

## 2022 Executive Director Report:

### Authority Organization and Structural Changes in 2022:

#### Animal Management:

An amendment passed the New York State Senate on June 1, 2022 and the New York State Assembly on June 3, 2022 and was signed by the Governor of New York State into law as Chapter 553 of the Laws of 2022 ("Chapter 553") on August 17, 2022, to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Act, as set forth under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York.

Chapter 553 authorizes Rockland Green to operate an animal shelter and provide animal management services on behalf of one or more municipalities located in Rockland County. Rockland Green may now acquire, hold, own, lease, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair any of its facilities for the sole purposes of operating an animal shelter and providing animal management services.

In 2022, Rockland Green entered into Interagency Agreements with the County of Rockland and Towns of Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Ramapo, and Stony Point to perform animal management services.

To that end, Rockland Green acquired a leasehold interest in the County Animal Shelter and entered into an agreement with the current operator of the existing animal shelter located at 65 Firemen's Memorial Drive in Pomona, New York in order to ensure that animal management services are seamlessly provided by Rockland Green.

In consideration of future services, Rockland Green has leased property located at 427 Beach Road (a/k/a 10 Ecology Lane), West Haverstraw, New York with the intent to purchase and develop a new state-of-the-art animal management facility.

#### Materials Recovery Facility:

The new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) was still under construction in 2022. During the continued building of the new facility, Rockland County residents recycled over 36K tons of recyclable materials. Upon completion in 2023 the state-of-the-art facility will provide Rockland Green the ability to process over 70k tons per year.

An RFP for the Operations and Maintenance of the new facility and an RFP for the Marketing and Transportation of the recycled container glass were issued in 2022.

**Agreements negotiated, re/negotiated, assigned, and updated in 2022 as follows:**

1. Village of Airmont, 3-year agreement with Carlo Minuto Carting.
2. River Villages removed South Nyack.
3. Renewed O&M Agreement w/ Denali WeCare for an additional 1-5yr Agreement.
4. Lease/Purchase Agreement for Real Property at 10 Ecology Lane
5. Negotiating updates to Collection Agreement w/ the County of Rockland to include all charges
6. Accepted and commenced negotiations with Sims Municipal Recycling of NY (SMR) for the Operations & Maintenance of the Materials Recovery Facility.

**Grant payments received in 2022:**

HHW Grant (2019, 2020)	\$536,830.84
FEMA -4567DR-NY Tropical Storm Isaias	\$335,309.30

**Grants applied for in 2022:**

FEMA -4480DR-NY Covid-19 Pandemic	\$115,092.07
Coordinator Grant 2021 (prospective grant)	\$255,003.50
HHW 2021	\$268,909.00

**Authority Initiatives 2022:**

- Worked w/ the Rockland County Department of Health to conduct inspections at a Rockland Green Designated Facility to ensure compliance w/ Article 17.
- Continue to develop a biosolids and source separated organics project.
- Continue to review and analyze of Alternative Waste Disposal Project
- Continue review of expanding the Bio-Solids Co-composting Facility.
- Review implementation of planned improvements to Rockland Green's Administrative Offices & Education and Outreach Center.
- Commenced review of an Easement Agreement and related issues associated with the West Nyack Yard Waste & CACF Facility.
- Enrolled into NYS Post Consumer Paint Collection Program initiative through an Indirect Contract w/ Clean Harbors and Paint Care.
- Town of Orangetown food scrap recycling initiative for Town residents.
- Continued 'Feet on The Street' program to increase the quality and quantity of acceptable curbside recyclable materials.
- Distributed Bins & Bags, Paper Shredding and Medication Takeback events.