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**TO:** Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** David J. Krings *DJK*  
County Administrator

**RE:** Compost Demonstration Site

**DATE:** August 25, 1995

*The staff of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services recommends that the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Hamilton County Administrator, David J. Krings, to enter into the attached agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners of Delhi Township Park District (Park Commissioners) for construction and operation of a compost demonstration site (demonstration site) in Delhi Township Park.*

In the Spring of 1994, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) determined that a demonstration site featuring actual composting bins in various stages of decomposition and display boards describing the composting process would provide the District with an excellent educational tool. On June 14, 1994, the Delhi Township Park submitted a grant proposal to the District for moneys to construct a compost demonstration site for Delhi Township residents. Delhi Townships Park's free entry and focus on sports and recreation provides the District with an opportunity to introduce composting to a large number of people. Therefore the District made a counterproposal to the Park Commissioners indicating that the District would build the site and provide the materials if the Park Commissioners maintain the site and make it available to all District residents. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources provided the District with funds to purchase recycled plastic benches, mailboxes and posts to be used at the compost demonstration site.

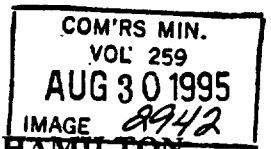
The District took requests for bids for landscaping and for recycled plastic material benches, planters, a kiosk, and display board printing in the Spring of 1995; construction began on the compost demonstration site in July 1995. The District and the Park Commissioners wish to into a written agreement clarifying that the Board will build the compost demonstration site and that the Park Commissioners will own, maintain, and operate the site, as well as provide both the District and its residents with unlimited access to the site for educational purposes.

Attachments: Agreement between Board and Park Commissioners for Compost Demonstration Site  
Resolution Authorizing D. Krings to enter into Agreement with Park Commissioners

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On motion of Mr. Dowlin, the following resolution was adopted...

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND SUPPLY MATERIALS FOR A COMPOST DEMONSTRATION SITE**

**BY THE BOARD:**

**WHEREAS**, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) endeavors to educate District residents on composting; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that a compost demonstration site featuring actual composting bins in various stages of decomposition and display boards describing the composting process would provide the District with an excellent educational tool; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 1994, the Delhi Township Park submitted a grant proposal to the District for moneys to construct a compost demonstration site for Delhi Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 1995, the District made a counterproposal to the Board of Park Commissioners of Delhi Township Park District (Park Commissioners) recognizing that Delhi Townships Park's free entry and focus on sports and recreation provides the District with an opportunity to introduce composting to a large number of people; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 1995, the Park Commissioners passed resolution 95-09 to cooperatively work with the District to construct and operate a compost demonstration site for all District residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 1995, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources provided the District with funds to purchase recycled plastic benches, mailboxes and posts to be used at the compost demonstration site; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed compost demonstration site shall be 40' by 30' and be located between the tennis courts and the Delhi Park Lodge, and include an amphitheater, eight different composting bins, six large composting display boards to be placed on a kiosk, four recycled plastic lumber planters and a cement paved entrance and walkway; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 1995, the District took requests for bids for landscaping and for recycled plastic material benches, planters, a kiosk, and display board printing; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1995, construction began on the compost demonstration site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Park Commissioners wish to into an agreement clarifying that the Board will build the compost demonstration site and that the Park Commissioners will own, maintain, and operate the site, as well as provide both the District and its residents with unlimited access to the site for educational purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, that the Hamilton County Board does hereby endorse and support the construction and operation of a compost demonstration site in Delhi Township Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Hamilton County Administrator be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners of Delhi Township Park District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meeting open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**ADOPTED** at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 30th day of August, 1995.

