
On-farm community-scale food scrap & agricultural residues management in VT & NH

Vermont Organics Recycling Summit
May 2nd, 2023



SESSION AGENDA



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- Project overview
 - Short video
 - Farmer panel
 - Online toolkit

Project Goal

To develop sustainable, community-oriented composting sites with Farmer Partners to manage food scraps, farm residues, manures, and other organics.

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Trainers & Project Steering Committee

Trainers

- Cat Buxton, Grow More, Waste Less
- Athena Lee Bradley, Organics Management Consultant
- Natasha Duarte, CAV

Project Steering Committee

- Juan Alvez, UVM Extension
- Joe Buford, NRCS
- Chadd Cupit, NRCS
- Kelly Dolan, VSJF/Farm to Plate
- Maureen F. Prohl, Citizens Advisory Committee, Town of New London, NH
- Stephanie Smith, VAAFM
- Zach Szczukowski, VAAFM
- Olivia Uyizeye, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC
- Paige Wilson, NH DES



Partner Farms



Ascutney Harvest
Ascutney, VT



Firefly Farm at Burke Hollow
Burke Hollow, VT



Highwater Farm Bartlett, NH



Open Woods Farm
Grafton, NH



SUSU CommUNITY Farm
Newfane, VT



Sweet Beet Farm
Bradford, NH



Work Song Farm
Hopkinton, NH

Why community-oriented food scrap composting on

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Through non-certified organic and regenerative growing practices, we seek to provide equitable food access and agricultural learning opportunities to the Mount Washington Valley while cultivating an outdoor lifestyle for our family that prioritizes connection to nature, generosity, and community.

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Work Song Farm aims to grow healthy, delicious food for our local community and to strive for sustainability in every way. We believe in local community. Excess produce is donated to local food pantries and soup kitchens. In 2021, we donated over 2,000 lbs. through the NH Gleans Program.

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Our mission is to cultivate a way of being for ourselves and our community, that nourishes our bodies, minds, and spirits with locally grown food and mindful living in the beautiful Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. We have designed this business as a creative collection of products and services that allow our family to work together, and work toward, a healthier way of living for all, while harmoniously stewarding our little piece of Earth.

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Work Song Farm

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Have these changed during this project?**



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Highwater Farm

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Online Toolkit



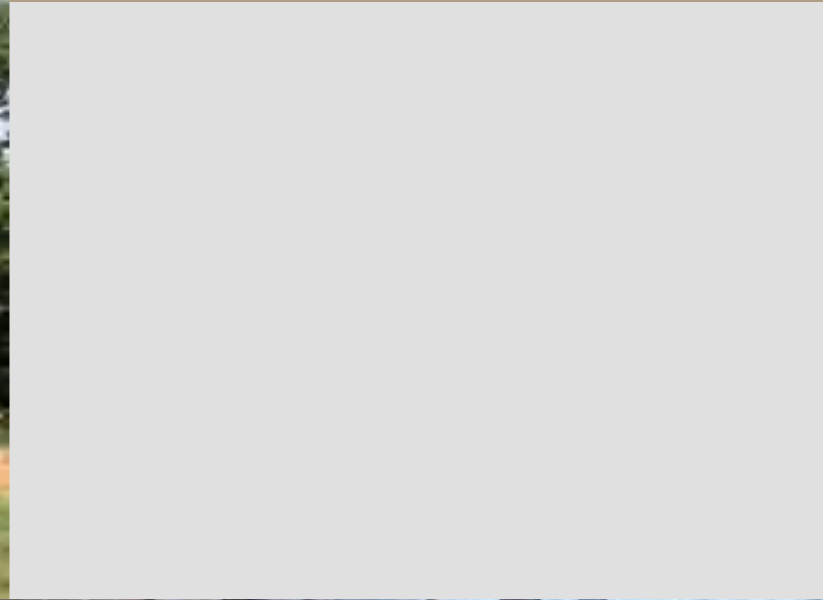
OnFarmComposting.org

Multimedia Resources

for:

- Farmers
 - Communities
 - Organizations
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Q&A



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