

# SWAA Winter Training

#### Leading in Organics Recycling: The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Organics Program





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Caring for Unci Maka, Grandmother Earth, is at the heart of what the SMSC strives to do—now and for future generations.

December 2017: Increase environmental stewardship, create long-term financial sustainability, and enhance social engagement.





### Process



# NATIVEGREEN

EARLY FOCUS ON WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION

- Swapping products for more sustainable options
- Expanding recycling: standardized bins and labels
- Implementing commercial composting
- Non-traditional Recycling: Expanding diversion
- Transition to bulk products
- Creative reuse and partnerships



### **Sustainable Product Sourcing**





#### Straws:

Only available upon request. If they're requested, they're compostable.

#### Cups:

Pilot program at Little Six. All other cups will transition to compostable throughout the year.

#### **Disposables**:

Converting all disposables throughout the property to a recyclable or compostable versions, allowing us to divert as much material as possible.

#### **Product Conversion:**

Transitioned to bulk creamers and sugars, butter pats placed in compostable containers. Working to transition to bulk cooking oil.



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### **Must Haves**







- Executive leadership
- Systems Thinking: Lifecycle costs / Impacts
- Commitment of time: Sorting
- Team approach: Interdepartmental meetings and collaboration
- Identifying Champions
- Ongoing Education / Education / Promotion
- Outside partnerships



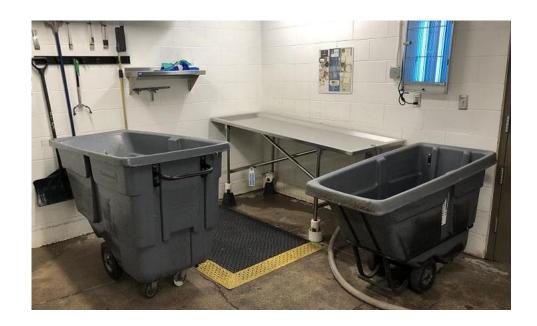


## **Challenges / Unique Success**





- Behavior change
- Financial commitments
- Complex system:
  - Ability to get creative



- Recognize opportunities for increased revenue
- Increased diversion rate by 50%



### **Ribfest**







#### Diverted 80% of waste through recycling and composting



# SMSC Organics Recycling Facility





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#### SMSC organice Recycling Facility

### **Background- SMSC Organics Recycling Facility**

- Opened in 2011
- Large-Scale Facility
  - Open to the public
- 70,000 tons/year





### **Accepted Materials**

#### **Incoming Material**

- Food Waste
- Compostable Products
- Yard Waste
- Wood
- Horse Manure









## **Drop Off Programs**















#### Unacceptable materials include:

- Glass
- MetalPlastic



- Front End Loader/Long handled hooks
- Load must contain less than 5% contamination to be accepted



Grinding and Recipe Creation

# **Turned Windrow Facility**





### **Windrow Monitoring**

- Oxygen
- Moisture
- Temperature
  - 131-160 degrees Fahrenheit

Process to Further Reduce Pathogens (PFRP)

• Windrow temps held above 131 degrees for 15 consecutive days













### Last Step: Curing



### **STA Certified Compost**

- USCC's Seal of Testing Assurance program (STA)
- **Rigorous testing for** •
  - Heavy metals
  - Pathogens
  - Maturity
  - Stability
  - **Nutrients**
  - pН
  - **Organic matter**





Seal of Testing Assurance®

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RUdnJo4nJ4







### **Compost Products**

#### Compost/Blends



#### SEVEN GENERATIONS COMPOST 1/2" Screened Compost \$21/CY

#### RAIN GARDEN BLEND

30% Compost | 70% Sand \$30/CY



Certified

Compost STA Seal of Testing Assurance



#### HALF MOON (50/50) BLEND 50% Compost | 50% Topsoil \$26/CY

TOP DRESSING 1/4" Screened Compost \$24/CY





#### HARVEST MOON (GARDEN) BLEND 40% Compost | 40% Topsoil | 20% Peat \$33/CY



BAGGED COMPOST 1/2" Screened Compost \$5.50/bag

\* CY=Cubic Yards



#### Products Sold

- 500,000 CY compost and compost blends
- Biggest Customers
  - Bagging companies
  - Road reconstruction
  - Municipal projects
  - Landscapers
  - Homeowners



#### SEVEN GENERATIONS COMPOST

SOIL AMENDMENT - GARDENING - LANDSCAPING

SEVEN GENERATIONS COMPOST

MADE IN - MINNESOTA

NUTRIENT-RICH SOIL AMENDMENT FOR GARDENS, LANDSCAPING, TURF ESTABLISHMENT, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE, AND MORE.

