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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.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Composting Community,

This is a very exciting time to be a Composter! Just a few months ago, the USDA and EPA set the first-ever national food waste reduction goals. Food scraps are being collected by bicycles in addition to trucks in North Carolina. Community composting sites are springing up, with composting activities taking place at schools and daycare centers. There has been a resurgence in backyard composting and an increase in commercial composting operations. Today, more people are composting and using compost than ever!

I'm proud that the NC Composting Council (NCCC) is a leader in the Organics Movement nationwide and are grateful for your support. We have helped North Carolina become a leading state for organics recycling, in the country. One of our founding members, Frank Franciosi, was just appointed Executive Director of the U.S. Composting Council, the nation's only organization dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of composting.

A big focus in 2015 (and continuing into this year) was upgrading the Compost Learning Lab (CL2) at NC State University. This two-acre site is where the NCCC holds demonstration and educational activities on composting and vermicomposting. New in 2016 will be an Aerated Static Pile (ASP) system and windrow composting. We will also be installing research and demonstration beds to compare plants grown with no compost, compost or vermicompost amendments. We encourage local companies to donate materials, services, money, or themselves to volunteer. We were honored with Caterpillar's donation of services and volunteers for two workdays at the CL2 in 2015.

So, with continued nation- and statewide momentum, I urge you to GET INVOLVED with the NCCC! We established eight committees in 2015 to help move our mission and goals forward. They are: Education; Regional Groups; Communication & Website; Memberships & Sponsorships; Marketing; Compost Learning Lab; Compost Operator Training Course; and Advisory Group. Which Committee best fits your interests and skills? Let us know so we can help you join and GET INVOLVED!

As we move forward in 2016 and beyond, I am proud of what the NC Composting Council accomplished in 2015 and excited about the future. YOU have the ability to make things happen to increase composting and the use of compost in North Carolina. Thank you for your continued commitment and support I hope you increase your involvement with the NCCC today!

With Appreciation and Best Wishes,



Rhonda Sherman
Co-founder and Board President

NCCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rhonda Sherman
President

Rhonda is an Extension Specialist with the Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering at NC State University, teaching and writing about composting and vermicomposting. She is the Director of NCSU's Compost Learning Lab.



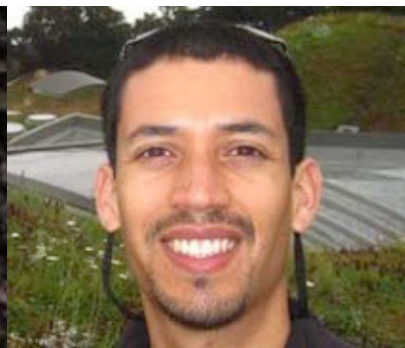
Jim Lanier
Vice President

Jim is the President and CEO of Earth Farms Soil and Compost in Dallas, NC. He currently sits on the NCSTA Board, and the NC Onsite Waste Water Contractor Inspector Certification Board.



Frank Franciosi
Treasurer

Frank was Manager of Novozymes North America, Inc composting facility and two-term President of NCCC. Frank is stepping down from the NCCC Board in 2016 to take his new position as Executive Director of the US Composting Council.



Jorge Montezuma, EIT
Secretary

Jorge is the Organics Recycling Specialist with the NC Department of Environmental Quality, helping expand the organics recycling infrastructure through technical and financial assistance.

Lyndell Pate

Director

Lyndell is the Technical Sales Manager of Ecoverse, a company that provides equipment solutions to composters throughout the U.S. Lyndell has 11 years of experience in compost equipment management.



Gary Gittere

Director

Gary heads sales and marketing for McGill Premium Compost Products, leading McGill's compost market development in NC, VA, and SC. In 2016, Gary will take Frank Franciosi's place as Board Treasurer.



Analís Fulghum

Director

As Program Manager for NC State University's Waste Reduction and Recycling Office, Analís works with the staff and campus community to develop waste reduction and recycling programs.



Edward Wright

Director

Edward manages the Raleigh Yard Waste Center (Type 1 composting facility), a Title V landfill with a methane collection system, and all of the City of Raleigh's storm debris sites. He is a SWANA-certified Manager of Landfill Operations.



