



Best Practices in Community Composting Workshop

Monday, January 22nd, 2018

The Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta GA

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 AM – Coffee

8:30 – 9:10 AM

Overview and Who's Here?

Brenda Platt, [Institute for Local Self-Reliance](#), [@ILSR](#) [@PlattBrenda](#)

9:10 – 9:30 AM

Part 1: Key Ingredients of Community Composting

Moderator: Nora Goldstein, [BioCycle](#), Emmaus, PA, [@BioCycleMag](#)

Presenters:

Growing and Scaling in Community Composting, Daniel Brown, [Rust Belt Riders](#), Cleveland, [@RustBeltRiders](#)

9:30 – 9:50 AM – Continental Breakfast Break

9:50 – 10:30 AM

Part 1: cont.

Presenters:

Financing the Movement, Justin Senkbeil, [CompostNow](#), Raleigh, NC, [@CompostNow](#)

Model of a Worker-Owned Cooperative, Terry Craghead, [Fertile Ground Cooperative](#), Oklahoma City, OK

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Part 2: Small-Scale & Urban Farm Composting

Moderator: David Paull, [Compost Wheels](#), Atlanta, [@compostwheels](#)

Presenters:

Worm & Other Composting Systems on an Urban Farm, Benny Erez, [ECO City Farms](#), Bladensburg, MD, [@ECOCityFarms](#)

Small-Scale Composting Systems, Erik Martig, [LA Compost](#), Los Angeles, [@LACOMPOST](#)

Integrating Composting into a Peri-Urban Farm, Christopher Edwards, [Mayflor Farms](#), Southbridge, GA

Using Black Soldier Flies in Composting, Paul Rabaut, [Suncoast Compost](#), Riverview, FL, [@suncoastcompost](#)

11:30 AM – 12 PM

Part 3: Sharing Hacks, Innovations, Tips, and More (2 min each)

12 – 1:15 PM

Lunch

(at nearby restaurants – on your own)

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Part 4: Social Justice, Youth & Community Engagement

Moderator: Corinne Coe-Law, [Terra Nova Compost](#), Atlanta, [@wemakecompost](#)

Presenters:

Using Compost to Shift Youth Ecosystems, Whitney C. Jaye, [Southeastern African American Farmers Organic Network](#), Atlanta, [@SAAFON4Farmers](#)

Community Development Through Compost, Sundiata Ameh-El, [Compost Community](#), Tallahassee

Youth-Led Composting Operations, Sandra Nurse, [BK ROT](#), Brooklyn, [@BKROT](#)

Additional Panelists:

Maurice Small, [Farmer x Farmer Coalition](#), Atlanta

Michael Martinez, [LA Compost](#), Los Angeles, [@LACOMPOST](#)

Xavier Brown, [Soilful City](#), Washington, DC, [@SoilfulCity](#)

2:30 – 3:15 PM

Part 5: Pedal Power!

Moderator: Jennifer Mastalerz, [Bennett Compost & Philly Coop](#), Philadelphia, [@BennettCompost](#)

Presenters:

Bike-Powered Collection, Outreach & Female Perspectives, Kathryn Nigro, [CompostNow](#), Durham, NC, [@CompostNow](#)

Micro-Haulers in NYC, Bikes, Consulting, Meredith Danberg-Ficarelli, [Common Ground Compost](#), New York City, [@CommonCompost](#)

3:15 – 3:30 PM – Break

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Part 6: Breakout Discussions

1. Best management practices (BMPs) at compost sites
2. Community engagement/community empowerment
3. Policy agenda to support community composting
4. Business/finance planning
5. Compost innovations (bokashi, black soldier flies, apps, & more)

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Report Back from Breakouts, Closing & Next Steps