

Food Scrap Diversion in the Upper Valley Lake Sunpae Region, NH – Oct 2023 to Sept 2024 with the Regional Planning Commission

Since 2019, UVLSRPC has worked to advance food scrap diversion within our 27 municipalities of New Hampshire with funding from the USDA Solid Waste grant program. Initially focused on elementary schools, our assistance now seeks to find points of leverage and opportunity at the scale of households, schools, and municipalities. We have knowledge and relationships to facilitate visioning and planning, as well as establish connections amongst program leaders and with food diversion experts.

Building on experience and the needs of communities, this next phase through September 2024 will focus on technical assistance and material funds for the following tasks:

- A two-day workshop with the Maine Compost School for larger-scale composting, mainly municipalities but not exclusively.
- Three municipal & two school pilot programs.
- On-call municipal and school assistance for specific planning, training, or material needs.
- Public education for household and resident community systems.
- Guidance and educational materials on food scrap diversion, including links to the wonderful library of information put forward by a variety of experts in this field.

There are four individuals collaborating to lead this program:

- Majestic Terhune, Associate Planner with UVLSRPC,
- Olivia Uyizeye, Planner and Senior GIS Analyst with UVLSRPC,
- Victoria Davis, Senior Planner with UVLSRPC,
- And Cindy Heath, Consultant Compost Champion, Former Volunteer Coordinator for the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program.

In addition, we collaborate closely with food scrap diversion experts Natasha Duarte with Composting Association of Vermont and Cat Buxton with Grow More, Waste Less.

To view our program's activities and available resources including a comic series, municipal tip sheet series, and training videos, visit www.uvlsrc.org/food-scrap

To speak with someone directly, contact Olivia Uyizeye (ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org) who can then connect you with the appropriate team member or partner.

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