



2018 Annual Report

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2018 Accomplishments

- IEPA Permitted Composter Facility **MAP** created by the Market Development Committee
- **Analysis of the Barriers and Opportunities for the Use of Compost in Agriculture** white paper completed.
- Green Partner level added to We Compost program
- HB 4790 passed in both the house and senate and is before the governor - Legislation increases the use of compost in transportation projects at the state and helps create a market for the use of compost in Illinois. Any state agency that undertakes a landscaping project requiring the use of new or offsite soil for landscape-related use and that is located within 10 miles of any IEPA permitted compost facility shall request a separate bid for compost amended soil as part of that project.
- **Public Act 100-0094 (SB 1456)**: allows two more landscape waste transfer stations to accept food scraps without going through local siting, under a 2-year demonstration permit with the IEPA (which can be renewed).
- **HB 2606** Requires a food donation policy for every state agency.

- Letter to IDOT and CDB offering support for pilot projects carried out under HB 4790
- **“Building Illinois’ Local Food Shed Through Advancing Food Scrap Composting”** renewed for its 3rd year. Funding for this work was provided by Food:Land:Opportunity, a collaboration between Kinship Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust and funded through the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust. This project focused on the following key project components:
 - Infrastructure and Institutions: Work has been done with Chicago Public Schools, universities, hospitals, and other institutions through webinars, waste audits, consultations, trainings, and the white paper.
 - Policy and Education: This piece was done in collaboration with the Illinois Environmental Council. It included meeting with legislatures, sharing information on composting, creating a waste factsheet for policymakers, webinars for municipalities, and a compost one-pager for compost collection events.
 - Collaborative Projects: This component organized project teams from the November 2017 summit to develop policies, projects, and initiatives across silos.
- We Compost logo trademarked in 2018
- We Compost Program:
 - Added 7 Gold and 4 Silver, 2 Green Partners, as well as 6 municipalities in 2018
 - The current total of 172 Partners (up from 153 in 2017)
 - Green Partner level added to We Compost program
- **Residential Curbside Composting Programs** in Illinois
 - 30 residential curbside composting programs (up from 25 in 2017)