

STAFF REPORT

MTG. DATE:	June 18th, 2022
TO:	Village Board of Trustees
FROM:	JJ Larson –Director of Public Works & Utilities/Deputy Administrator
RE:	Agreement with Purple Cow Organics

BACKGROUND

The Village has maintained a brush pile in the field off of Grove St. for decades. This site is where we've hauled large piles of Village-owned brush, and often used it versus chipping large piles of resident brush during collection. The project on Clark and Grove also involves leveling and grading of a large area of the park, overlapping the brush pile and our access to it. The contractor will grind and haul out all of the material.

OVERVIEW

Deputy Director Peterson reached out to Purple Cow Organics and they provided him a proposal to take, not only the Village's brush, but our wood chips and compost moving forward. The proposal fits into our existing budget for compost disposal. Entering into this agreement would mean we no longer have to budget for grinding and removing our pile every few years. It will also allow staff to load and haul brush directly, without chipping. As we know, every year the insurance company guidance has consistently been to take whatever actions we can to have our staff do less brush chipping given it's always one of the top causes of injury in our field.

Our Attorney made a few modifications to the agreement and Purple Cow has agreed.

RECOMMENDATION

At the meeting July 12th, the Public Works & Sustainability Committee unanimously approved recommending entering into an agreement with Purple Cow for brush, wood chip and compost disposal.