

CONVERSATION on Waste (particularly organic waste).

Notes from the tables:

Incentives:

- Create proper financial incentives
- State has “climate Pollution Reduction Grants”
- Justice 40 and HEAL Act - targeted rural and BIPOC communities
- WA State Organic Compost Act - by 2030 x% of organics MUST be diverted from landfill
- Fee if in garbage
- Place for invasives at County
- WA State Organic Compost Act - by 2030 75% organics out of landfill
- CO2 tax for garbage

Techniques:

At Neighborhood Level:

- Worm bins - Home scale and Neighborhood Scale
 - Renters have a harder time composting
 - Worm castings - sell at nursery? Would Tilth want it?
 - Community worm bin
 - Take to friends who have compost piles
 - What are the legal implications?
 - How to ensure quality control?
 - 40% organic waste
 - What can compost be used for?
 - Training Workshops for community
 - Neighborhood worm bin
 - Apartment level
- Education:
 - Training Workshops for community
 - How to build worm bins - provide bins and worms
 - How to compost
 - Impacts of organic waste in trash stream
 - Tips on reducing waste
 - Ask Penny” (like Dear Abbey) - how do I deal with chicken bones without endangering dogs and without putting in garbage?”
- Reduce Food waste:
 - Better distribution of fresh produce
 - Food preservation - local produce all year
 - Portioning/plating
 - Eating leftovers
 - Give to others in need
 - Bury bones or leave out for critters like vultures
 - Separate food scraps
- Recycle garden waste
- Make less garden/yard waste
 - Shrink lawns
 - Community chipper rental to make mulch
 - Biochar
 - Gassify
- Clean streams
- Community Composter:
 - Sink garbage disposal to cut up food, drain not to sewage but to centrifuge, and separate liquids as gray water, solids as compost.
 - Anaerobic digesters
 - Community composting
- Add another bin:
 - Neighbor’s Chickens/Animals
- Wood waste for mycelium
- Can farmers use/do they want our waste?
 - Organic waste to supplement animal feed
 - Woody material for chips/biochar
 - Pay farmers to manage our waste.
 - Farm to Table and Table to Farm
- Tie into emergency management plan

- Neighborhood captains with radios - street parties to get to know everyone
- Consider quality assurance - if it comes from Whidbey Island Grown
- Digesters create CO2
- Opportunities for low-income and elderly communities:
 - Provide bins
 - Have someone pick up the bins
 - Have community places to take compost
- Engage Organic Farm School
- Mainstream waste - combine plastics

At State Level:

- State has "climate Pollution Reduction Grants"
 - For Anaerobic digesters?

At National Level:

- Sustainable materials management
- Kitty Litter: made from corn, wheat grass, or newspapers, not clay
- Transformation of agriculture
- Pet Waste - toxic, goes into plastic
 - Solution: mushrooms? High temp composting?
- PUD for Waste