

DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE & RENEWABLES

2022 Organics Management Grant

Background:

Administered by the Dane County
Department of Waste & Renewables,
the Organics Management Grant seeks
to provide funding for community
composting projects that help reduce
the amount of organics (food scraps,
yard waste) being sent to landfills.
Projects that support food waste
reduction or creative reuse were
considered under this grant.







Awardee	Project Funded
Dane County Farmers Market	Launching Food Scraps Collection At Farmers Market
Sustain Dane	Lengthening Food Scraps Collection At Farmers Market
City of Sun Prairie	Compost Pile Monitoring Equipment + Facility Permitting Fee
Madison Childrens Musuem	Food Recovery & Composting with Little John's; launch of
	Lunch Box Café
McFarland High School Eco	Building Classroom Vermicomposting System at McFarland
Club	Highschool









Sustain Dane aims to make food scrap collection more accessible to community members and help Dane County meet their goals of diverting food waste from the landfill with innovative community-based solutions. Sustain Dane diverted food waste from the landfill by coordinating education, food scrap collection, and food scrap hauling to Neighborhood Food Solutions (NFS), an urban farm working in soil regeneration, during farmers markets event at the Eastside Farmers' Market or South Madison Farmers' Market.



Food Scraps Collection
Wednesday Market Pilot Program

September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2022 8:30am - 1pm 200 block of MLK Jr. Blvd

Visit dcfm.org for more info!







Food Scraps Collection

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About the program

In an effort to reduce food waste, the Dane County Farmers' Market has partnered with Green Box Compost to provide a food scraps collection pilot program at our Wednesday Market. This program is made possible with funding from Dane County Department of Waste and Renewables 2022 Organic Waste Management Grant.





Pilot Program Collection Dates & Times:

Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022 8:30am - 1pm

Located on the 200 block of MLK Jr. Blvd

How can I participate?

Visitors can drop off their food scraps for FREE at our Wednesday Market during the month of September. Look for the Green Box tent and signage near the Information Booth! Only residential food waste will be accepted.

How should I store my food scraps?

Any container can be used to hold your food scraps. Remember to remove any produce stickers, twist ties, or rubber bands.

Visit dcfm.org for updates and more information.



Project Description:

The Dane County Farmers' Market (DCFM), in partnership with Green Box Compost, piloted a food scraps collection program at their Wednesday Market during the month of September. Visitors were able to drop off their food scraps for free at the Green Box Compost tent between 8:30am and 1pm during 4 different collection dates: September 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022.









The McFarland High School Eco Club built worm bins to compost classroom food waste, and plans to grow their program to develop a wider composting program at McFarland High School to compost food waste.









Madison Children's Museum launched a new innovative food services project and cafe, called Little John's Lunchbox. In collaboration with LJKR, MCM makes local, healthy, high-quality food accessible to 200,000 children, family, and caretaker visitors per year through a pay-whatyou-can cafe inside the museum. Everyone is welcome to eat, regardless of their means in this eat-what-you-need, pay-what-you-can model. Visitors participate in a new kind of cafe experience that gives them agency to choose from a variety of fully prepared pre-packaged foods. All of the fresh ingredients are sourced by Little John's from local grocery stores—keeping excess food from entering the Dane County landfill.





The City of Sun Prairie is establishing an equitable, city-wide composting program for all residents disposing of yard waste in Sun Prairie. Yard waste materials will be received at the Recycling Center and transported by Public Works trucks and equipment to the local Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), where it will be composted via windrows. Grant funding was used for the project to procure equipment for the compost piles being built at the WWTP.

Questions?

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