Mr. Guckenberger AYE

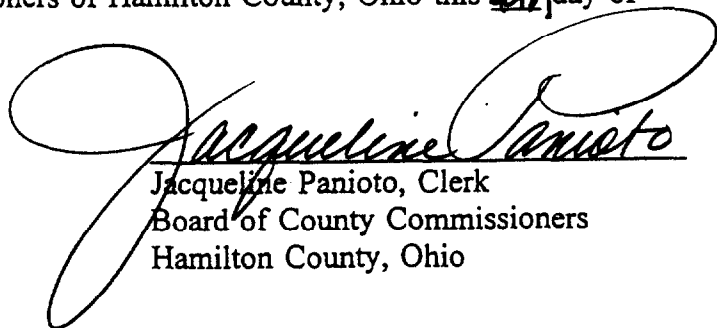
Mr. Bedinghaus AYE

Mr. Dowlin AYE

### CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in session this 30th day of August, 1995.

**IN WITNESS OF WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 30th day of August, 1995.

  
Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Hamilton County, Ohio



**AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPOST  
DEMONSTRATION SITE**

*TLSe for DJK*

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE THIS 12th Day of September ~~30th DAY OF AUGUST~~, 1995 BY AND BETWEEN the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (Board) and the Board of Park Commissioners of Delhi Township Park District (Park Commissioners). The Board agrees to construct and supply materials for a compost demonstration site in Delhi Township Park for use by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) in educational presentations and increasing citizen awareness of composting methods; and in exchange the Park Commissioners agrees to maintain, landscape and secure the compost demonstration site, as set forth below.

**RECITALS**

The District endeavors to educate District residents on composting. In the Spring of 1994, the District sought to build a compost demonstration site. On June 14, 1994, the Delhi Township Park submitted a grant proposal to the District for moneys to construct a compost demonstration site for Delhi Township residents.

In March 1995, the District counterproposed to the Park Commissioners to expand the demonstration site to serve all District residents. Delhi Township Park's free entry and focus on sports and recreation provided the District with an opportunity to introduce composting to a large number of people. On April 11, 1995, the Park Commissioners passed resolution 95-09 to cooperatively work with the District to construct and operate a compost demonstration site for all District residents. The Board will construct the site and the Park Commissioners will own, operate and maintain the site.

**IT IS MUTUALLY THEREFORE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

**A. Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District**

The District is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners and is advised by the District Policy Committee. The District Policy Committee includes the president of the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners, a representative of the City of Cincinnati, a township representative, the Hamilton County Health Commissioner, a waste generator representative, and two public representatives.

The role of the District was defined by the Ohio Solid Waste Disposal Act. This law (H.B. 592 passed in 1988) required that counties form solid waste districts to prepare and implement plans to reduce reliance on landfills, increase waste reduction and recycling, and assure adequate landfill capacity into the next century. To meet these requirements, the District promotes voluntary programs and emphasizes education and technical assistance.



B. Delhi Township Board of Park Commissioners

Delhi Township Board of Park Commissioners consists of five commissioners who volunteer their services to the Delhi Township Park. The Park Commissioners are appointed annually by the Delhi Township trustees. The 47 acre park is funded by local property taxes. There are two full time employees, the park superintendent and assistant superintendent. The park also hires numerous part time employees to operate the lodge activities, work in the concession stand and to perform maintenance.

C. Delhi Township Park

Delhi Township Park is located in Delhi Township at 5125 Foley Road, Cincinnati Ohio and consists of nine baseball fields, five picnic shelters, a large picnic grove, three playgrounds, one soccer field, two volleyball courts, two batting cages, four tennis courts, a concession stand, three basketball courts, two maintenance buildings, horseshoe pits, public restrooms and a lodge for public meetings and private rentals.

D. Composting

Composting means the aerobic, or oxygen-dependent degradation process by which plant and other organic materials decompose under controlled conditions. After such materials are collected in piles, bacteria and fungi biodegrade, or break down the chemical composition of the materials and reduce the volume of the pile as they feed on it. This decomposition occurs when enough oxygen, moisture and nutrients are present in the mixture of materials. The finished product, a dark brown substance, is referred to as stabilized compost or humus.

E. Demonstration Site

The 40' x 30' composting demonstration site to be located in Delhi Park between the tennis courts and the Delhi Park Lodge and to include an amphitheater, eight different composting bins, six large composting display boards with plexiglass coverings placed on a kiosk; four recycled plastic lumber planters; and a cement paved entrance and walkway leading into the site.