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; and
- Enhancing product quality and markets

Vision Statement

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 organic residuals, policy-makers, regulators, and product users to pursue this vision.

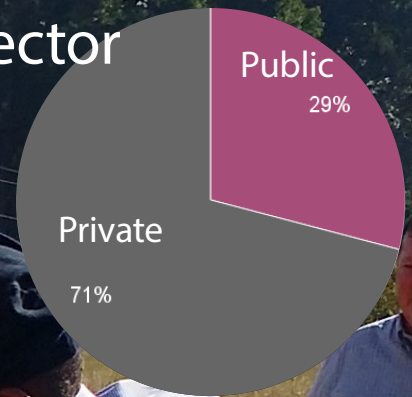
Mission Statement

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.

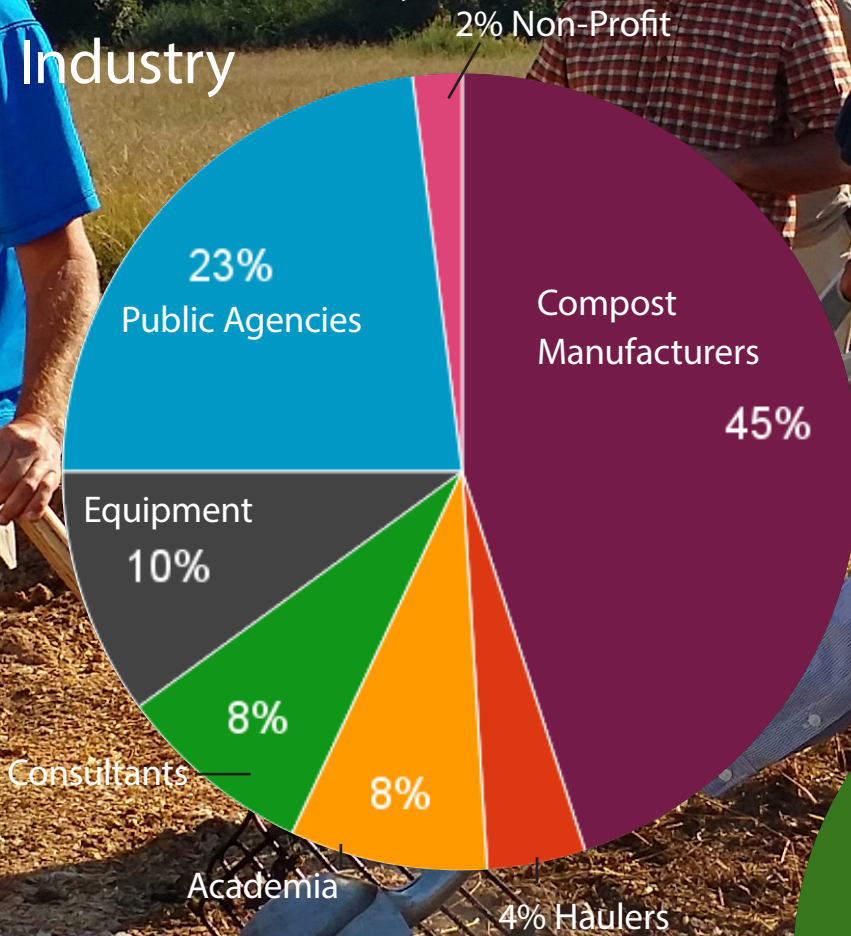


MEMBERSHIP

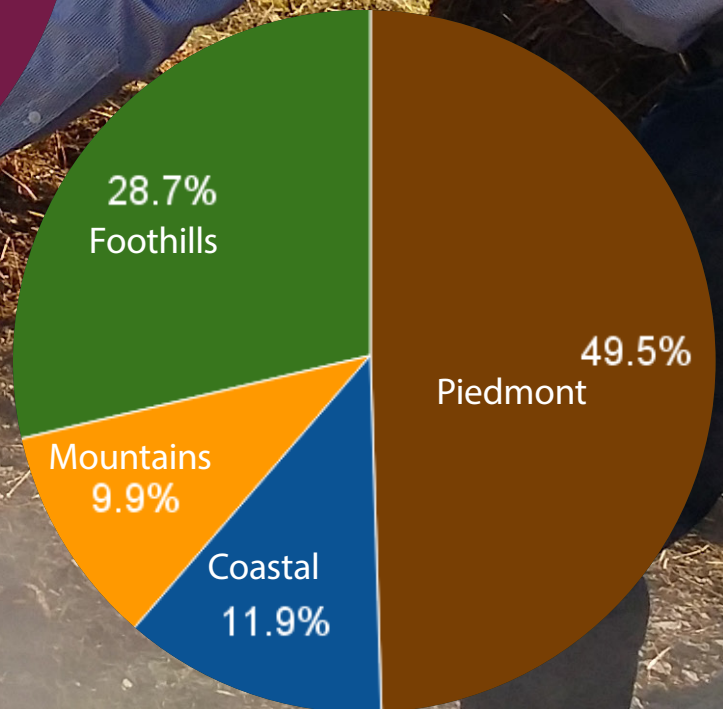
Membership by Sector



Membership by Industry



Membership by Region



2015 PROJECTS

COMPOST LEARNING LAB (CL2)

The NC State Compost Learning Lab (CL2) is a 2 acre living and learning facility located on the 1,500-acre Lake Wheeler Road Field Laboratory in Raleigh, North Carolina. The CL2 currently has three structures: a 40-ft by 30-ft vermicomposting building (Worm Barn), an equipment storage shed, and a covered teaching shelter. There are more than 20 types of backyard composting and vermicomposting units, both large and small scale, and areas for feedstock storage and hands-on training activities.



The NCCC and NC State Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department, along with other private sector companies and charitable organizations, are developing the NC State Compost Learning Lab as a premier regional composting demonstration and training site in the United States. The NCCC is in the process of recruiting students, NCSU staff, non-profit organizations, businesses, and community members' involvement for this project.

COMPOST CONCIERGE

Compost Concierge Garnett Bullock is a junior majoring in Sustainable Materials and Technologies with minors in Renewable Energy Assessment and Outdoor Leadership. As Compost Concierge, Garnett performs earthworm husbandry and compost bin management at the Compost Learning Lab on two acres at CALS Lake Wheeler Field Labs.

it's happening Sustainable Spirits



Since June 2013, Sustainable Spirits has been a thriving and anticipated networking event. Sustainable Spirits is a monthly gathering for the sustainability community organized by the North Carolina Composting Council. It's a free and free-wheeling, casual atmosphere open to everyone interested in anything from renewable energy and civic engagement to green building, organic farming and beyond! The event rotates around the Triangle and the coast through different establishments.



