



# Synergy – The United States Composting Council (USCC) and the Florida Composting Council's (FLCC) Efforts to Expand Composting in the State of Florida

Chris Snow, Veransa and the Florida Composting Council



# Why Florida Composting Council Formed Now!

- Florida 22<sup>nd</sup> in Size in US but 3<sup>rd</sup> in Population and 18<sup>th</sup> in Agriculture
- Why Important – Heavy Populated and Ag Lands Mostly Sand!



# Recycle Florida Today's Organic Recycling Committee working on Organics Recycling for Decades with Limited Success in area of Composting

- Low Solid Waste Disposal Rates
- Good Landfill and WTE Capacity
- Cheap Fertilizer and Water



# What's Changed!

- Solid Waste Disposal Rates Rising
- Increased Costs of Fertilizer and Water
- Out of State Composting Companies and Capital Coming into Florida



# United States Composting Council Support

- USCC – Florida Members List
- USCC Chapter Advisory Committee
- USCC State Chapters Information



# Florida Composting Council Formed

- Under RFT's 501c3
- Separate Board
- Separate Budget
- Separate Website
- Administrative Support provided by RFT



# USComposting Council 2024



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**Nature's Way to Grow**

About Us...

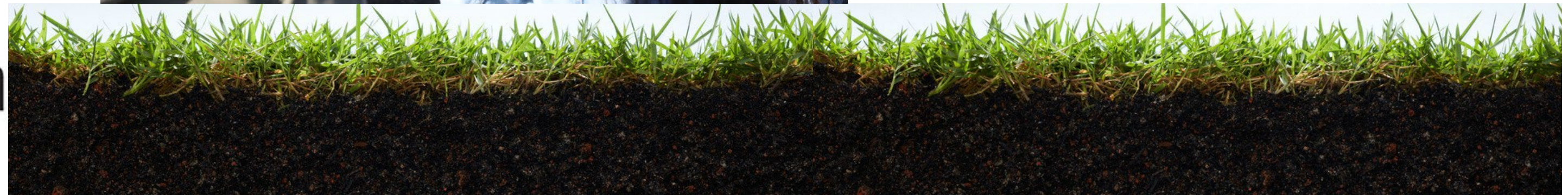
**850 organizations  
representing 2500  
people**



**15 State Chapter Affiliates  
279 facilities providing 404  
STA certified products  
representing 133M CY of  
material**



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What We're Doing...FOR THE INDUSTRY

## **Advocacy & Lobbying**

- PFAS research, messaging, & lobbying**
- Farm Bill/COMPOST Act!!**
  - C.O.M.P.O.S.T. Act Reintroduced \$2B in infrastructure funding over 10 years*
- State Focus: EPR, Compost Use, Funding/Infrastructure**



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# What We're Doing...FOR THE INDUSTRY & OUR MEMBERS

## **COMPOST USE**

- **Leveraging local and federal initiatives and educating compost producers in an effort to grow compost use in Agriculture.**
- **Promote and guide compost use ordinances around the country to help drive compost manufacturing and organics diversion.**



# What We're Doing...FOR OUR MEMBERS

## Professional Development

**-Education: Compost University** *increasing industry knowledge and growth*

**-Careers: USCC Career Center:** *assisting members and non-members in establishing solid career paths (Compostjobs.com)*

**-Certification:** *boosting individual and industry professionalism and job prospects through CCOM and CCP*



# **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Projects:**

- **COMPOST2024 BIPOC/non cis gender scholarships**
- **Launched a "DEIA101" Course for entire membership**
- **Coming March: Benchmarking Study for USCC members (datagathering, & report back to participants on DEIA "maturity")**



# Compost Research & Education Foundation

- FIELD TESTING:
  - Collaboratively founded an ASTM sub-committee to create and actively co-author a standard method for field testing, and donated the CFTP mesh bag protocol
  - Added 5 facility test partners & contracted 10 more
- INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK:
  - May 5-11, 2024





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# Florida Composting Council's 1<sup>st</sup> Year Accomplishments

- Elected Board and Executive Team from Core Group
  - Executive Director – Chris Snow
- Established Committees with Chairs
  - Education and Outreach – Monica Ozores Hampton
  - Advocacy – Dustin Dubois and Gary Bilbro
  - Membership – Shakeel Balroop
  - Marketing and Social Media – Jairo Gonzalez
- RFT – Administrative Support



# FLCC Promotion Efforts

- Membership Brochures
- Composting Newsletter
- Tabletop Display and or Event Attendance (Recycle Florida Today Annual Conference and Exhibition, SWANA FL, Southeast Recycling Conference and Trade Show, Resource Recycling Conference)

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SCAN ME

**ABOUT US WHO WE ARE**

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**JOIN TODAY! MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

The FLCC offers members the opportunity to grow professionally and personally as a composting professional. Members can engage in Chapter leadership opportunities, legislative advocacy and updates, committees, trainings, events, education, resources, and more.

Join today and help strengthen organics in Florida!

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**>>>E-NEWSLETTER<<<**

**COMPOSTING NEWS**  
December 2023

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# FLCC – USCC Efforts and Resources

- STA Program Webinar
- Chapter Advisory Committee
- Legislative and Environmental Affairs Committee
- PFAS – Research Review and Positioning and Guidance Statements
- Model Ordinance and State Composting Regulations

**FLCC WEBINAR: Seal of Testing Assurance Program & Its Benefits**  
**WEBINAR 1 PM AUG 24, 2023**

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**Gowri Sundaram**  
STA Program and Database Manager - US Composting Council

**Lauren O'Connor**  
Planner - Florida Department of Environmental Protection

**Charles Duprey**  
Founder and President - Naturcycle LLC

**Donald Pearson**  
CPESC - Summit Design and Engineering Services

**Legislative Advocacy Advocacy Committee**

The function of this committee is to work with policy makers, regulators and its members to advance legislation, policy and funding that enhance opportunities to increase compost production and use in Florida.

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# RFT's 2023 Winter Summit and FLCC Annual Composter Conference



# FLCC Compost Training and Compost Facility Tours

- Florida Crystals
- Atlas Organics – Vero Beach



# FLCC 2024 Goals

- Continue to Expand our Membership
- Partner with UF-IFAS on March 27<sup>th</sup> UF/IFAS Research Compost Consortium Conference at UofF - Gulf Coast Research and Education Center
- FDEP 62-709 Rule Public Workshop Process
- Additional FLCC Compost Training and Compost Facility Tours
- Expand Food Waste Composting and Advocate Food Waste as Recoverable Material





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INDUSTRY NETWORKING AND RESOURCES



EDUCATION AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



PROFESSIONAL EVENTS AND TRAINING

**MEMBERSHIP STARTS AT \$175 FOR INDIVIDUALS**

\*Discounts available for Recycle Florida Today, Inc. and US Composting Council Members.

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