



DC Community Compost Cooperative Network

Program

- 50 compost cooperative sites
- Partnered with community gardens for continual carbon
 - Carbon “Drop off” network
- Structured Cooperative
- New urban compost bin design
 - Critter proof, drainage
- New **URBAN** compost BMPS
 - Rats, smells, labor, outreach
- Each bin can process 1 ton of material a month with up to 100 active composters
- Total capacity up to 50 tons of material a month with up to 5000 active composters
- No carbon footprint and no operating budget

Urban vs Conventional

Urban Composting

- Still figuring urban out!!!
- Reducing rats and smells are higher priority – NO PILES!
- Compost material is usually added a little at a time
- More of a sensory process over calculations – DIFFERENT RATIOS
- Pathogen prevention over treatment
- Inclusive community outreach
- Drop off models are only a good idea if there are paid staff
- Labor is usually unpaid
- Cooperative members over volunteers