

RESOLUTION 2023- 38
TOWNSHIP OF ALLAMUCHY

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
OF FOOD COMPOSTING FACILITY IN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, there is a proposal to develop 350 Blau Road, Mansfield Township (the "Property") as a food composting facility (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Allamuchy Township Council that the Facility will accept food scraps and similar organic materials, and employ a decomposition process which will return fertilizer and topsoil for farming and related purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has significant concerns regarding the location, size, and scope of the Facility, its impact upon surrounding municipalities, and specifically its effect on Allamuchy Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is concerned that should the Facility be approved at the Property, this will result in the near round-the-clock operation of heavy trucks to and from the Property, thereby causing constant heavy truck noise and exhaust; and

WHEREAS, due to heavily regulated truck routes in the area of the Property, truck traffic will likely be directed through winding and often treacherous stretches of roadways for the size and weight of trucks expected to traverse to and from the Property, which will cause a high likelihood of increasing the number of traffic incidents, including the jack-knifing of heavy trucks, which already occur with great regularity; and

WHEREAS, the noxious fumes caused by newly-decomposing organic materials shipped by the heavy trucks will likely cast a lingering odor emanating from the Property and throughout the truck traffic routes, which will negatively impact the well-being of the residents of the surrounding area, including Allamuchy Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has serious concerns pertaining to they physical safety of Allamuchy Township residents, due to the anticipated high increase in traffic accidents that will be caused by the numerous heavy trucks that will be traveling to and from the Facility on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has serious concerns pertaining to the numerous traffic issues that will be caused by the daily heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, specifically and without limitation, the Township Council is concerned for the safety of the students, staff and other visitors to the Mountain Villa School, which is located along Route 517 at an intersection without a traffic light, and

will become a particularly dangerous intersection if truck traffic increases so drastically;
and

WHEREAS, the Township of Allamuchy has serious concerns, both short-term and long-term, pertaining to the health and safety of Allamuchy Township residents caused by the myriad environmental, air pollution and traffic issues that would result due to the creation of the Facility.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allamuchy Township Council formally expresses its opposition to the proposed development of the Facility at the Property for the reasons contained herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent by the Township Clerk to Governor Murphy, our local Legislators, and the Warren County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF ALLAMUCHY

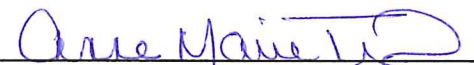

ANNE MARIE TRACY, Clerk


ROSEMARY TUOHY, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Anne Marie Tracy, Township Clerk of the Township of Allamuchy, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at a meeting held on January 25, 2023.

Dated: January 25, 2023


Anne Marie Tracy, Municipal Clerk