed BOT Policy Memo

