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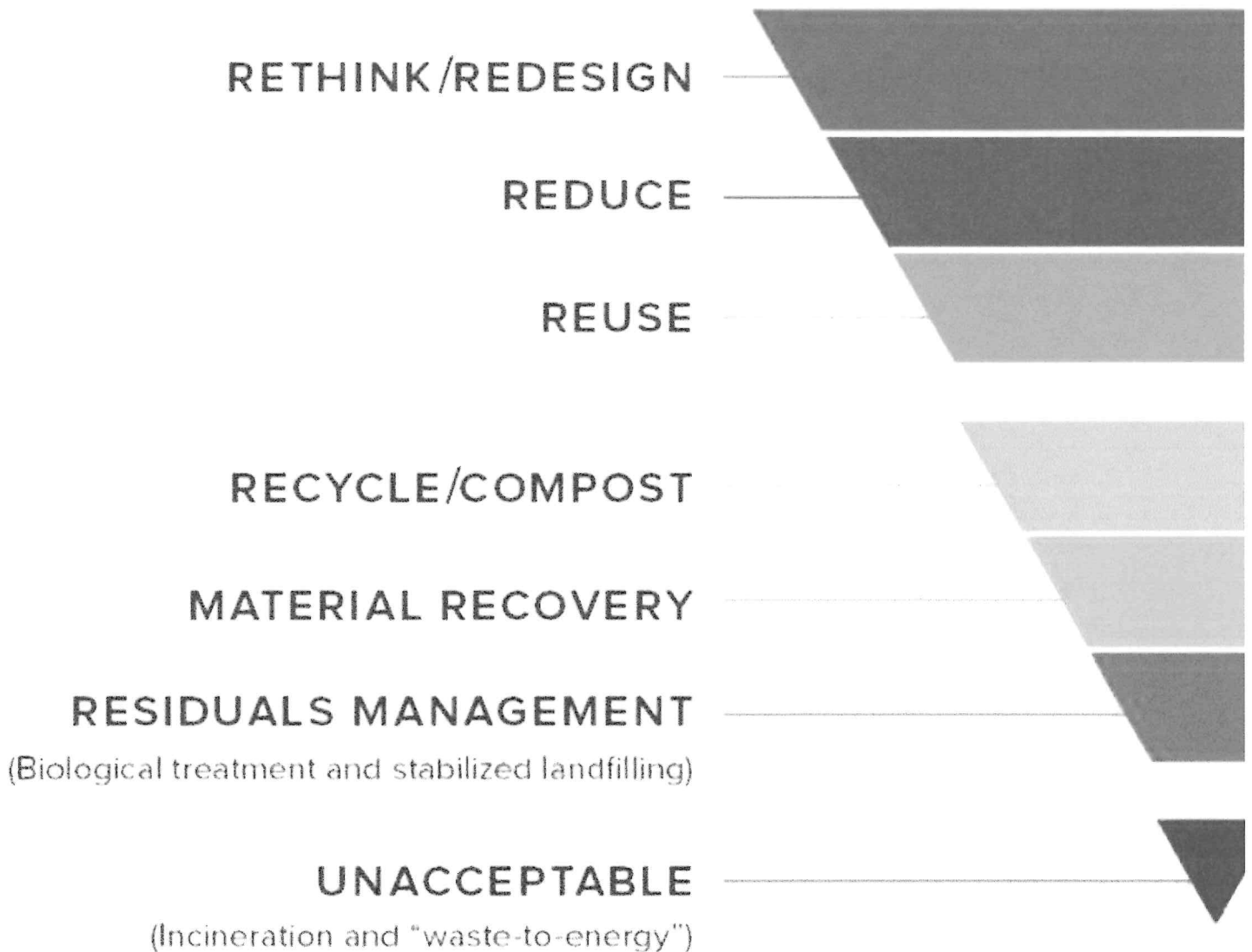
Hi, AnnMarie — Could you please share this with all the legislators, Josh Potosek, Edward McAndrew, Mark Witkowski, and Kassie Thelman? Thank you.

I read with interest the Public Works Committee's resolution to oppose the proposal put forth by the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency regarding the establishment of a countywide landfill.

Just want to point out that the waste hierarchy graphic that's included in the resolution is out of date. The version below is the only internationally peer-reviewed zero waste hierarchy that focuses on actual waste reduction, vs. managing existing waste streams:

THE ZERO WASTE

For detailed version visit:



A detailed version with explanatory text is available at zwia.org.

Note that the penultimate tier in the inverted pyramid, Residuals Management, includes stabilized landfilling. Meanwhile, incineration and "waste to energy" is ranked Unacceptable. So although the text of the resolution states:

WHEREAS, the establishment of a landfill at these locations contradicts the waste hierarchy principles of reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, and landfill, as outlined in the attached graphic, by prioritizing a less desirable solution over sustainable waste management practices,

it is actually Sullivan County that is promoting a "less desirable solution over sustainable waste management practices" by pursuing a waste-to-energy incinerator.

I look forward to a lively debate among committee members about this resolution on Thursday.