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 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
- 58 participating locations
- 242 tons of pumpkins composted