

cultivating community composting™

4th National Forum Agenda

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Moderators: Nora Goldstein, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag
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Part 1

8:15 – 9:45 AM

Community Composting: Distributed, Diverse, and Growing

Welcome from ILSR and BioCycle

Overview & Introduction to Community Composting (interactive polling)

Forum Keynote: Empowering Neighborhoods Through Compost, *Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost*

Panel: Community Composters Drive Local Programs

This panel will showcase how community composters bring public attention to composting and the potential partnerships. Commercial scale composters and haulers – along with local government – will learn the benefit of these programs and how to support/partner with community-based efforts.

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Presenters:

Sustaining Business through Collaboration, Philadelphia

Jennifer Mastalerz, Philly Compost, @TheCompostCoop

Tim Bennett, Bennett Compost, @BennettCompost, Philadelphia

Connecting Composting to Creating Jobs in Marginalized Communities

David Paull, Compost Wheels, @compostwheels, Atlanta

Bike-Powered Collection Spurs Community Participation

Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin

Part 2

2:30 – 4 PM

Panel Discussion:

Supporting a Distributed Composting Infrastructure: Dollars and Rules

This panel will address the importance of local and state financing and policies to the development of a diverse and distributed composting infrastructure that includes community scale operations. How can state agencies such as CalRecycle's create funding incentives to support community composters? How can local government revisit districting rules to allow for community composters to compete? What local governments are already financing and supporting community scale composting?

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Panelists:

Bridget Anderson, Deputy Commissioner for Recycling and Sustainability, NYC Dept. of Sanitation, @NYCzerowaste

Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost

Christina Oatfield, Sustainable Economies Law Center, @TheSELC, Oakland

Kendra Bones, Commissioner, Austin Resource Recovery, @austinrecycles, Austin

Kyle Pogue, CalRecycle, @CalRecycle

Chris Hunt, ReFED and formerly with Grace Communications Foundation, @refed_nowaste
Healdsburg, CA

Closing Remarks