



RECYCLING PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

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January 19, 2007

The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor, State of Delaware
Tatnall Building, William Penn Street
2nd Floor
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Minner:

Since our establishment in 2000, the Recycling Public Advisory Council has supported banning yard waste from Delaware's landfills. Yard waste is the easiest, most cost effective, and most sensible form of recycling. Several Delaware specific studies and countless National studies and experiences demonstrate that yard waste bans increase waste diversion rates and extend landfill life. Yard waste bans also provide an opportunity for new businesses interested in collecting and processing yard waste thereby creating jobs and helping Delaware's economy. The Recycling Public Advisory Council has researched this subject in detail and has continuously advised the Governor and Legislators to ban yard waste from landfills in all five of our annual reports.

Furthermore, both the May 2006 Solid Waste Technical Working Group Report and Executive Order 90 have established a statewide goal of diverting 51% of our municipal solid waste and the Recycling Public Advisory Council is committed to achieving this goal. In order to reach 51%, the Recycling Public Advisory Council believes it is imperative that yard waste, comprising 19-25% of the waste stream, be banned from disposal in Delaware landfills.

The Recycling Public Advisory Council appreciates any support you can provide for a yard waste ban and is available as a resource with respect to yard waste and other recycling issues in Delaware.

Sincerely,



Brock J. Vinton II
Chairman
Recycling Public Advisory Council

cc: Legislators
RPAC Members
Lee Ann Walling, Senior Advisor
John Hughes, Secretary

* Council member abstained from vote

** Council member not present for vote