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April 12, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

We have the following questions regarding poultry composting.

1. What is the minimum acreage required for a composting site?
  - Dimensions of compost wind-rows
  - Based on what volume?
2. What are the other site criteria that DEEP staff used for site analysis?
  - Wetlands
  - Slopes
  - Ownership
  - Minimum acreage
  - Property restrictions
  - Buffer distances from populations, other poultry operations, etc.
3. Have the Hillandale Farm facilities demonstrated they DO NOT have sufficient space? (see attached GIS sketches)
4. The plan mentions compensation to the farm, but nothing regarding compensation for any impact on the Town of Voluntown (roads, transfer station usage, access to public works area). What will that compensation be?
5. Why can't DOAG require the commercial producer to do composting on their site rather than in our state forest?

Thank you in advance for your answers.

Sincerely,

Sen. Heather Somers

Voluntown First Selectman Tracey Hanson