ORIGIN OF NAME THE DAKOTA PEOPLE PRACTICE A TRADITION OF PLANNING FOR TH NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS



#### Commercial Compost Use: Before and After Whitewater State Park



# Compost Use: Before and After

Northstar Rowing



Compost Use: Minnehaha Academy Green Roof Compost Bioroll



### What's next for SMSC?



### New Facility Coming Soon



## **New Facility Coming Soon**

- Relocation and expansion
- 3x food waste capacity
- Permitting phase
- Aerated static pile (ASP) system





# **Concrete Bunkers**







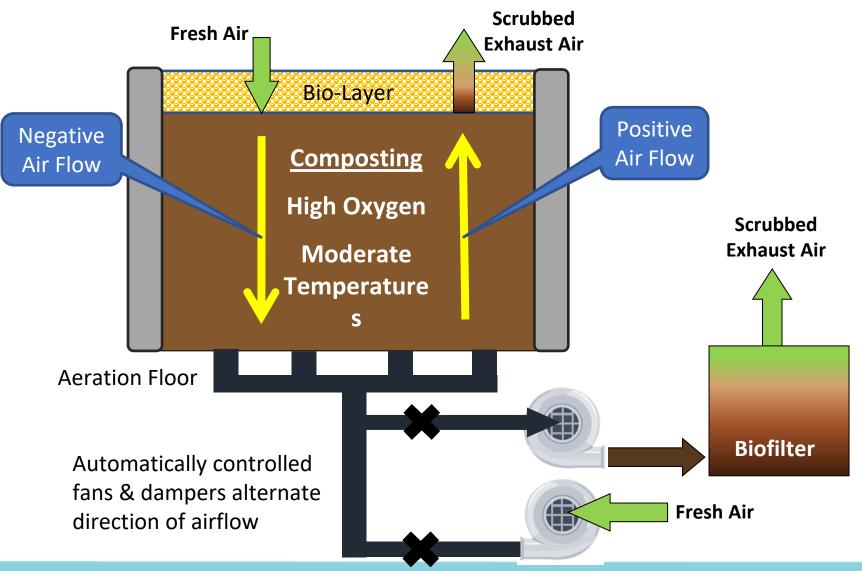
## Aerated Floors

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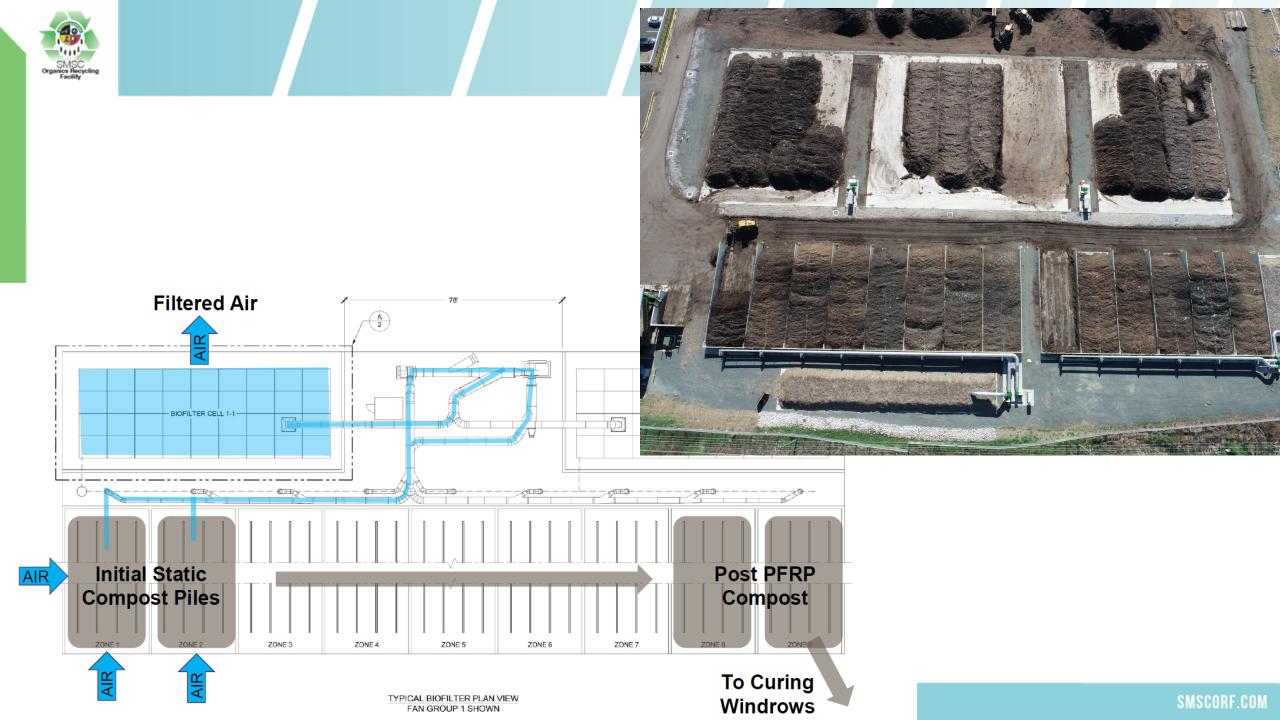


#### **ECS Reversing Aeration**

Optimized Process Conditions + Odor Control



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Aerated Static Pile Composting Benefits

- Faster processing time (From 5-6 months to 2 months)
- Better process control
- Odor Control



