

South Portland City Council  
***Position Paper of the City Manager***

***Subject:***

**ORDER #220-16/17 – Authorizing the City to accept a Local Sustainability Initiative Seed Grant from The Natural Resources Council of Maine in the amount of \$400 to be used by the Sustainability Coordinator to educate and inform citizens about the food waste collection pilot program. Passage requires majority vote.**

***Position:***

This grant offers funding to purchase materials to educate and inform South Portland residents in the food waste curbside collection pilot program in select areas of the Meetinghouse Hill and Knightville neighborhoods.

Attached is a memorandum from Sustainability Coordinator Julie Rosenbach regarding this item. She will be at Monday's meeting to answer any questions.

***Requested Action:***

Council passage of ORDER #220-16/17.



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City Manager



*SUSTAINABILITY  
OFFICE*

JULIE A. ROSENBACH  
Sustainability Coordinator

To: Scott Morelli, City Manager and City Council  
From: Julie Rosenbach, Sustainability Coordinator  
CC: Jessica Williams, Chair of the Energy & Recycling Committee  
Date: June 19, 2017  
**Subject: \$400 grant from NRCM**

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In April, the City of South Portland received a \$400 grant from the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) through their Local Sustainability Initiative Seed Fund. This funding was used to help pay for door hangers (pdf attached) for the food waste pilot program. These door hangers were distributed to residents in the pilot area along with their new curbside compost bin. The door hangers have a detachable refrigerator magnet for the Dos and Don'ts.

***Requested Action***

Acceptance of the \$400 grant.



**ecomaine.org**

**Food Waste Recycling**

**YES**



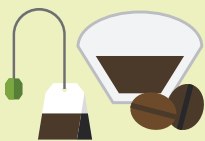
Fruits /  
vegetables



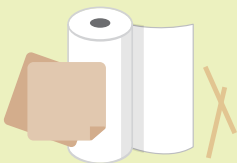
Meat /seafood /  
dairy



Cooked /  
processed  
foods



Coffee grounds  
/tea bags



Napkins/  
compostable  
ware



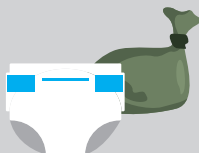
Fats /  
oils/grease

“Kick the Lck” of food waste handling by lining your countertop bin with re-used clear plastic produce bags!

**NO**



Medicine



Diapers/  
pet waste



Glass



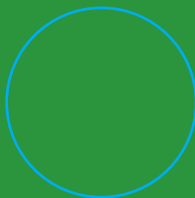
Yard Waste



Polystyrene /  
rubber bands



Wipes



## **NEW Food Waste Recycling Program starting May 8<sup>th</sup>!**

Your household has been selected to be part of South Portland's Curbside Food Waste Collection pilot in the Meetinghouse Hill and Knightville neighborhoods.

For one year, beginning on May 8<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to separate your home's food waste into a 6-gallon bucket that can be placed on the curb with your Wednesday trash and recycling for weekly pickup.

### **Why?**

South Portland has a goal to recycle 40% of its waste by 2020. Because on average, up to a third of household waste consists of food scraps, diverting food waste is one of the most effective ways to reach our goal.

### **How?**

1. Separate all food scraps and other compostable items (see front) in a kitchen bin and/or clear plastic bag
2. Place collected food scraps and other compostable items into your 6-gallon curbside bin
3. On Wednesdays, place your 6-gallon bin next to your trash and recycling on the curb

### **Free Countertop Bins**

While supplies last, we're giving out free countertop kitchen bins. Contact Julie Rosenbach or stop by City Hall if you're interested.

### **Get the App!**

South Portland has a new **App** that gives you set-out reminders, alerts about any disruptions in service, and has a Waste Wizard that lets you type in specific items to find out whether they go in your trash, recycling, or food waste bin. You can find this on South Portland's Public Works website or download it in the App store ("South Portland Recycles").

### **Questions?**

Visit us online: <http://tiny.cc/southportlandfoodwaste>

Call South Portland Sustainability Coordinator Julie Rosenbach at (207) 347-4148

**Memorandum of Understanding**

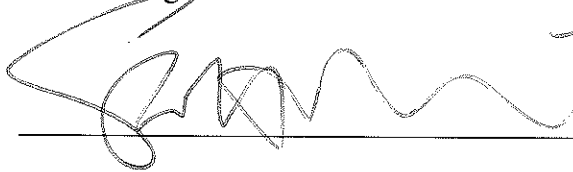
The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM)

Local Sustainability Initiative Seed Grant

The City of South Portland will receive \$400 in seed grant funding from the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM). Funds will be used towards the purchase of materials used to educate and inform citizens about the food waste collection pilot program.

The City of South Portland agrees to use these funds for the specified purpose, and will provide a written report to NRCM no later than August 1, 2017. The report will include, but not be limited to, a description of how the funds were utilized, and a guest post, including photos with appropriate photo release forms, for NRCM's Spotlight on Sustainability in Maine. The blogpost should describe the project and indicate how it is helping the community achieve a higher level of sustainability. Receipts are not required.

Awardee Signature/Date

 5/1/17

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NRCM *Sustainable Maine* Project Staff Signature/Date



3/31/17

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**IN CITY COUNCIL  
ORDER #220-16/17**

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MAXINE R. BEECHER

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At Large  
SUSAN J. HENDERSON

**ORDERED**, that the City Council hereby accepts a Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that The Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) be and hereby is accepted to be used by the Sustainability Coordinator to purchase materials used to educate and inform citizens about the food waste collection pilot program.

Said amount shall be credited to the Solid Waste Donations Grant Account #187134-434004.

Fiscal Note: \$400.00 Revenue

Dated June 19, 2017