



THE ILLINOIS SOIL, FOOD, WATER and COMPOSTING SUMMIT

*Exploring collaboration that leads to
eco-effective, socially responsible,
economically viable results*

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CHECK-IN AND BREAKFAST NETWORKING

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION #1

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | Morrison - Room 331

Welcome

LENORE BEYER, Director of Conservation Programs, The Kinship Foundation; Program Associate, Food:Land:Opportunity

Setting the Stage

GARY CUNEEN, Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead; Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

About the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

WALTER WILLIS, Executive Director, Solid Waste Association of Lake County (SWALCO); Board President, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

SOIL, FOOD, WATER AND COMPOSTING KEYNOTE

9:00 AM - 10:05 AM | Morrison - Room 331

Keynote Speaker & Moderator

NORA GOLDSTEIN, Editor, BioCycle
Busting Silos to Foster Integrated Solutions

Speakers

KAREN LEHMAN, Director, Fresh Taste

CAROL HAYS, Executive Director, Prairie Rivers Network

WALTER WILLIS, Executive Director, Solid Waste Association of Lake County (SWALCO); Board President, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

VYTAS PABEDINSKAS, Compost Specialist, Compost Can Save Our Soils

JEN WALLING, Executive Director, Illinois Environmental Council (IEC)

BREAK

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM

Food Recovery|Rm 325

Moderator

KAREN LEHMAN, Director, Fresh Taste

Speakers

SUSAN VESCOVI, Environmental Engineer, U.S. EPA Region V
Food Recovery: Solutions from the Top of the Food Waste Hierarchy

HERMAN CARNIE, Director of Food Acquisition, Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)
Food Donation Safety and Logistics

KAY MCKEEN, Founder and Executive Director, School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE); Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
Feed Kids/Feed Soil: Schools Reduce Wasted Food Through Share Tables and Composting

Local, Sustainable Agriculture|Rm 326

Moderator

ALAN SHANNON, Public Affairs Director, USDA

Speakers

MATT TANSLEY, Land Use Planner, Kane County
A Community Food Hub Project in Kane County

LIZ MORAN STELK, Executive Director, Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Policy is Not a Four-Letter Word: Building Power for a Just Food System

BRAD LEIBOV, President and CEO, Liberty Prairie Foundation
A Funder's Approach to Building a Local and Sustainable Food System

Research and Business Innovation|

Rm 328

Moderator

NORA GOLDSTEIN, Editor, BioCycle

Speakers

JONATHAN PEREIRA, Executive Director, The Plant
Building a Local Circular Economy

KULDIP KUMAR, Senior Environmental Soil Scientist, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
How MWRD Biosolids and Composted Biosolids Program Fits in the Bio Based Circular Economy

JASON WEEDEN, CEO and Co-Founder, Gourmet Gorilla
Food Waste Recovery – A Work in Progress

JIM SLAMA, Founder and President, FamilyFarmed
Accelerating Good Food Entrepreneurs

IDEA CHALLENGE

11:35 AM-12:05 PM | Morrison - Room 331

Snapshots pitching cross-silo collaborative policies, projects or programs to meet complimentary objectives

Moderator

STEPHANIE KATSAROS, Founder, Bright Beat; Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition

WALTER WILLIS, Executive Director, Solid Waste Association of Lake County (SWALCO); Board President, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
Turning Wasted Food Into Compost: Municipal Composting Programs in Lake County

SARA RYAN, Marketing Coordinator, St. Louis Composting; Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
From Discarded Food to Finished Compost: St. Louis' Success in Depackaging Organics and Developing End Market

LUNCH

12:05 PM-1:00 PM

BREAK (snack available)

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM | Morrison - Room 331

BREAKOUT SESSION #2

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | Morrison - Room 331

Water Quality Protection|Rm 331

Moderator

SAMANTHA BLUEMER, Energy and Conservation Specialist, Will County Land Use Department

Speakers

AMY WALKENBACH, Manager of Watershed Management Selection, Illinois EPA
Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

LAUREN LURKINS, Director of Natural and Environmental Resources, Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois Farmers Implementation of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

JEREMY BORMS, District Director, Will County Soil & Water Conservation District

Speakers

JEN WALLING, Executive Director, Illinois Environmental Council
CAROL SENTE, State Representative, State of Illinois
Overview of Illinois Policies and Opportunities Across Topic Areas

Breakout Groups (pick one):

- Food Recovery and Local Sustainable Ag
 - Food Recovery and Food Scrap Composting/Soil
 - Local Sustainable Ag and Water Quality Protection
 - Local Sustainable Ag and Food Scrap Composting/Soil
 - Water Quality Protection and Food Scrap Composting/Soil
- OR choose your own adventure...

Food Scrap Composting/Soil|Rm 328

Moderator

JEN NELSON, Program Manager, Seven Generations Ahead; Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
Turning Brown to Green: The Environmental and Economic Impact of Composting in Illinois

Speakers

DUANE FRIEND, Extension Educator, Energy and Environmental Stewardship, University of Illinois Extension
Stemming the Tide of Soil Organic Matter Loss

KAY MCKEEN, Founder and Executive Director, School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE); Board Member, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
Don't Trash It, Smash It: Composting Pumpkins Recovers Nutrients for Soil and Educates About Composting

NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

3:45 PM - 4:00PM | Morrison - Room 331

Collaborative Planning Report Back

NETWORKING SOCIAL

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Meet up at Cavanaugh's - on Federal St. south of Jackson in the Monadnock Building

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