



IFSCC

ILLINOIS FOOD SCRAP
& COMPOSTING COALITION



Alive, Amenable and Awake!

Happy July IFSCC,

Alive, amenable and awake... Am I referring to myself or the compost I rely on in my garden? You tell me! All kidding aside, **it's a great time of year to thank all you fantastic folks that continue to show up and support IFSCC in this vital food systems work.** I also think it's a wonderful opportunity to share **what IFSCC Platinum Sustaining Members are each saying** about our myriad compost collaborations throughout the years. Together we are advancing organics diversion and building a robust food scrap recycling industry in the great state of Illinois—with swaths of land chock-full of rich soil, awaiting more and more... COMPOST. Keep diggin', Illinois!



Amy Bartucci, IFSCC Administrator

New on the IFSCC Blog: Platinum Sustaining Member Testimonials

One of the benefits of being a Platinum Sustaining Member of the IFSCC is a feature in an annual newsletter! 2025 brought IFSCC FOUR Platinum Sustaining Members and we'd love to share their rich mixture of thoughts that keep us growing throughout Illinois. Thank you **Eco Products**, **The Mulch Center**, **The Urban Canopy** and **WasteNot Compost**. Read more from each of these businesses on our blog [HERE](#).



Letters from IFSCC Leadership



*"I'd like to plant (yes, pun intended) two ideas in our collective consciousnesses as we enjoy the Summer. First, **where can compost use play a role in the improvement or maintenance of the spaces I am enjoying AND** second, **how can my actions reduce contamination in the feedstock** that is being directed for composting? Let's figure out how and where we as individuals and as communities can and should use*

compost this Summer and Fall as we prepare for the 2026 seasons."

~Benjamin Krumstok, IFSCC Executive Director

Read more from Benjamin [HERE](#).



*"Your commitment to IFSCC has been instrumental in driving positive change and making Illinois a leader in sustainable waste management. As we look to the second half of 2025, we want to build upon our successes to continue our growth of **influence, education, and membership**.*

*As we continue to build the legacy of IFSCC, we will focus our efforts on **growing the IFSCC community through increased membership, engagement, and education opportunities**. We are dedicated to enhancing the value of your IFSCC membership and need your input to do so."*

Read more from NEW IFSCC Board of Directors President + Vice President Mike DiMucci and Spencer LaBelle [HERE](#).

International Compost Awareness Week 2025 BIG SUCCESS throughout Illinois

*"On behalf of the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition and the IFSCC ICAW team, I would like to thank everyone who participated in ICAW activities, programs, and events this year. This year, IFSCC's ICAW adventures took place across **13 counties in Illinois, with thousands of people** attending a variety of interesting and informative programs, events, and activities that provided numerous opportunities to learn about the importance and benefits of composting and utilizing compost.*

In addition to compost and composting, the week included discussions surrounding all the interrelated issues and topics of soil health, conservation, wasted food reduction and diversion, how to grow healthy food, combating climate



change, hunger, and more. To see some of the fun, and learning that took place during ICAW 2025, and learn more about it, check out our 2025 Almanac and Memory Book [HERE](#)." ~Merleanne Rampale, ICAW Chair, Programs and Education Director, SWALCO

NEXT GENERAL BODY MEETING AUGUST 4th SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT, 12-1pm



JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY:

IFSCC SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

SHANNON PING, NATUREWORKS

Senior Circular Economy Manager

**PLA, MICROPLASTICS & TOXICITY IN FOOD
SERVICE PACKAGING**

NEW TO IFSCC?
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FOR LINK TO JOIN



MONDAY 
4 August, 2025

IFSCC GENERAL MEETING 
NOON

[Zoom Link](#)

Or phone in: (312) 626 6799 Meeting ID: 780 7424 1589 Passcode: 034706

[2025 IFSCC General Body Meeting Schedule](#)

Mission: The Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC) is a thriving not-for-profit organization advancing diversion and composting of all organics in Illinois through advocacy, program implementation, market and business development, policy, and outreach.

Vision: All Illinoisans see organic waste as the valuable resource it is, and are urgently taking action to rescue edible food, divert food scraps to avoid

emissions, and utilize the nutrients to ensure soil viability.

I. Welcome: Amy DeLorenzo, IFSCC Conductor

II. Speaker Spotlight: Natureworks

Learn from Shannon Pinc, Senior Circular Economy Manager at IFSCC Silver Sustaining Member **NatureWorks**, about PLA (Polylactic acid which is derived from renewable sources), microplastics & toxicity in food service packaging.

III. Executive Director Update: Benjamin Krumstok

IV. Board Update: Mike DiMucci/Spencer LaBelle

V. Food:Land:Opportunity Grant Update: Jen Dowd

VI. Administrator Update: Amy Bartucci

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. News from members and guests: Your chance to share!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Note: If you'd like to join a committee please email illinoiscomposts@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!

- **Education Committee**, 2nd Tuesdays at 12pm
- **Communications Committee**, 2nd Mondays at 2pm
- **Market Development Committee**, 3rd Tuesdays at 11am
- **Policy Committee**, 3rd Thursdays at 11am
- **We Compost Recognition Committee**, Quarterly at 12pm
- **International Compost Awareness Week**, Next Meeting, November!
- **Young Professionals Group**, Next Meeting: August 8 at 11:30am

Want to see your composting related events on our calendar? Email illinoiscomposts@gmail.com

IFSCC Platinum and Gold Sustaining Members





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