IFSC 2023 Annual Report

- **Staff Members**
  - Executive Director – *Benjamin Krumstok*
  - Administrative Coordinator – *Amy Bartucci*

- **2023 Board Members – Affiliations**
  - *Chair* John Lardner – JPL Environmental Engineering
  - *Vice Chair* Liz Bosarge – University of Illinois Chicago
  - *Treasurer* Erlene Howard – Collective Resource Compost Cooperative
  - *Secretary* Jeannine Kannegiesser – DuPage County Forest Preserve
  - Josh Connell – Lakeshore Recycling Services
  - Lisa Disbrow – WM
  - Mike DiMucci – Garden Prairie Organics
  - Liam Donnelly – WasteNot Compost
  - Jennifer Herd – City of Chicago
  - Laura Gale – St Louis Composting
  - Kila Harwick – Green Soils Management
  - Stephanie Katsaros – Bright Beat
  - Liz Kunkle – Illinois Environmental Council and Go Green Winnetka
  - Kay McKeen – School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE)
  - Charlie Murphy – Midwest Compost
  - Jen Nelson – Seven Generations Ahead
  - 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.

- **Advocacy/Policy**
  - 2023 Legislative Highlights: See Illinois Environmental Council's 2023 Legislative Report [HERE](#)
- Resolution recognizing Compost Awareness Week in Illinois in 2023 was adopted. (Waste Reduction)
- Bill allowing for the incidental sales of finished compost passed. (Waste Reduction)
- Bill creating an Extended Producer Responsibility Study and Task Force passed. (Waste Reduction)
- Bills relating to soil health, incentivizing finished compost use, natural organic reduction, and large event recycling and composting were introduced. (Waste Reduction)

**Diversion**

**New We Compost Partners in 2023**

Red Oak Elementary School, Highland Park  
S&C Electric Company, Chicago  
Lycée Français de Chicago, Chicago  
Loyola Dining, Chicago  
FlowersFlowers, Evanston  
Picnic, Evanston  
Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg  
Casa Central, Chicago  
Braeside Elementary School, Highland Park  
Oak Terrace Elementary School, Highland Park  
The Paramount Group, Chicago  
Eden, Chicago  
Westmont Public Library, Westmont

**Residential Curbside Composting Programs**

- +70 in Illinois

**Pumpkin Smashes, organized by SCARCE**

- Diversion Totals: As of Dec 21, 2023
  - 87% reporting from 95 sites:
    - 471,627 pounds or 235.8 tons
    - Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 169.5 tons of CO2e
    - Diverted 50,677.42 gallons of water from landfills

- Danielle Melgar, IFSCC Education Committee, Green Living article [HERE](#)

**Market Development**
• The Landscape Contractor magazine ads
  ▪ Benefits of Compost: ad (p 37)
  ▪ If It Grows, It Goes: ad (p 37)
  ▪ October Issue: Interview (p18-22)
  ▪ Next up: iLandscape Show/Feb 2024 Issue HERE

• Engagement
  o 93 memberships (Platinum > Individual)
  o 995 subscribers to email
  o Monthly meeting reminders and 2 newsletters published: January and July
    ▪ Open rate: 53%
  o 10 general body meetings
    ▪ Average monthly attendance: 60
  o 11 board of directors meetings
  o 56 committee meetings
  o 10 blog posts published
    ▪ Social media
      • Twitter: 673 followers
      • Facebook: 1.7K followers
      • LinkedIn Group: 253 members
      • Instagram: 1,322 followers

• Resource Development
  o Step-by-step Guide to Creating a Composting Program in a Multi-Unit Building in Chicago
    ■ Website: Composting for Multi Family Units HERE

• Committee Regeneration
  o Began Cross Committee Quarterly (CCQ) Meetings with all Co-Chairs

• 2023 Presentations and Tabling Events

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<td>Illinois Environmental Council Zero Waste Town Hall Speaker</td>
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- **Sustaining Membership**
  - **Platinum:** SAVOR…Chicago at McCormick Place
  - **Gold:** Beans & Bagels, EcoProducts, Elgin Sustainability Commission, University of Illinois Extension, Midwest Organics Recycling, The Mulch Center, NRDC, SCARCE, Seven Generations Ahead, WasteNot, Whole Earth Compost
  - **Silver:** Block Bins, Christiansen Farms, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Collective Resource Compost Cooperative, Compost Supply, DuPage County, Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, Green Era Campus, IEC, LRS,
Midwest Compost, Natureworks, Rotochopper, SCS Engineers, SWANCC, SWALCO, Total Organics Recycling, The Urban Canopy

- **Members**: 27 individuals, 37 organizations, 2 Agency Liaisons

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**What changed since Strategic Planning in 2021?**

- Staff growth - Administrative Coordinator and added an Executive Director
- Transition to new Fiscal Sponsor
- iCAT review
- Focused discussions on diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ)
  - EQUITABLY strengthen the composting community and support organizations and individuals to expand access, awareness and distribution of IFSCC resources.
- Participated in Adventures in Composting and Building a Culture of Composting in Greater Chicagoland regional compost summit with the University of Illinois Extension during International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)
- Policy Committee industry tours of composting operations
- New committee: International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)
- New logo
- New name: IFSC to IFSCC to emphasize that the commercial composting sector is an important constituency in the organization