



DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
WASTE & RENEWABLES

2023 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.



Over **\$7,240** in grant funding was awarded in 2023 to projects that collectively diverted over **39,467 pounds** of food waste

**DROP
FOOD
SCRAPS
HERE**

Food Scraps Collection
Pilot Program



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Awardee	Project Funded
Sustain Dane	Support a fifth intern for the Farms Market Food Scraps collection programs and Sustain Dane staff coordination
Brainplate Grows	Purchase a bike trailer to increase capacity of picking up food waste for composting and operational costs
City of Sun Prairie	Renting trailers for people to put their corn cobs/husks at Corn Fest



Project Description:

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.



Brainplate Grows

Project Description:

Brainplate purchased a bike trailer to allow more capacity to pick up food scraps from partners and residents. Food scraps were then taken to Troy Farm where they are turned into compost and used.



Project Description:

For Sun Prairie's annual Sweet Corn Festival trailers were rented to allow attendees to put their cobs and husks instead of regular waste bins. The event had 60,000 participants, and 80 tons of corn was served.



Questions?

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