

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

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 – 9 AM

Overview and Who's Here?

Nora Goldstein, BioCycle

Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

9 – 10 AM

Part 1: Key Ingredients of Community Composting

Moderator: TBD

Presenters:

David Paull, Compost Wheels, Atlanta

Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin

Sandra Nurse/Renee Peperone, BK ROT, Brooklyn

10 – 11 AM

Part 2: Small-Scale Composting Systems / Processing BMPs

Moderator: TBD

Presenters:

Intro to Small Scale Composting Systems & BMPs, *Brenda Platt, Director, Composting for Community, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Wash., DC*

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

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

BMPs Under Development in NYC, *Renee Crowley, Project Manager, NYC Compost Project hosted by Lower East Side Ecology Center, New York City*

11 – 11:15 AM – Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Part 3: Hauling, Bike, & Other Logistics

Moderator: TBD

Presenters:

Linking Ground Operations to Business Development, *Michael Robinson, Rust Belt Riders, Cleveland*

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

Bike Hauling Logistics, *Kathryn Nigro, Tilthy Rich, Raleigh, NC*

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12:15 – 1:45 PM

Lunch & Informal Breakouts

(at restaurants outside of hotel)

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: TBD

Presenters:

Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin

Jennifer Mastalerz, City Sprouts, Philadelphia

Mary Ryther, Compost With Me, Falmouth, MA

2:45 – 3:30 PM

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

Moderator: TBD

Panelists:

Myesha Taylor, Real Food Farm-Civic Works, Baltimore

Corinne Coe, Terra Nova Compost, Atlanta

Kadiri Ra, Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, Detroit

Michael Martinez, LA Compost, LA

Valerie Onifade, Howard Univ. compost site volunteer mgr, Washington, DC

Amy Freeman, edible flint, and Flint Women in Ag Farm Development Ctr., Flint

3:30 – 4:15 PM

Part 6: Breakout Discussions

Topics TBD (e.g. BMPs, hauling logistics, business plans/financial viability, outreach & marketing, policy agenda, volunteer management, community engagement/community empowerment, school composting)

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Report Back from Breakouts, Closing & Next Steps