Forum
Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 • Jacksonville, Florida
River Terrace 2 Room, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Moderators:  
Nora Goldstein, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag  
Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR

2:30 – 4:00 PM  
Community Composting: Distributed, Diverse, and Growing  
Welcome from ILSR and BioCycle  
Overview & Introduction to Community Composting (interactive polling session)  
Keynote: The Metaphor in the Soil: Building Compost & Community  
Chris Cano, Compost Experience Officer, BikeCompost, @gvillecompost, Gainesville, FL

Panel: Why Local Government Should Support Community Composting  
Moderator: Leah Retherford, NYC Compost Project hosted by Big Reuse, @NYCzerowaste @bigreuse  
Presenters:  
The City of New York’s Investment in Community Composting, Jeremy Teperman, Project Coordinator of the NYC Compost Project hosted by Queens Botanical Garden, @queensbotanic @NYCzerowaste  
DC Community Compost Cooperative Network, Joshua Singer, Community Garden Specialist, DC Department of Parks & Recreation, @dcdpr, Washington, DC  
Community Equity & Access, Lor Holmes, Worker-Owner and General Manager at CERO Co-op, @CEROcoop, Boston

Discussion Panel:  
Christine Datz-Romero, Executive Director, Lower East Side Ecology Center, @lesecologyctr  
Annie White, Manager, Office of Waste Diversion, DC Department of Public Works, @dcdpw @anniekwhite  
Adam Ortiz, Director, The Prince George’s County Department of Environment (MD), @pgcsprout @ortizadam

4:45 – 6:15 PM  
Community Composting: Why You Should Care  
Recognizing Best Management Practices for Urban Compost Sites,  
Renee Crowley, Project Manager of the NYC Compost Project hosted by Lower East Side Ecology Center, @NYCzerowaste @lesecologyctr

Panel: Why Equipment Manufacturers Should Support Community Composting  
Moderator: Brenda Platt, Co-Director, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR  
Presenters:  
From Manual to Equipment-Assisted — An Evolution, Erik Martig, Urban and Community Composting Specialist, formerly of NYC Compost Project, GrowNYC, and founder of Composting Gowanus of the Gowanus Canal Conservancy  
Small-Scale Systems for Community Composters: Meeting the Needs, Eriks Brolis, Co-founder, Urban Farm Plans, @UrbanFarmPlans, Washington, DC
Discussion Panel:
- Peter Moon, President, O2 Compost, Snohomish, WA
- Jeff Gage, Senior Designer, Green Mountain Technologies, Kigali, Rwanda
- Bob Rynk, Associate Professor, State University of New York, Cobleskill

Panel: Why Commercial Haulers & Composters Should Support Community Composting
Moderator: Nora Goldstein, Editor, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag
Presenters:
- Working with Commercial Haulers and Composters
  Justin Senkbeil, Co-founder, CompostNow.org, @compostnow, Raleigh, NC
- Rural Farmer & Commercial Composter Collaborations,
  James McSweeney, Compost Technical Services, Cambridge, MA

Discussion Panel:
- Matt Cotton, Owner, Integrated Waste Management Consulting (IWMC), @CompostPro
- Michael Martinez, Founder and Executive Director, LA Compost, Los Angeles
- Wayne Koeckeritz, President, Food Waste Disposal, Charleston, South Carolina

Closing Remarks

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