## SECTION 2. BOARD'S OBLIGATIONS

### A. Construction of Composting Demonstration Site.

The Board shall construct and supply building materials for a 40' x 30' composting demonstration site to be located in Delhi Park between the tennis courts and the Delhi Park Lodge that includes the following: an amphitheater; eight different types of composting bins with a mailbox post adjacent to each; six recycled plastic lumber benches, six large composting display boards with plexiglass covering containing information about creating and maintaining a compost pile to be placed on a plastic lumber structure; four recycled plastic lumber planters; and a concrete paved entrance and walkway leading into the site. The Board agrees to adhere to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the design and construction of the demonstration site.

### B. Supply of Information.

The Board shall supply the demonstration site with a steady stream of information including handouts containing information on the construction and maintenance of compost bins. Such information shall be placed in the mailboxes adjacent to each composting bin.

### C. Training

The Board shall provide the Park Commissioners and other interested persons with training on the creation and maintenance of composting bins.

### D. Signage

The Board shall provide signage for the demonstration site as follows: a sign at the entrance of the demonstration site stating "Compost Demonstration Site," two signs inside the demonstration site stating "Compost Bins A" and "Compost Bins B" respectively.

## SECTION 3. PARK COMMISSIONERS' OBLIGATIONS

### A. Ownership and Retention of Compost Demonstration Site.

The Park Commissioners shall own the Compost Demonstration Site including amphitheater, eight different composting bins, six large composting display boards with plexiglass coverings placed on a kiosk; four recycled plastic lumber planters; and a cement paved entrance and walkway leading into the site. The Park Commissioners shall ensure that the Demonstration Site including the composting bins, display boards, benches and other

materials detailed in Section 1, paragraph E. remains intact at its current location and that it be used for the purpose of providing education regarding the creation and maintenance of composting bins.

B. Landscaping.

The Park Commissioners shall provide and maintain landscaping in and around the demonstration site to include grass, flowers and bushes for an aesthetic appearance.

C. Compost Bin Maintenance.

The Park Commissioners shall keep the eight composting bins active (with decomposition occurring) between March 15th and November 15th of each year by unloading the eight composting bins as necessary and providing moisture, oxygen, and appropriate composting materials for the bins at regular intervals.

D. Training

The Park Commissioners shall send at least one member of its staff to attend the District's Master Composter Training Program.

E. Demonstration Site Maintenance and Security

The Park Commissioners shall use the same degree of care to provide adequate security and prevent vandalism at the demonstration site as it uses to protect other park facilities in Delhi Township Park. The Park Commissioners shall be responsible for the repairing and reconstructing of any damage or defacement to any element or part of the site including, but not limited to: composting bins, benches, planters, demonstration boards and plexiglass covering, plastic lumber structure containing the demonstration boards, concrete paved entrance and walkway and three signs. The Park Commissioners shall keep the demonstration site free of debris.

F. Demonstration Site Accessibility

The Park Commissioners shall ensure that the demonstration site remains open and accessible to all residents of the District. The Park Commissioners shall permit the District unlimited access to the demonstration site to conduct educational presentations, tours and other activities designed to increase public awareness of the composting process.

**SECTION 4. TERM**

This agreement shall commence on <sup>TLSe for DSK</sup> ~~August~~ <sup>September 12</sup>, 1995 and shall expire on August 31, 2000.


**THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT** as of the day and year first above written.


**Hamilton County Board of Commissioners**


**Park Commissioners**

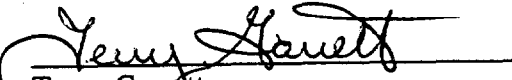
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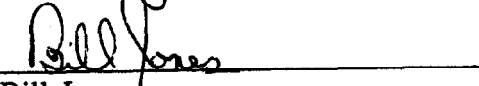
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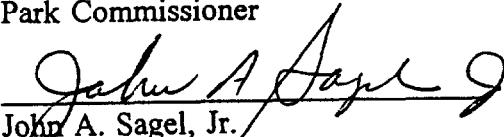
  
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