



IFSC 2019 Annual Report

- **2019 Board Members – Affiliations**
 - **Chair** Jennifer Jarland - Kane Co
 - **Vice Chair** Lisa Disbrow – Waste Management
 - **Treasurer** Dave VanVooren - SWANCC
 - **Secretary** Jeannine Kannegiesser – Northern Illinois Food Bank
 - Josh Connell – Lakeshore Recycling Services
 - Jim Cowhey – Organix Recycling
 - Gary Cuneen – SGA
 - Stephanie Katsaros – Bright Beat
 - Benjamin Krumstok – Composting Partners
 - John Lardner – JPL Environmental Engineering
 - Kay McKeen - SCARCE
 - Charlie Murphy – Midwest Compost
 - Jen Nelson - SGA
 - Joan O’Keefe – Will County
 - Macy Oswald - St. Louis Composting
 - Walter Willis - SWALCO

- **“Building Illinois’ Local Food Shed Through Advancing Food Scrap Composting”**

renewed for its 4th 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:

 - Policy, advocacy, and education –Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) and IFSC policy committee advocating to reinstate state level composting infrastructure funding (in the past it went to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). Goal right now is to have the grant programs reinstated under the IEPA. Support development of a policy agenda and educate decision makers. Includes advocating for HB 4790 and making sure that bill is executed. Supporting solid waste planning across the state – providing language related to food scrap (FS) composting.
 - Infrastructure support for FS composting, such as schools, hospitals, etc. – how to set up FS composting and use it in landscape.
 - Collaborative projects – Illinois wasted food solutions taskforce, IFSC, and strategic collaborative projects.



- New website developed
- **2019 Policy**
 - State Plan concept that would require Illinois to create a waste management plan which would include how to divert organics from landfills. Bill is in draft at IEPA.
 - HB 3068: Creates a committee that will be appointed by the director by March 1, 2020 and by July 2021 they are expected to create statewide materials management plan with 2018 as the base year. It will provide ideas for counties to incorporate into their solid waste plans – offer ideas for five-year updates counties are producing. Two representatives on the committee will be producers of compost.
 - HB 2505: amended definition of locally sourced food. Initiative of IEC. Small change that hopefully will make a big difference to the policy.
 - SB 1814: part of last-minute bills and swept \$5M out of solid waste fund for next year; \$17M was sitting in that fund. \$4M appropriated to solid waste fund for 2020 and then \$750,000 for e-waste. Need to appropriate more from this fund so it won't build up and get swept.
 - PA100-0951 – keeping an eye on IDOT's two projects – one roundabout in McHenry County at Route 20 and Harmony Road will procure compost to grow grass seed and do erosion control.
- **End Market Development**
 - 2019: Working with IEPA to develop compost feedstock resource that will be publicly available. Work will continue into 2020.
 - Surveyed compost facilities to develop acceptable compost feedstock list.
- **Engagement**
 - 114 dues paying members/partners
 - 542 email reach
 - 10 general body meetings
 - 12 Board of Directors meetings
 - 48 committee and working group meetings



- Social media
 - 997 likes and 1,153 follows on [Facebook](#)
 - 588 [Twitter](#) Followers (up from 496)
 - 149 [LinkedIn](#) members (up from 141)
 - 547 [Instagram](#) followers (up from 354)

- **IFSC Presentations** and other tabling events:
 - 1/8/19 – Go Green Illinois Meeting
 - 1/25/19 – Webinar: Hospital Food Recovery and Composting
 - **1/31/18 – Member Appreciation and Networking Event**
 - 3/16/19 – Green Living Fair, Libertyville
 - 5/3/19 - Midwest Grows Green Webinar: Benefits of Natural Lawn Care
 - **5/30/19 – CAN TV Interview** of Jennifer Jarland by MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila
 - 10/26/19 – GreenTown Will County
 - **10/31-11/1 – ILC SMA Conference**
 - **11/6/19 – Get the Dirt on Composting in Illinois**

- **We Compost Program**
- **Pumpkin Composting Drop-off Events:**
 - 51 participating locations
 - Diverted 123 tons of pumpkins from landfills

- **Membership**
 - 114 members - 22 individual members, 31 organization members, 4 agency liaisons
 - Silver Partners: Christopher B Burke Engineering, Collective Resource Inc, DuPage County, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Midwest Compost, Rotochopper Inc, SWANCC
 - Gold Partners: Midwest Organics Recycling, SAVOR...Chicago, SCARCE, SWALCO
 - Platinum Partner: Seven Generations Ahead

- **Residential Curbside Composting Programs** in Northern Illinois
 - 45 residential curbside composting programs (up from 30 in 2018)