

cultivating community composting

Best Practices in Community Composting Workshop

Monday, January 23rd, 2016 • Los Angeles

The Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles, 404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA

AGENDA

8:30 – 9 AM

Overview and Who's Here?

Nora Goldstein, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag

Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR @PlattBrenda

9 – 10 AM

Part 1: Key Ingredients of Community Composting

Moderator: Jeffrey Neal, *Howard University Compost Manager*, @Loopclosing, DC

Presenters:

David Paull, Compost Wheels, @compostwheels, Atlanta

Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin

Guy Schaffer, BK ROT, @BKROT, Brooklyn

10 – 11 AM

Part 2: Small-Scale Composting Systems / Processing BMPs

Moderator: Brenda Platt, *Institute for Local Self-Reliance*, @ILSR @PlattBrenda, DC

Presenters:

Composting in an Urban Setting at Howard University Garden, *Jeffrey Neal, Howard University Compost Manager, @Loopclosing, Washington, DC*

Small-Scale Systems & Technologies, *Jean Bonhotal, Cornell Waste Management Institute, Ithaca, NY*

Establishing Best Management Practices for Community Compost Sites, *Renee Crowley, Project Manager, NYC Compost Project hosted by Lower East Side Ecology Center, @NYCzerowaste @lesecologyctr, New York City*

11 – 11:15 AM – Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Part 3: Hauling, Bike, & Other Logistics

Moderator: Dan Matsch, *Eco-Cycle*, @ecocycle, Boulder, CO

Presenters:

Composting Logistics: Material, Information, and Money, *Michael Robinson, Rust Belt Riders, @RustBeltRiders, Cleveland*

Hauling Logistics & Service Design, *Justin Senkbeil, Co-founder, CompostNow, @compostnow, Raleigh, NC*

The Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Bike Hauling, *Kathryn Nigro, Tilthy Rich, @TilthyRichCmpst, Raleigh, NC*

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12:15 – 1:45 PM

Lunch & Informal Breakouts

(at restaurants outside of hotel – on your own)

Breakout Topics:

- Topic 1: BMPs at compost sites
- Topic 2: Bike powered operators
- Topic 3: Outreach & marketing
- Topic 4: Business & financing

1:45 – 2:45 PM

Part 4: The Business of Community Composting

Moderator: Kyle Isacksen, Reno Rot Riders, Nevada

Presenters:

- Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin*
- Jennifer Mastalerz, Philly Compost, @TheCompostCoop, Philadelphia*
- Mary Ryther, Compost With Me, @compostwithme, Falmouth, MA*

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2:45 – 3:30 PM

Part 5: Panel Discussion: Community Engagement & Building Community Power via Community Composting

Moderator: Linda Bilsens, Neighborhood Soil Rebuilders, ILSR, @ILSR, DC

Panelists:

- Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost, Los Angeles*
- Corinne Coe, Terra Nova Compost, @wemakecompost, Atlanta*
- Renee Wallace, Food Plus Detroit, @FoodPlusDetroit, Detroit*
- Sophia Hosain, Real Food Farm-Civic Works, @realfoodfarm, Baltimore*
- Valerie Onifade, Howard Univ. compost site volunteer mgr, Washington, DC*
- Amy Freeman, edible flint & Flint Women in Ag Farm Development Ctr., @edibleflint, Flint*
- Lor Holmes, CERO, @CEROcoop, Boston area*

3:30 – 4:15 PM

Part 6: Breakout Discussions (suggested)

1. Best management practices (BMPs) at compost sites
2. Hauling logistics
3. Business plans/financial viability
4. Outreach & marketing
5. Volunteer management
6. Community engagement/community empowerment
7. School composting
8. Composting systems/technologies
9. Policy agenda
10. Coalition structure & membership / next steps

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Report Back from Breakouts, Closing & Next Steps