

RESOLUTION OF THE NYACK VILLAGE BOARD

A regular meeting of Nyack Village Board was convened on April 9th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 2015-19

RESOLUTION OF THE NYACK VILLAGE BOARD ENCOURAGING ON-SITE MULCHING AND COMPOSTING OF LEAVES IN THE VILLAGE OF NYACK

Trustee Lorenzini offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Hammond and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Nyack supports promoting public awareness of landscape practices that can promote landscape health and reduce the need for leaf blowers and has concluded that on site leaf mulching will result in the following environmental and economic benefits:

1. Significant reduction in the costs to the Village of fall leaf collection and disposal via reduction in tipping fees (charged by the County for disposal of the Village's leaves), fuel usage, and DPW crew effort;
2. Reduction of flooding risk resulting from clogged storm drains, as well as diminishment of the cost to the Village of clearing clogged drains;
3. Reduction of the traffic hazard caused by piles of leaves in roadways;
4. Reduction in heavy DPW vehicle traffic related to leaf collection in Nyack neighborhoods;
5. Reduced phosphate runoff into our waterways from disposal of leaves in streets, resulting in improved general water quality;
6. Improved quality and health of turf, as on-site mulching improves the capacity of soil to absorb water and germinate seed;
7. Improved resiliency of turf and plantings through increased biological complexity in soil due to on-site leaf mulching;
8. On-site creation of virtually free, high-quality, nutrient-rich and attractive mulch for gardens and planting areas;
9. Freeing up of municipal forces for other critical work needed in our Village;
10. Reduced use of leaf blowers;

WHEREAS, the Green Desk Chair and members of the public have discussed leaf mulching as an alternative practice and recommend that the Village Board of Trustees support and encourage this practice;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Nyack endorses and encourages all Village departments, property owners, residents, and condominium and cooperative managers/boards within the Village to help reduce the costs of unnecessary leaf collection and disposal by the Village, and to make optimal use of this rich organic resource by mulching and/or composting leaves on their own property; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, to encourage all landscapers working within the Village to implement these techniques on their clients' properties; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, to encourage residents to consult the Village website for more information about on-site leaf mulching, "how to" videos, and testimonials from local landscapers, property owners, and Village staff on the many benefits of this economical and environmentally beneficial method of leaf management.

Further Resolved, that the Village shall promote on-site leaf mulching through a public education campaign utilizing the Village website, newsletter, brochures, handouts and workshops and for the 2015 leaf season shall implement leaf mulching techniques at Memorial Park.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon roll call as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Laird-White	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Parker	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Hammond	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Foster	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Lorenzini	[x]	[]	[]	[]

Mary E. White, Village Clerk