

# WINDHAM SOLID WASTE COMPOST FACILITY

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT



Windham Solid Waste Management's food scrap composting facility (the 2nd largest in the state) has become a solid source of revenue for the district and a valued community resource. However, the composting facility has reached its maximum capacity, turning away new sources of food scraps even as Vermont's "Universal Recycling Law" continues to increase the amount generated in the region. WSWMD's expanded state-of-the-art facility will more than double the district's current capacity, capture heat from the composting process as a source of renewable energy, and allow for future expansion.

"What we do here really does have an economic impact," executive director Bob Spencer commented, pointing out the businesses that WSWMD supports by providing an affordable option for compostable waste recycling, along with the half-dozen retail outlets where the bagged compost is sold and companies that have established new collection and hauling business for food waste. Spencer received Community Facilities Technical Assistance grants from BDCC that supported a successful application for a \$150,000 USDA CF grant.

WSWMD expects their greatly expanded capacity to be matched by increased revenue - along with conversion of many more tons of waste into a renewable resource.

## TAT PROVIDED

Pre-planning advising

\$4,000 award for preliminary design and cost estimates

\$5,000 additional award for consulting on RFP process

## TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

\$700,000

## CURRENT COMPOST FACILITY IMPACT

- Supports the only municipal curbside compost program in VT
- Takes in food scraps from businesses and schools, along with food and furniture production byproducts
- \$86,000 profit in FY23
- \$36,000 in sales of "Brattlegrow Compost" in FY23



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