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Media Alert

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City of Plattsburgh Kickstarts Food Waste Reduction Program with a Pumpkin Smash

What: The Clinton County Health Department is excited to announce the grand opening of Clinton County's fourth municipal-level food waste collection program in partnership with the City of Plattsburgh. The program, established in collaboration with the Clinton County Health Department's Eat Smart, Waste Less program, will provide City of Plattsburgh residents with community food scrap collection locations. The two community food scrap collection smart bins are located at:

- 26 Green Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, and
- At the end of George Angell Drive by the Thelma Douglas Footbridge.

To celebrate the grand opening, the City of Plattsburgh is hosting a pumpkin smash event. Community members are encouraged to bring their old pumpkins to the event to toss, fling, or smash. City of Plattsburgh residents will be able to register for this free program at the grand opening event or during regular business hours at the Community Development Office in City Hall following the event. River Valley Regeneratives, an organics recycling facility based in Redford, NY, will be on site to collect pumpkin remains to compost.

Who: Mayor Wendell K. Hughes, City of Plattsburgh
City of Plattsburgh Climate Smart Communities Task Force
Ellie Jent, Chief Development Officer, Joint Council for Economic Opportunity (JCEO)
Jennifer Perry, Co-founder of River Valley Regeneratives
Cody Douglas, Senior Public Health Educator, Clinton County Health Department

Why: This event is free to attend. We invite Clinton County families and community members to join us at this pumpkin smash to celebrate this landmark program to recycle food waste in the City of Plattsburgh. Residents of the City of Plattsburgh who attend will have an opportunity to be the first to register for the municipal food scrap collection program. Food scrap recycling resources and raffles will also be available.

When: Saturday, November 7, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of the food scrap collection program is scheduled for 11:30 am.

Where: 26 Green Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

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About the Clinton County Health Department:

The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department's Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and

environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at health.clintoncountyny.gov or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), X (Twitter [@ClintonCountyHD]), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).

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