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- Calla Rose Ostrander, The Carbon Project
- Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self Reliance
- Cole B. Smith, UCCE Master Composter Program
1) Understand **barriers** to starting and managing locally based composting programs.

1) Provide **resources** for new and existing programs.

1) Identify **success** factors.

1) Provide **models** for effective and sustainable community composting operations.
1) Prioritize **accessibility** to historically underserved communities

1) Demonstrate value of decentralized, local composting **networks**

1) Provide **holistic analysis** of program impacts and metrics

1) Increase **community resilience** to climate change and food security
147 Applications

- 35% from low-income and DAC
- 6% from DAC only
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- 26% were not located in either a DAC or low-income community, but serve them
- 5% from non-priority applicants
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Soil Stewardship Training Retreat

June 20-25, 2021
Ontario, CA

16 CURRICULUM TOPICS:

● Soil Health
● Decomposition Ecology
● Compost Ecology
● Compost Processing
● Vermicompost
● Community Engagement
● Value-Based Communication & Community Well Being
● Ecological Garden Design
● Compost Site Design
● Bioplastics
● Compost End Uses
● Compost Quality
● Waste Stream Sorting
● Resource Recovery
● Soil Policy
Site Preparation and Launch

1) Site visits
2) Site plans and budget proposals
3) Identifying community partnerships
4) Infrastructure development
5) Policy guidance
Data and Metrics Tracking

1) **Key Metrics**: diversion, trees, jobs, compost produced

2) **Methodology Efficiencies**

3) **Environmental Metrics**: soil and compost quality, BMPs

4) **Community Benefits**: volunteer engagement, food distributed
1) Community Education
2) Organizational Capacity
3) Network Development
4) Food Systems
5) Overcoming barriers to access
Estimated Total Program Impacts

11.2 million lbs total organics diverted
1,862 MTC02e reduced (~400 cars)
4,500 cy³ compost produced
369 trees planted
22 FTE jobs created at $23/hr
$105/ton program average for diversion
$76/ton program average for co-benefits
6.75 million lbs total organics diverted
1,614 MTCO2e reduced (~350 cars)
2,750 cy³ compost produced
59 trees planted (+369,000 MTCO2e)
12.5 FTE jobs created at $23/hr
$104/ton program average for diversion
$96/ton program average for co-benefits
What You Can Do

1) Educate your policy makers
1) Apply for Grants
1) Small Business Development