



IFSC 2021 Annual Report

- **2021 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 6th 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 of support for University of Illinois NSF Grant application “Convergent Innovations in Regional CirCULAR Economies (CIRCULAR).”
- Letter of support for Midwest Grows Green Grant application to NCIPM for working groups that support the NCIPMC and regional IPM priorities.



- 8 IFSC members, including BOD members, served on the Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee (MMAC), which published their [report to the General Assembly](#) in July, 2021. The report provides several solid waste strategies and solutions including composting and food waste.

- **2021 Policy**

- SR 220 (Compost Awareness Week) - introduced by Senator Fine in April, will work to introduce in Jan 2022, at the beginning of the legislative session
- SB 1167 (Food Scrap Ban) - introduced by Senator Lightford, introduced late, but moves the conversation forward
- HB 2891 (Incidental Sales of Finished Compost) - relates to on-farm composting operations, didn't move through, but it should move forward in 2022.
- Other bills related to food waste and composting
 - HB 633 (Right to Garden Act) - could be very good for composting, has other beneficial provisions
 - HB 2615 (Home to Market Act)

- **Research**

- This year, the IFSC committee \$5,000 to a multi-stakeholder study of compostable products break down in composting facilities in our region. This study is being conducted in partnership with SWALCO, Bright Beat, and

- **Resource Development**

- Developed two hauler [Service Area Maps](#) displaying residential and commercial hauler boundaries of IFSC member haulers on the IFSC website
- Compost Market Development: Continuing work on developing compost feedstock resource that will be publicly available.



- **Committee Regeneration**

- Committee restructuring
 - Committee structure updated to include two co-chairs
 - Communications and Outreach Committee, and Website and Social Media Committee combined to become the Communications Committee
 - [Committee guide](#) developed and posted on website to aid recruitment.

- **Engagement**

- 142 people in dues paying memberships/partnerships
- 794 email reach
- 2 Newsletters published in January and July
- 10 general body meetings
- 12 Board of Directors meetings
- 79 committee and working group meetings, including ICAW events, ICAW event planning, and committee regeneration
- 12 Blog Posts published
- Social media
 - [Twitter](#): 656 followers (+72 followers from 2020)
 - [Facebook](#): 1128 likes (+72 likes from 2020)
 - [LinkedIn](#) Group: 208 members (+29 group members from 2020)
 - [Instagram](#): 1025 followers (+268 followers from 2020)

- **IFSC Presentations** and tabling events:

- 1/26/21 - Edgewater Environmental Coalition, "Composting + Circularity"
- 2/8/21 - Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO), "Reducing + Rescuing Wasted Food"
- 3/4/21 - Dyson, "IFSC: Composting 101"



- o 3/5/21 - Chicago Food Justice Summit, "Chicago Food Rescue Hub... Creating A Sustainable Food Resource"
 - o 3/25/2021 MGG's "Improving Soil Health on Sports and Recreational Fields" webinar
 - o 4/10/2021 [River Forest Public Library presentation](#)
 - o 4/29/21 - Alliance for Health Equity, "Reducing + Rescuing Wasted Food"
 - o 5/2 - 5/8/21 - ICAW Q&A
 - o 5/11/21 -Go Green Illinois, "IFSC: Composting, Wasted Food... Resources + Collaborations"
 - o 10/12/21 - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)
 - o 10/22/21 - [PGMS Annual Conference in Louisville](#)
 - o 11/12/21 - GreenTown Rockford, "Food Waste Reduction and GHG Emissions"
- **We Compost Program** - 201 recognized partners, including 12 new partners. All municipalities were awarded a printed certificate and recognized on social media.
 - **IFSC Membership & Partnership**
 - o **Platinum Partners:** SAVOR...Chicago at McCormick Place, Seven Generations Ahead
 - o **Gold Partners:** Midwest Organics Recycling, Our Sustainable Journey, SCARCE
 - o **Silver Partners:** Beans & Bagels, Christopher B Burke Engineering, Collective Resource Compost, County of DuPage, EcoProducts, Illinois Environmental Council, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Midwest Compost, Moller Family Foundation, River Forest Sustainability Commission, Rotochopper Inc, St. Louis Composting/Total Organics Recycling, SWALCO, SWANCC
 - o **Members:** 26 individuals, 40 organizations, 2 agency liaisons, 1 student scholarship
 - **Residential Curbside Composting Programs** in Illinois
 - o 60 residential curbside composting programs
 - **Pumpkin Smash**, organized by SCARCE



- o 58 participating locations
- o 242 tons of pumpkins composted