

Organics Composting Forum: Building Infrastructure and Markets

Place: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
3rd Floor Board Room
777 North Capitol St, NE
Washington, DC 20002
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Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009

Time: 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration: Registration is closed due to room capacity

Event Sponsors:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Recycling Committee
The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR)

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- I. **Welcome/Introduction**9:15
Chair William Easley, COG Recycling Committee Chair
Tracy Bowen, Alice Ferguson Foundation
Mike Giuranna, US Environmental Protection Agency/Region III
- II. **Organic Material Composting 101**9:30
Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance
- III. **Composting Systems Overview**9:45
Brian Rosa, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- IV. **Developing a Regional Strategy for Food Recovery**10:15
John Connolly, Connolly and Associates
- V. **Break**10:45
- VI. **Panel: Advancing the Local Organics Composting Infrastructure**11:00
Pat Millner, USDA Compost Expert
Tim Hutchinson, President, Loudoun Composting, LLC
Tom Smith, Solid Waste Division Chief, Prince William County
Russell Brown, Senior Project Manager, Maryland Environmental Service (MES)
Elizabeth Chiedi, Account Executive, Bates Trucking, Inc.
Stacy Myers, Consultant, Pogo Organics
- VII. **Lunch**12:15
- VIII. **Case Study: Virginia**1:00
Review of current food waste composting capacity, regulations, and suggested actions for stimulating the Composting industry.
Craig Coker, Coker Composting and Consulting
- IX. **Panel: Expanding the Organics Composting Infrastructure in Maryland**2:00
Don Lewis, Maryland Department of Agriculture
Ed Dexter, Maryland Department of the Environment (Solid Waste)
Ed Gertler, Maryland Department of the Environment (Water Management)
David Hill, Cycle Logic
- X. **Final Session -- Forum Summation and Next Steps**3:00
- XI. **Adjourn**3:30



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