

# TOWN OF YORKTOWN PLANNING BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Planning Board  
**Date:** October 1, 2024  
**Subject:** Proposed local law related to Recycling Facilities

At its meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the Planning Board discussed the proposed Recycling Facilities amendments to the Zoning Code. The existing law, enacted in 2012, allows private recycling facilities in the I-1 zone, which occurs in 2 distinct areas in Town, Navajo Road and the area located at the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue and NYS Route 202. The Board discussed the recycling use in the context of broad environmental policy and actions that the Town could participate in or support through various initiatives including legislation such as the subject use. The Planning Board believes that recycling of waste products is a laudable and necessary activity. When considering the Town's record to promote green and environmentally sound activities, which include, among others, renewable energy legislation, participation in Sustainable Westchester, tree and forest protection and preservation activity, wetland and watercourse protection, and the Town's municipal waste and recycling program, the Board believes the Town should continue to promote and participate in such activities as a matter of sound environmental stewardship. The Board is aware of the Town's household recycling program and supports such efforts, and is pleased that a robust recycling program is already in place and operational.

The Planning Board also acknowledges that the subject law allowing private recycling facilities is ineffective. The activities are not properly defined, and it lacks specific protective requirements such as, but not limited to, noise, odor, traffic and other potential environmental risks. The Board therefore has no planning objection to the subject action, however the Planning Board suggests the Town Board continue to implement sound environmental policy and participate in effective environmental activities.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Planning

cc: Town Engineer  
Town Clerk