

December 31, 2018

Dear Mayor Bova and City Councilors:

During this year, the Newport Energy and Environment Commission (EEC) has worked to support a number of key initiatives in the City. The following is a brief summary of our accomplishments:

- Aided with the development of the School Recycling and Waste Diversion Resolution;
- Provided support for school lunch assessments at the Pell School conducted by FoodSCAPE;
- Attended conferences including the 2018 RI Compost Conference, Volvo Ocean Race, Rhode Island GrowSMART, Newport School Committee's Health and Wellness Committee, and the Newport County Zero Waste Initiative;
- Organized and attended a variety of waste assessments and evaluation of waste procedures at City Hall, Police Station, Pell School, and Thompson School in partnership with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC);
- Organized and attended waste assessments and evaluation of waste procedures on Broadway and a few local businesses;
- Aided in organization and support of composting programs at Newport public schools in collaboration with Chartwells;
- Volunteered to discuss ongoing efforts and EEC goals at the Broadway Street Fair;
- Invited guests to meetings to discuss topics including the creation of carbon negative products, biodiesel, and recycling of fiberglass boat hulls;
- Collaboration with RIRRC's Krystal Noiseux to have her column syndicated into the Newport Daily News;
- Contact with and support provided to Newport Public School Green Teams;
- Organized and procured the correct labels for Newport City public school waste receptacles from RIRRC;
- Engaged with state legislature aiding EEC goals; and,
- Submitted questions relating to EEC goals to the Alliance for a Liveable Newport for candidate forums.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continued partnership with this Council, City Staff, and area non-profits.

Kindest regards,

Elizabeth Blank  
Commissioner, Energy and Environment Commission