

2025 Executive Director Report:

Rockland Green Organization and Structural Changes in 2025:

In accordance with its Act, The Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, Rockland Green owns and/or manages thirteen facilities across Rockland County for use by residents and businesses. Each facility is continuously maintained to ensure optimal productivity and safety.

- Rockland Green operates portions of its Yard Waste Composting Facility and stockpiles recycled aggregate from its Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Facility in West Nyack, New York on property owned by EklecCo II L.L.C. Historically Rockland Green's authorization to occupy such property has been based on two separate easements of term assigned to Rockland Green by the Town of Clarkstown as part of Rockland Green's acquisition of the Clarkstown Solid Waste Facilities from the Town of Clarkstown in 2009. The Board of Rockland Green authorized the acquisition of the Parcels underlying the Easements from EklecCo II L.L.C. In February of 2025, Rockland Green acquired parcel 65.6-1-51 and parcel 65.10-1-3 and further authorized a 25-year easement of a portion of parcel 65.6-1-55 for an annual user fee with a 48-month easement of a portion of parcel 65.10-1-2 and the subsequent friendly condemnation thereof.
- Rockland Green purchased the property at 427 Beach Road in the Town of Haverstraw in January of 2024 for the building of a new state-of-the-art animal shelter. BDA Architects (Building Design for Animals) has been retained for the design services for a new Animal Shelter at this location. O'Connor Company of N.C., Inc. was awarded the contract for the build-out of the Animal Shelter. The build-out is ongoing and completion is anticipated in 2026.
- Rockland Green is embarking on the design and construction of a new Immersive Theater and Educational Exhibits, to be located within the Administration Building at 172 Main Street, Nanuet. The contract for the creation and installation of these exhibits has been awarded to Whirlwind Creative Inc.. Pierotti Corp. was awarded the contract for the build-out of the Immersive Theater and the attached Rockland Green administrative offices. Completion of this project is expected in 2026.
- Rockland Green operates Facilities in Clarkstown, Haverstraw and Hillburn. All three locations have had projected renovations, routine maintenance and equipment upgrades made throughout 2025.

Facilities Operations:

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):

Rockland Green re-opened a brand new, state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in April of 2024. Working at full capacity, the Rockland Green Residential Recycling Program reimbursed the Rockland County Municipalities \$699,265.00 for recycling 19,979 tons of recyclables at a rate of \$35.00 per ton.

Although industry standards are continually changing the makeup of recyclable products, with expanded education and outreach initiatives Rockland Green anticipates a growing awareness and participation in recycling programs available to residents of Rockland County.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility:

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) is a drop-off collection facility that accepts household hazardous waste materials from Rockland County residents and small businesses that qualify for CESQG status. In 2025 Rockland Green, through its facility operator, welcomed over 24,400 residents in 2025.

Animal Shelter:

Rockland Green coordinated the amending of Rockland County Code Chapter 230, Article IV, Local Law 2, prohibiting the sale of guinea pigs for compensation within Rockland County. The Dept. of State effectuated the change as of June 25, 2025. The Rockland County Department of Consumer Protection enforces this law.

Agreements negotiated, re/negotiated, assigned, and updated in 2025:

- Village of New Hempstead, 5- year Garbage Collection Agreement with Carlo Minuto Carting.

2025 Grants:

Grant payments received in 2025

HHW 2022	\$ 279,312.58
HHW 2023	\$ 283,737.42
Recycling Bins 2018-2023	\$ 657,537.64
Capital Equipment Yard Waste & Leaf Composting 2019-2021	\$1,066,785.84
ASPCA / Subaru Adoption Event Expenses	\$ 4,000.00

Grants applied for in 2025 (Accrued Amounts)

Recycling Coordinator Grant 2025	\$ 281,133.84
HHW 2025	\$ 272,549.62

Authority Initiatives 2025:

Food Scrap Recycling Initiative:

Food Scraps are the single largest component in the Municipal Solid Waste stream (MSW). Decomposition of Food Scraps in a landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more damaging than CO₂. Food Scraps are valuable materials that if properly collected and composted can help reduce pollution and improve overall quality of life. Food Scraps will be processed into beautiful nutrient rich compost instead of heading to the landfill that is over 320 miles from Rockland County.

The Towns of Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Orangetown, and Stony Point have successfully initiated a residential food scrap drop-off program. Dumpsters are strategically located within the Towns for convenient drop-off. In 2025, approximately 270 tons of food scraps were collected and brought to the Rockland Green Cocomposting Facility.

Authority Initiatives 2025:

- Continue to develop Alternative Waste Processing Technologies including biosolid recovery and source separated organics projects.
- Continued evaluation of the expansion of the Bio-Solids Co-composting Facility.
- Participate in monthly Hudson Valley Regional Council Materials Management Working Group related to regional solid waste concerns.
- Continued pilot program providing Villages of New Square and Kaser residents with 96-gallon totes for the separation of comingled containers generated from within the Village.
- Continued 'Feet on The Street' program to increase the quality and quantity of acceptable curbside recyclable materials.
- Distributed Recycle Bins & Leaf Bags and administered Paper Shredding and Medication Takeback events.
- Created and distributed brochures regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program to enhance Resident participation.
- Continued efforts in lobbying New York State Legislators to reject an outright ban on land application of biosolids. Rockland Green supports the NYSDEC policy guidance established under DMM7 and those stated limits, related to PFAS concentrations.