**§ 27-0403. Legislative intent.**

The legislature hereby finds and declares that development and implementation of local programs to conserve energy through sound solid waste management efforts can be of broad benefit to the state. Through utilization of resource reuse and other programs, primary raw materials can be conserved, energy savings can be gained, the amount of waste disposed of in landfills can be reduced, and, through proper management of the waste stream, improved operations at waste-to-energy facilities may be realized. In recognition of the potential benefits to be accrued from implementing sound solid waste management programs, the legislature hereby declares that a program directed toward enhancing the state's resource reuse efforts will provide energy, economic and environmental benefits for New York state.