

iWG Assessment

iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #: ZW007 Composting Strategies

Date of iWG Assessment Started: 4/19/22

Assessment Transmitted: 5/17/22

iWG Recommendation: Because these discussions are at the beginning stages in various formats and topics, the iWG recommends that iSEE collaborate with the Zero Waste iCAP Team to plan and host a discussion/symposium/workshop in FY23 to share knowledge about composting programs, efforts, and strategies for campus and the community. A review of known solutions from other places and an assessment of anticipated costs for composting strategies should be included, and include presentations from experts on best practices.

iWG Routing Direction (department name, iCAP Team, or Council): iSEE

Individual comments from each iWG member:

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Jennifer Fraterrigo (iSEE)	I support this recommendation. Gathering and sharing information about existing university and municipal composting programs and best practices is an important step toward developing and implementing a composting program on the UIUC campus.
Morgan White (Representing F&S)	F&S supports this recommendation and can provide input for the workshop.
Marcus Jackson (Representing Auxiliaries)	I support this recommendation.
Paul Redman (Provost Office)	I support this recommendation.
John Dallesasse (Academic Senate)	I support this recommendation.
Sandy Yoo (System Office)	UOCP supports this recommendation.
Qu Kim (Representing College Facilities)	We support this recommendation.
Derek Fultz (Representing College Facilities)	I support this recommendation-- especially utilizing established programs and experience of others to lay a foundation for a composting program at UIUC.
Caitlin Bloomer (Student Sustainability Committee)	I support this recommendation.
Maria Maring (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	The SSLC supports this recommendation. It would be cool if composting was implemented on many scales -- large three-bin composters, tumbling composters of various sizes, and maybe even small-scale vermicomposting.

Alexandra Gergova (Illinois Student Government Environmental Sustainability Committee)	ESC supports this recommendation.
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Original SWATeam Recommendation:

The team recommends that a committee of campus and community stakeholders be created to share knowledge related to composting on campus and work together to further expand composting at a large scale. The committee will convene approximately once each month, and will consist of faculty members doing research tangential to food waste, student organizations interested in the cause, community groups activating composting, etc. (list of potential members amended to this recommendation).

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council