



Food Scraps / Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group Meeting

November 19, 2020

1:00 – 3:00

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Welcome & Introductions, Co-chairs:

- Katie Dykes, Commissioner
- Ronald McDaniel, Mayor Town of Montville

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Housekeeping

- Please keep audio on mute
- CCSMM Members: Please “rename” yourself on Zoom to add town/affiliation (via Participants)
- This meeting is being recorded
- Non-municipal participants: Input, ideas and comments will be accepted through chat
- You are encouraged to provide feedback through: DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

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Focus of Today's Meeting:

Presentations:

Caren Harder, Environmental Compliance Specialist 3, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection – **Commercial Organics Recycling Law**

Daria Larson, Graduate Student Professional Intern, South Central Regional Council of Governments – **Farmer Food Donation Factsheet and Project**

Discussion:

- **Barriers** to Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion
- Collection Systems
- Infrastructure
- Financing

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- Q & A for Panelists

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Infrastructure

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Additional Barriers:

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Solutions

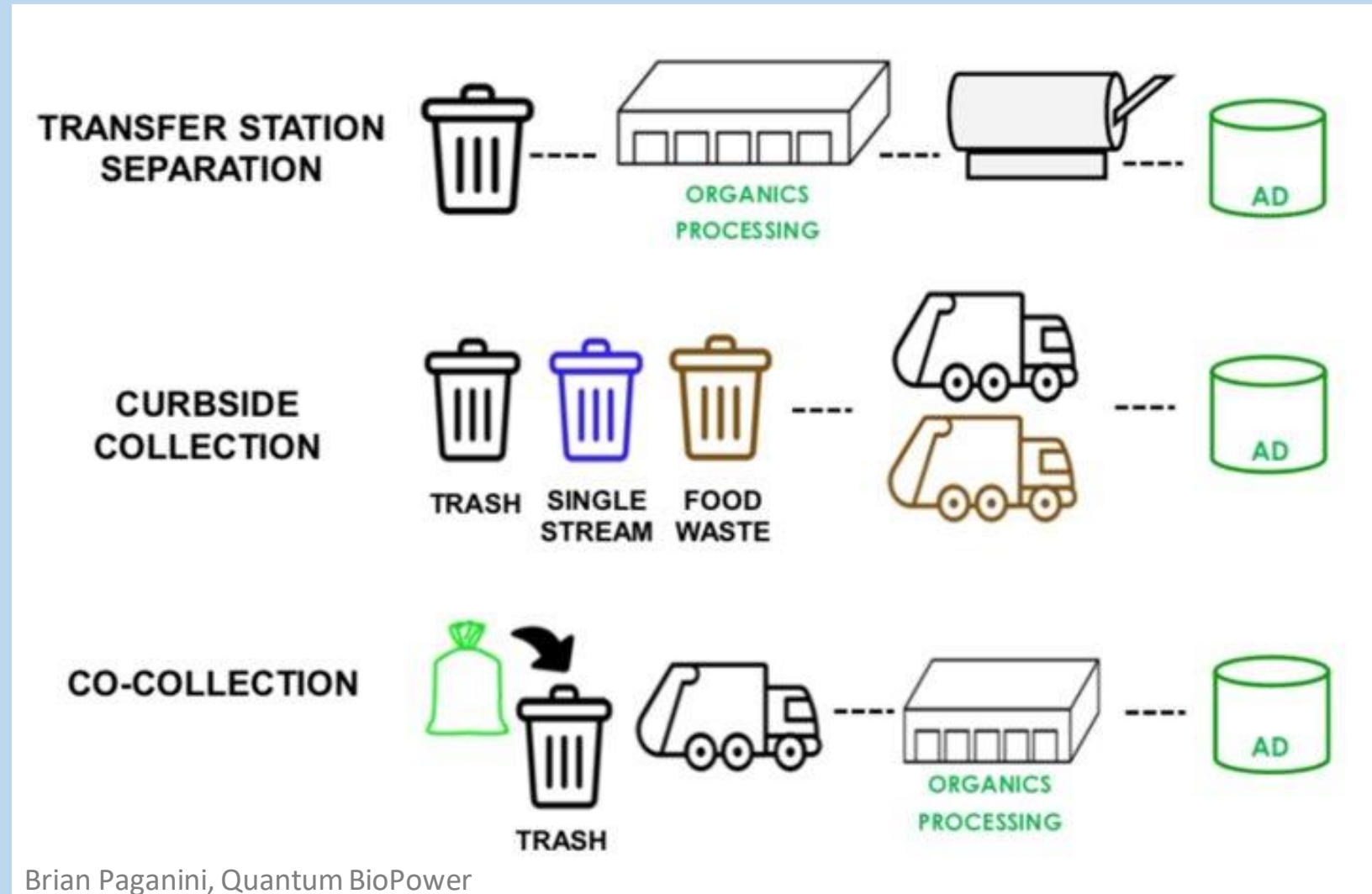
- Increase food donations
- Simplify addition of food to leaf composting
- Streamline permitting to increase options/ capacity
- Expand organics law (CGS 22a-226e):
 - Reduce threshold
 - Expand 20-mile radius
 - Include additional generators
- Focus on education & school-based programs
- Consider regional collection or drop-off locations

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Discussion:

Collection process and challenges



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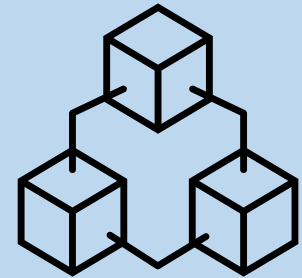


Discussion:

Infrastructure

What do you need to start or improve your infrastructure (home composting, school program, community composting, transfer station collection/processing, commercial facility)?

Are you interested in participating in a regional food waste collection/reduction partnership?



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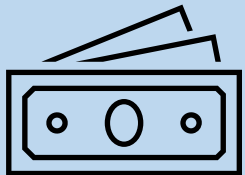


Discussion:

Financing

How does, or could, your municipality fund food waste diversion?

What funding mechanisms would you be most supportive of?



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Next Steps & Schedule:

- **Final Working Group Meeting - Dec 10th (1-3pm)**
- **Full CCSMM Coalition meeting - Dec 16 (1-3pm)**
- **Final Full CCSMM Coalition meeting - January 5th (1-3pm)**