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
o BIPOC solidarity statement published in July
o 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
  o **Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee** formed and includes 4 IFSC board members.
  o 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.
  o Proposed SB 3764: incentivizes state procurement of recyclable and compostable materials
  o Ongoing research on state policies outside of Illinois for compost-use ordinance

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

• Engagement
  o 112 people in dues paying memberships/partnerships
  o 593 email reach
  o 3 Newsletters published in January, March, and July
  o 10 general body meetings
  o 12 Board of Directors meetings
  o 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)