



IFSC 2020 Annual Report

- **2020 Board Members – Affiliations**
 - **Chair** Jennifer Jarland - Kane County
 - **Vice Chair** Benjamin Krumstok – Composting Partners
 - **Treasurer** John Lardner – JPL Environmental Engineering
 - **Secretary** Jeannine Kannegiesser – Northern Illinois Food Bank
 - Josh Connell – Lakeshore Recycling Services
 - Jim Cowhey – Organix Recycling
 - Lisa Disbrow – Waste Management
 - Rachel Greathouse – St. Louis Composting/ Total Organics Recycling
 - Erlene Howard – Collective Resource Compost
 - Stephanie Katsaros – Bright Beat
 - Kay McKeen - School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE)
 - Charlie Murphy – Midwest Compost
 - Jen Nelson – Seven Generations Ahead
 - Joan O’Keefe – Will County
 - Rick Shipley – Organix Recycling
 - Walter Willis – Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

- **“Building Illinois’ Local Food Shed Through Advancing Food Scrap Composting”** This project was renewed for its 5th 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.
Progress and goals
 - Worked with Wasted Food Action Alliance to identify best practices for composting and created a public resource
 - IFSC Outreach and Impact Document, created and posted on website
 - “Composting from Home” page developed on IFSC website

- **Advocacy**
 - Letter sent to IEPA in support of appropriating funds in the next budget session for food scrap grants that includes reviving the former DCEO program
 - Letter sent to new Chicago Program Managers introducing IFSC and offering support for City’s waste characterization study
 - Hosted City of Chicago Recycling Program Director on a IFSC Board call



- BIPOC solidarity statement published in July
- Social Equity Group formed to advise board on making progress in this area and is now a regular item in monthly BOD meetings

- **2020 Policy**
 - **Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee** formed and includes 4 IFSC board members.
 - 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.
 - Proposed SB 3764: incentivizes state procurement of recyclable and compostable materials
 - Ongoing research on state policies outside of Illinois for compost-use ordinance

- **Resource Development**
 - Resident Guidance During COVID-19 on curbside collection, potential service changes, guidance, and recommendations
 - Developed “[Where to Buy Finished Compost](#)” resource published on the IFSC website
 - Developed member “[Hauler Service Area Map](#)” on the IFSC website
 - Compost Market Development: Continuing work on developing compost feedstock resource that will be publicly available.

- **Engagement**
 - 112 people in dues paying memberships/partnerships
 - 593 email reach
 - 3 Newsletters published in January, March, and July
 - 10 general body meetings
 - 12 Board of Directors meetings
 - 71 committee and working group meetings, including strategic planning, event planning, website improvements, etc



- 23 Blog Posts published
- Social media
 - 1,056 likes and 1,249 follows on [Facebook](#)
 - 584 [Twitter](#) Followers (up from 578 in 2019)
 - 179 [LinkedIn](#) members (up from 157 in 2019)
 - 757 [Instagram](#) followers (up from 637 in 2019)
- **IFSC Presentations** and tabling events:
 - 2/21/20 – 15th Annual Food Policy Summit, Food Policy Action Council
 - 3/7/20 – One Earth Film Festival “Useless” Film Screening, tabling and networking
 - 3/8/20 – Going Green Matters, Wilmette
 - 8/20/20 – Compostable Plastics Forum: The Impacts and Implications of Use and Acceptance
 - 09/23/20 - GreenTown Cook County - [Waste Reduction and the Circular Economy](#)
 - 09/29/20 - IFSC Virtual Town Hall 09.29.20 - How to Get Your Community Composting in Illinois
 - 10/13/20 – IWEA Composting Presentation
 - 11/04/20 - DePaul University [Community Engagement Climate Change, Sustainability and the Food System](#)
- **We Compost Program** - 189 recognized partners
- **IFSC Membership & Partnership**
 - **Platinum Partners: SAVOR...Chicago at McCormick Place, Seven Generations Ahead**
 - **Gold Partners: Midwest Organics Recycling, Our Sustainable Journey, SCARCE, SWALCO**
 - **Silver Partners: Christopher B Burke Engineering, Collective Resource Compost, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Midwest Compost, River Forest Sustainability**



Commission, Rotochopper Inc, St. Louis Composting/Total Organics Recycling, SWANCC

- **Members:** 18 individuals, 31 organizations, 2 agency liaisons, 2 student scholarships
- **Residential Curbside Composting Programs** in Illinois
 - 59 residential curbside composting programs (14 more than 2019)