

City of Weslaco

"The City on the Grow"



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INTERNAL MEMO

DATE: January 29, 2007

TO: Hidalgo, County

FROM: Christie Jo Lugo-Waldron, Special Projects Coordinator *CJLW*

SUBJECT: Inter-local

Attached you will find an inter-local agreement for the Compost Utilization Education Project. Please have the appropriate parties review, sign and return original copies.

Should you have any questions, please call.

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STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS AND HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF “THE COMPOST UTILIZATION EDUCATION PROJECT”

This Agreement is made on this the 24th day of January, 2007, by and among the CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, hereinafter referred to as “City” and HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, hereinafter referred to as “HIDALGO COUNTY”, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Inter-local Cooperation Act, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City and HIDALGO COUNTY are municipalities in the County of Hidalgo; and

WHEREAS, the City and HIDALGO COUNTY are desirous of entering into an agreement to provide compost at no charge to the HIDALGO COUNTY for the participation in project; and

WHEREAS, the City will absorb financial responsibilities as per the contract with TCEQ; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City and HIDALGO COUNTY in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree to as follows:

The City of Weslaco will

- 1) Identify and secure partner demonstration site locations.
- 2) Prepare agreements between demonstration site participants.
- 3) Review site selections and coordinate with local contacts for application dates and coordinate installation at demonstration sites.
- 4) Prepare bid specifications and contracts for services for compost, compost applicator, irrigation review and upgrade installations.
- 5) Prepare press releases in collaboration with TCEQ-Austin on project and its progress and help provide project recognition on demonstration results-to-date.
- 6) Distribute press releases to local media and organize and coordinate demonstration participant workshops to train staff.
- 7) Organize and coordinate workshops to train general public and professional landscapers and monitor demonstration sites for progress and participation.
- 8) Compile site maintenance activity records for the previous year, quantify changes and compare activity records to previous years activities.
- 9) Take photographs with date stamp collect data and maintain activity logs.

HIDALGO COUNTY will

1. Identify a high visibility area for sign placement. Provide assistance with installation.
2. Provide or take soil samples and submit them for testing.
3. Assist with irrigation upgrade installations.
4. Provide demonstration site background data including documentation photographs, if any.
5. Provide demonstration sites and monthly water use history, preferably for previous 2 (two) years.
6. Prepare demonstration sites for compost application in a coordinated timely manner, between November through February.
7. Coordinate the application with the project coordinator.
8. Assist with the compost application.
9. Train staff with compost use. Host a staff training opportunity related to project, to be coordinated with the Project Coordinator.
10. Maintain activity logs and monitor and document fertilizer, pesticide, irrigation and mowing practices for the preparation of periodic reports. Submit information to the Project Coordinator.

Additional Potential Activity

Assist with public outreach, such as hosting workshop(s) to provide educational opportunity for the community.

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of the day and year first written above.

CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS



JOE V. SANCHEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



AMANDA C. ELIZONDO, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



RAMON VELA, CITY ATTORNEY

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk