



IFSC 2015 Annual Report

- [Food Scrap Composting Challenges and Solutions in Illinois Report](#), completed January 2015, and distributed to Governor, legislators, committee chairs, IEPA, City Mayors and other stakeholders
- Letter to IEPA regarding the *IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Report* to recommend composting solutions and resources in the reduction of nutrient loss on farmland
- Article published in BioCycle Magazine: *Growing a Food Scrap Composting Infrastructure in Illinois*, April 2015
- Policy introduced:
 - [HB437](#): Allow and regulate temporary and permanent drop-offs for organic waste, much like recycling drop-offs. Through this legislation, composting drop-offs can be offered to residents. This is a great educational opportunity and a first step in food scrap diversion infrastructure. Sponsored by Representative Barbara Wheeler and Senator Pam Althoff.
 - [SB1518](#): Extends a pilot program that will allow certain landscape waste composting facilities to also take food scrap. It will help develop haul infrastructure for organic wastes. Sponsored by Senator Michael Noland and Representative Anna Moeller.
 - [HB2495](#): Extends the State's policy of support for recycling labeling laws to composting and biodegradable materials. Sponsored by Representative Sam Yingling and Senator Julie Morrison.
 - [HB1362](#): Require State agencies to study whether they could see benefits from the use of composting materials in land maintenance projects. Sponsored by Senator Tom Cullerton and Representative Emily McAsey.
- IFSC Presentations given:
 - Aurora GreenTown in February
 - BioCycle West Coast Conference in April
 - Indiana Recycling Conference in June
 - Illinois Recycling and Resource Management Conference in June
- New committees formed: Outreach Committee & Membership Committee
- Created postcard, 2-sided WeCompost and IFSC



- Reached over 500 likes on [Facebook](#), 200 [Twitter](#) Followers and 100 [LinkedIn](#) members
- Planning for paid membership structure: Survey to members, pay structure set, board structure planned, incorporation process completed
- First rendition of Accomplishments Overview created and posted online
- Google Map of [IL Compost Facilities](#) created
- We Compost grows to 108 Partners
- Tour of Stickney Water Reclamation Plant
- Coalition grows to over 180 members