



ECOLOOP

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EcoLoop



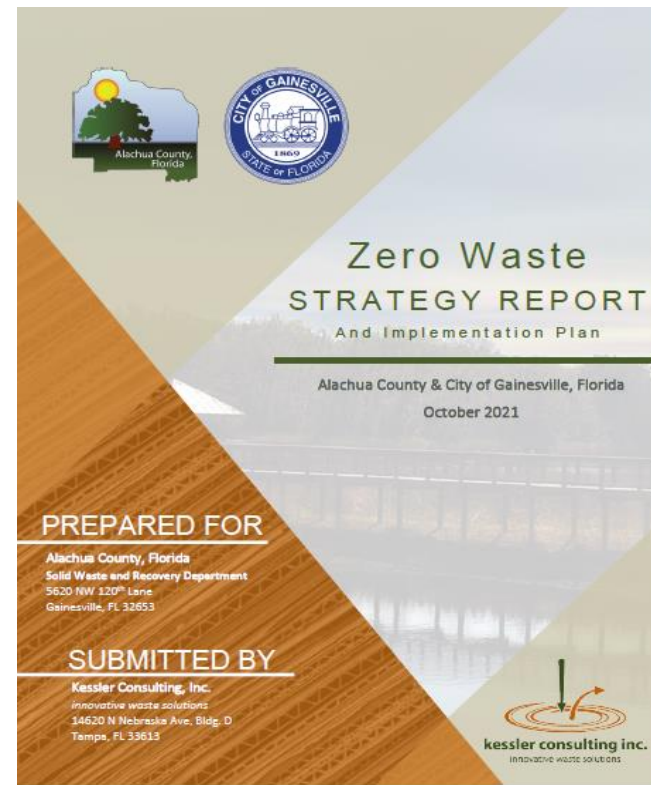
Prior Board Actions

- September 28, 2021 – Adoption of Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan.
- February 8, 2022 – Approval of Request for Proposal documents, including Screening Criteria.



Screening Criteria

- ✓ Zero Waste Strategies Report and Implementation Plan
- ✓ Economic Development Benchmarks
- ✓ Comprehensive Plan
- ✓ Planned Development Master Plan



Project



Compost : Food waste, manure, yard waste, palms & wood pallets

- Compost
- Biochar



Advisory Committees Recommendations

Climate Citizen Advisory Committee

- Supports Sunshine Organics proposal for the EcoLoop.

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

- Based on the information provided by both companies, EPAC recommends Sunshine Organics and Compost. Both companies would offer a benefit to our community, as both offer an environmentally friendly solution to process commercial food waste and other waste streams. Sunshine Organics offers the following: a final product that allows for carbon sequestration and soil building, outreach efforts and attention to underserved communities, and consumption of atypical materials including palm trees and pallets. Furthermore, given the urgency of the climate crisis EPAC appreciates the project timeline proposed by Sunshine Organics.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

- Supports both proposals for the EcoLoop.



Staff Evaluation

Team:

Stacie Greco , Water Resources Program Manager (EPD)

Betsy Riley, Sustainability Manager (SEEDS)

Sean H. Mclendon, Economic Development & Food Systems Manager (SEEDS)

Gus Omos, Director (SWRR)

Sunshine Organics and Compost, LLC

- Targets multiple waste streams managed by the County : food waste, yard debris, and pallets.
- Strongly aligns with County's efforts in promoting soil amendments, sustainable agriculture and climate change mitigation.



Staff Recommendation

Authorize staff to start negotiations with Sunshine Organics & Compost to develop a lease agreement for the construction and operation of a composting facility at the EcoLoop.

