



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

10/3/2024

A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Source:

1. Ben Mjolsness,
Sustainability Manager

Subject:

Composting Drop-off
Program

Action:

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CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2024

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

THROUGH: Dick Dublinski, Director of Public Works

FROM: Ben Mjolsness, Sustainability Manager

SUBJECT: Composting Drop-Off Program

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding a pilot residential composting drop-off program.

Discussion:

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste currently make up 20 to 30 percent of what we throw away and could be composted instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Under our existing refuse and recycling program with Groot Industries, residents with yard waste carts can compost food scraps and regular yard waste together in one container that can be rented annually from Groot. Materials accepted include standard yard waste and compostable food scraps such as fruits, vegetables, pastas, breads, crackers, and cereals. Meat products and/or bones are not accepted at this time.

The City has partnered with Groot to expand the composting program by adding two residential drop-off locations: the CNG Station at 1720 W. Jefferson Ave. and the former park-and-ride lot at 91st Street and Wolf's Crossing Road. Starting Monday, Oct. 7, each location will offer 25 to 30 carts for residents to drop off compost. Groot will regularly empty the carts and manage the disposal of the material. The program will conclude for the season during the week of Dec. 15 and, depending on usage, is expected to restart at the same locations in March 2025.

Groot will track the volumes of material collected. The City will use the usage data to determine if and how to continue and/or expand the drop-off program to additional locations in 2025.

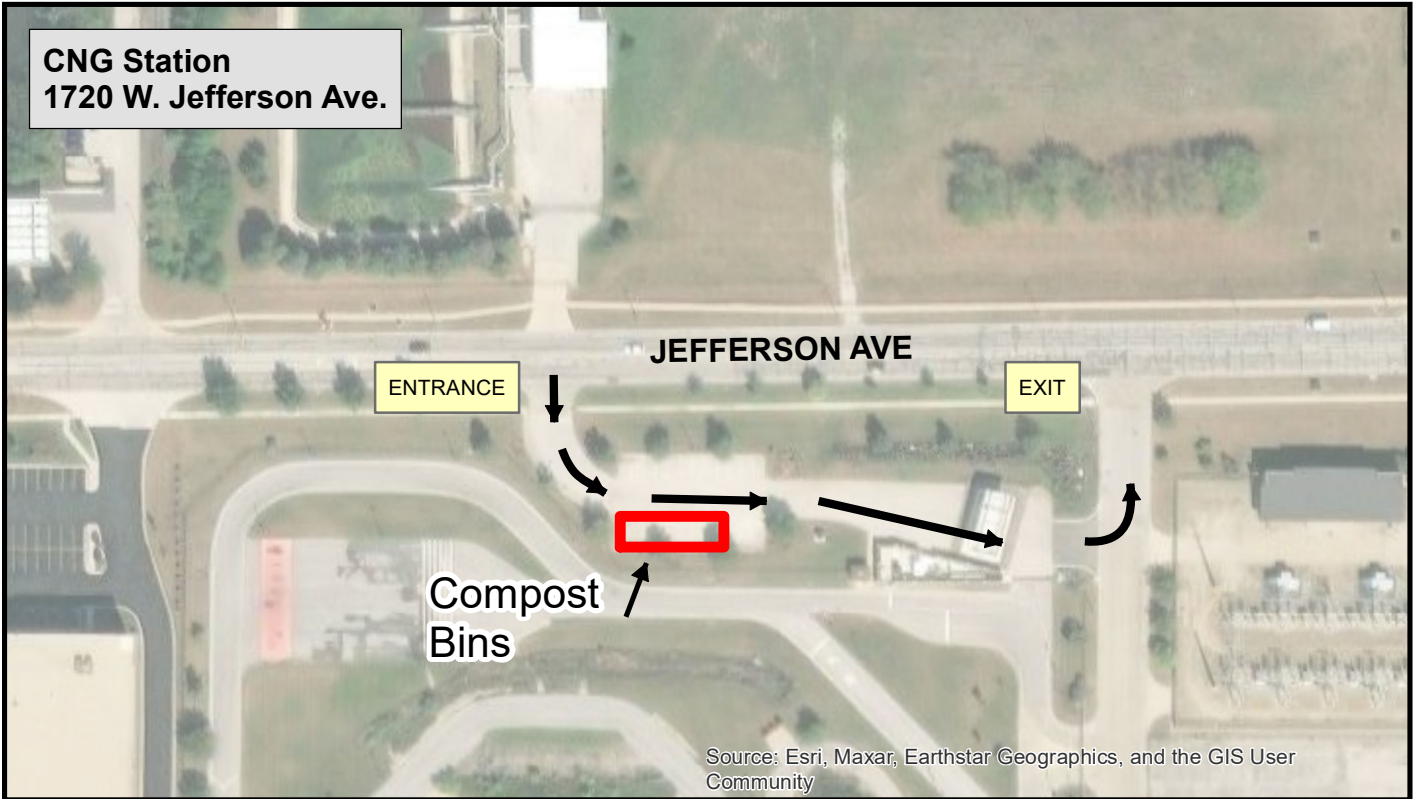
A press release with details about the program will be prepared and the information will be shared on the City's social media platforms. A map of the drop-off locations is attached.