26
Events

8,500
Attendees

18
Venues

31
Sponsors

2015 EVENTS/EDUCATION

USCC/NCCC Compost Operator Training Course – September 2015

NCCC has been conducting a weeklong compost training event for over eight years. More than 300 people have attended from all over the United States and abroad. In 2015, we hosted over 30 students coming primarily from the eastern part of the United States. The group toured the Novozymes, McGill Compost, and City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center facilities.

Loader Safety & Maintenance Training – November 2015

The NCCC hosted 44 professionals for a loader safety and maintenance training led by Caterpillar at the Caterpillar Visitor Center in Clayton, NC. The course included a tour of the plant, as well as hands-on sessions with three different types of loaders.

NCCC Members Meeting

The Council held its 2015 Members Meeting on June 3, 2015 at the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Facility. Over 50 people attended, half of who were members. We had presentations by Rhonda Sherman on the Council, Jorge Montezuma on the state of composting in NC, and Tony Gallagher on the status of NC composting regulations. Afterwards, we had an interactive group breakout session where attendees evaluated the Council and suggested new ideas. Annual Members Meetings will continue to increase involvement.

GET INVOLVED

We thank all of our members, sponsors, and community partners for creating a community that cares about soil health!

And we would love to see the rest of you get involved! We are currently working on improving the NCSU Compost Learning Lab, expanding the reach of the casual monthly gatherings Sustainable Spirits, and various on-going educational events for all levels of composters and users of compost.

If you would like to become a USCC/NCCC member, a NCCC Sponsor, or a Supporter, please get in touch with us! As a Sponsor or Supporter 100% of the funds go directly towards NCCC activities to manage organic materials in our state in a sustainable manner. Your organization will receive great exposure to a healthy and growing composting industry.

Hope you join us in creating healthy soils!

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