

ANNUAL REPORT.

2016



CELEBRATING
10 YEARS



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The NC Composting Council is a non-profit, membership-based organization committed to creating healthy soils through the development, expansion, and promotion of composting based on science, sustainability, and economic viability.



Compost Application Pilot
NC State University Turfgrass Program

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear Composting Community,

As the NC Composting Council marks its 10th year as a volunteer-run, non-profit affiliate of the US Composting Council, we have much to celebrate. NCCC has a long record of success in promoting composting and educating professionals, policy-makers and the public.

NCCC accomplished a great deal in 2016, thanks to the hard work of our Board members, volunteers, and industry partners such as Caterpillar. We published our first annual report and held our second member's meeting, in which the turnout exceeded our expectations. Our educational efforts were a resounding success.

NCCC leads the nation in enrollments in our Compost Operations Training Course. This 5-day course on large-scale composting is part of the US Composting Council's Research and Education Foundation and it is held by different organizations throughout the country. Each year, North Carolina has the highest enrollment, and in 2016 we had more participants than ever. This is a testament to the instructors, the high quality of instruction, and distinguished reputation that NCCC has earned in offering this course during the past decade. One thing that sets our Compost Operations Training Course apart from others is our partnership with NC State University's Compost Learning Lab. Hands-on activities are held at this site which has 25 types of composting and vermicomposting bins.

I'm proud of this organization that I co-founded 10 years ago. It's been exciting to see it grow, and it was an honor to serve as president for the past two years. As I remain in an advisory capacity, I welcome your thoughts and ideas about how to improve our chapter. I am profoundly grateful for your involvement in our council and I am looking forward to continued success in 2017 and beyond.

With warmest wishes,



Rhonda Sherman

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ABOUT NCCC

The North Carolina Composting Council, Inc. is an authorized affiliate organization of the US Composting Council as approved by the US Composting Council in April of 2007. As a state-level affiliate, it is charged with promoting the programs and activities of the national US Composting Council. Its members envision that composters, generators of organic residues, policy-makers, regulators, professionals, and consumers will pursue this mission.

As a non-profit entity, the Council is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to the development, expansion, and promotion of the composting industry based on sound science, principles of sustainability and economic viability. It will achieve this mission by:

- Encouraging and guiding research;
- Promoting best composting practices;
- Establishing standards;
- Educating professionals and the public;
- Enhancing product quality and markets

VISION

We believe that the recycling of organic materials is central to achieving healthy soils, clean water and a sustainable society. We will work to achieve this vision by:

- Educating professionals, policy-makers and the public;
- Serving as an advocate to promote composting;
- Encouraging and promoting research and adoption of best management practices; and
- Bringing together organics management and allied professionals, generators of

MISION

The NC Composting Council (NCCC) advances composting and promotes compost use to enhance soils and provide economic and environmental benefits for our members and society.

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EVENT SUMMARY



SUSTAINABLE SPIRITS

We have hosted 47 events in partnership with over 53 organizations bringing a total of over 2,800 people together. We hope to continue these events and expand them to other communities in the state to cultivate communities and talk about the importance of compost. To learn more, contact Jorge Montezuma (jlmontezuma@gmail.com).



FROM GARBAGE TO GARDEN

The Coastal Composting Council held a weekend workshop on backyard composting attracting over 50 attendees. The New Hanover County-based group meets regularly and is working with New Hanover County to provide more accessible food waste collection and composting options. To learn more, contact Kat Pohlman (katpohlman@gmail.com).



LOADER SAFETY & MAINTENANCE TRAINING

For the 2nd consecutive year, the NCCC teamed up with the Caterpillar Global Training Team to teach the latest in loader technology and safety techniques. The day-long training was attended by 32 professionals from local government, college, and private sectors and included a tour of the Caterpillar plant.



ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

The 2nd annual members meeting was held at NCSU and brought together over 50 attendees, presentations were followed by interactive discussions and workshops in the afternoon. The NCCC plans to continue to offer the annual members meetings in the summer to offer another opportunity for industry, academia, regulators, and the community to get together and share information and meet each other.

Compost Operators Training Course 2016



ABOUT

During the Fall of 2016, the NC Composting Council in partnership with the US Composting Council put together the week-long Compost Operations Training Course (COTC) at NC State University in Raleigh. The training brought together 42 professionals looking to advance their composting training to the next level.

TOURS

Visited McGill Compost (an indoor environment using a modified aerated static pile process), City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center (woody and leafy waste turned windrows), and Universal Leaf Composting Facility (tobacco waste medium positive ASP concrete bays).

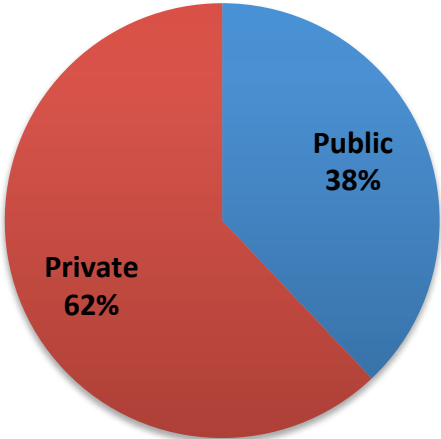
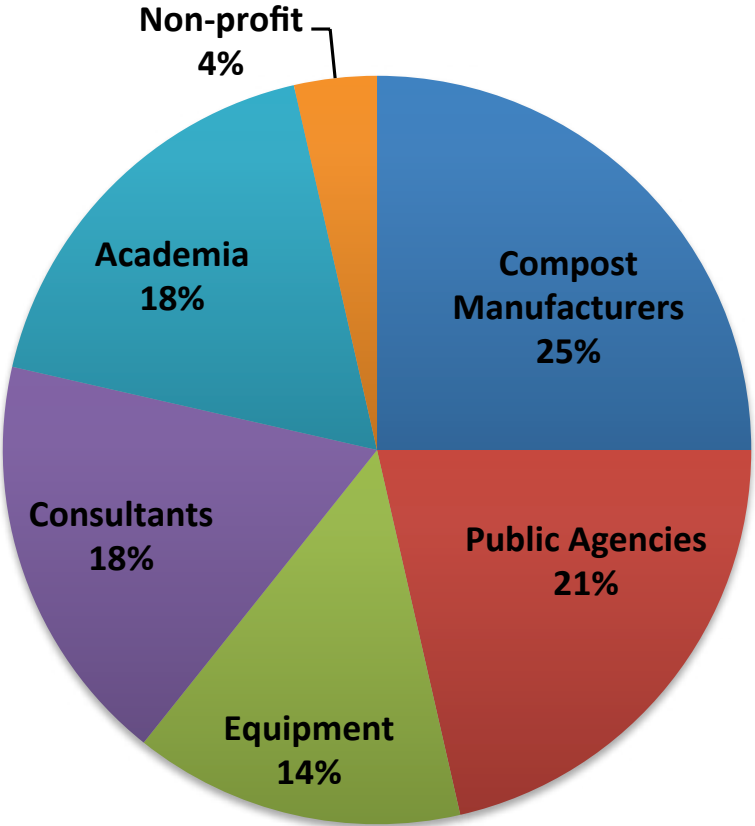


NEW CERTIFICATIONS FOR OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Composting Council Research and Education Foundation launched the first composting professional certification named Certified Compost Operations Manager (CCOM) program, and COTC counts as one of the requirements for the certification.

For details, please visit: <http://certificationsuscc.org/>.

MEMBERSHIP BY SECTORS



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SPONSORS & PARTNERSHIPS



NCCC SPONSORSHIPS & EXHIBITS

NC Nursery & Landscape Association's Green & Growin Show

Green Industry Council's Water Symposium

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Sustainable Ag Conference

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