Recommendation:

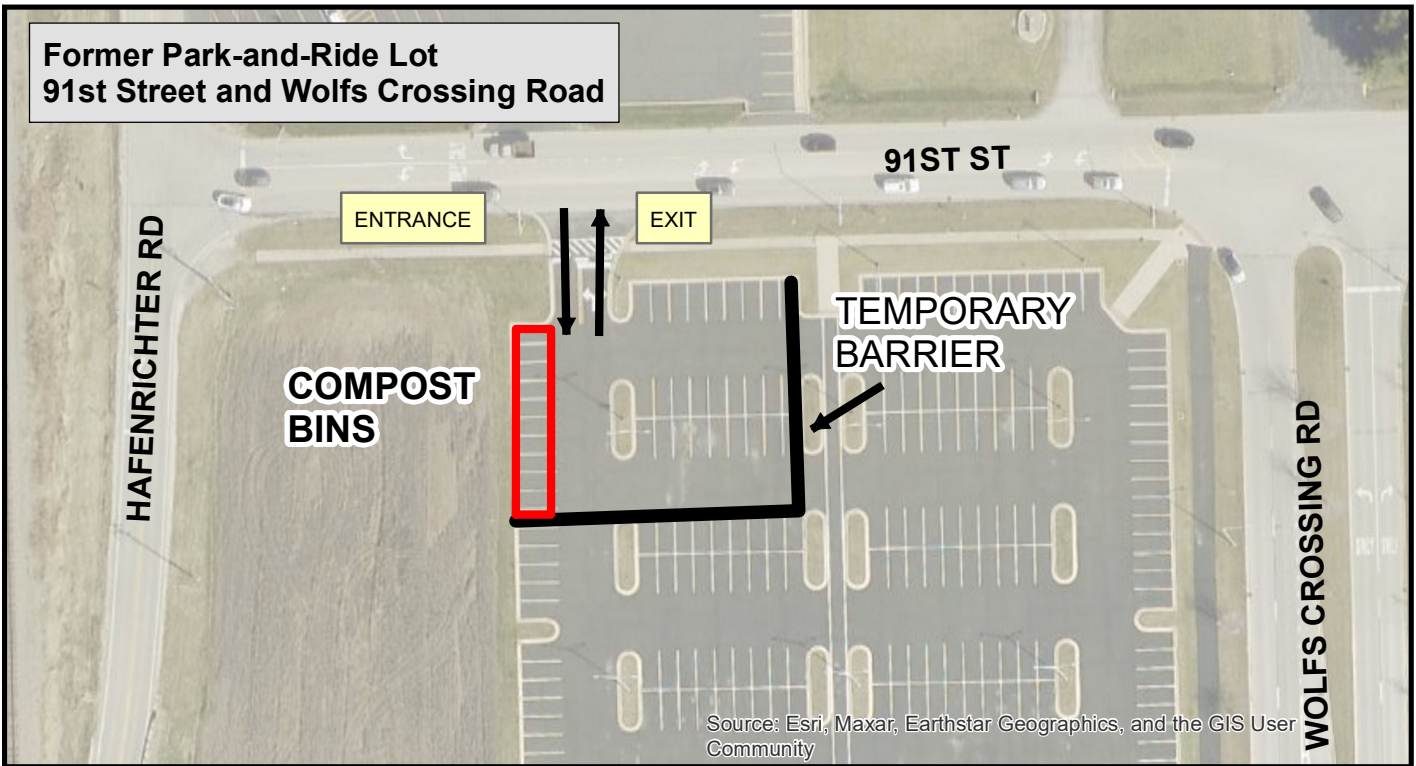
I recommend that this information be shared with the City Council through the Manager's Memorandum.

City of Naperville
**PROPOSED COMPOST SITES -
 NORTH & SOUTH**

**CNG Station
 1720 W. Jefferson Ave.**



**Former Park-and-Ride Lot
 91st Street and Wolfs Crossing Road**



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