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Hello!

As part of the goals outlined in the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP), the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) is implementing a new composting program at the National Soybean Research Center (NSRC). Through funding from the Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), iSEE staff is developing initial steps to add a compost tumbler on the west side of the building to collect food waste, coffee grounds, and shredded paper from offices in our building. The compost will be used to help maintain a new pollinator garden that we will be constructing near the tumbler. order for this project to be successful, we are asking for your help and engagement.

Food and compostable waste make up an estimated 30% of all waste in our landfills. This project will significantly reduce these items from the waste stream. We are excited to be one of the few composting projects on campus and hope that this project will encourage people in and around NSRC to become more conscious about purchasing, consuming, and discarding food.

We are asking that your office/department please contact Theresa Snarski, iSEE Intern, at snarski5@illinois.edu to confirm that you received this letter and to provide contact information, which we will use to update you as we begin our composting initiative for the NSRC. We will then help you get started by providing the necessary receptacle and signage, as well as an educational training. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to Theresa or Meredith Moore, iSEE Sustainability Programs Coordinator (mkm0078@illinois.edu).

Once we have purchased all of the materials, we will set up a meeting with your office/department to further discuss our goals and address your questions, while also providing you with the receptacles and training. Once we have your department's contact information, we will be in touch!

Thank you for your help and cooperation! We look forward to starting this project to divert as much food waste as possible from the landfill!

Sincerely,

Theresa Snarski, iSEE Intern
Meredith Moore, Sustainability Programs Coordinator