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Public Space Recycling Expands to County Health Department

ITHACA, NY – The Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management has installed its seventh public space recycling station outside the entrance to the County Health Department on Brown Road.

The specially-designed bin features receptacles for both trash and single-stream recyclable items like cans, plastic and glass containers, and newspapers.

Serviced through a contract with Casella Waste Systems, the station is monitored frequently to guard against contamination of either the waste or recycling streams.

“We are pleased to support the efforts to decrease waste and increase recycling in the County,” said Public Health Director Frank Kruppa. “The public space recycling station is colorful and prominent at the entrance to our building, making it easy for both visitors and employees to use.”

The County launched its public space recycling initiative a little over two years ago. Public space bins are now located on Main Street in Trumansburg, along the Cayuga Waterfront Trail in Stewart Park and in the Village of Dryden’s Montgomery Park. In addition to the Health Department, three County-owned buildings in Ithaca also participate - the Public Library on East Green Street, the County Courthouse on North Tioga Street and the Human Services Building on West State/Martin Luther King Jr. Street.

“As we expand public space recycling, we look to implement best practices like meeting people where they’re at,” said Nancy Webster, a Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist for the County. “Pairing trash and recycling bins makes it easy and convenient.”

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The new public space recycling station outside the Health Department building on Brown Road. (Provided)