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Organic Waste Reduction 2024 County Leaders Conference

- WSU Extension – Clallam County
- Clark County – Solid Waste & Environmental Outreach



Organics Management| Recent Legislation

- 🌱 Divert 75% by 2030
- 🌱 Business collection (2026)
- 🌱 Residential collection (2027 & 2030)
- 🌱 Food rescue
- 🌱 Limited grant funding
- 🌱 Product labeling



Organics Management| Upcoming Legislation



Organics Workgroup



Regional consistency



Compost facility siting



Construction & demolition



Education resources

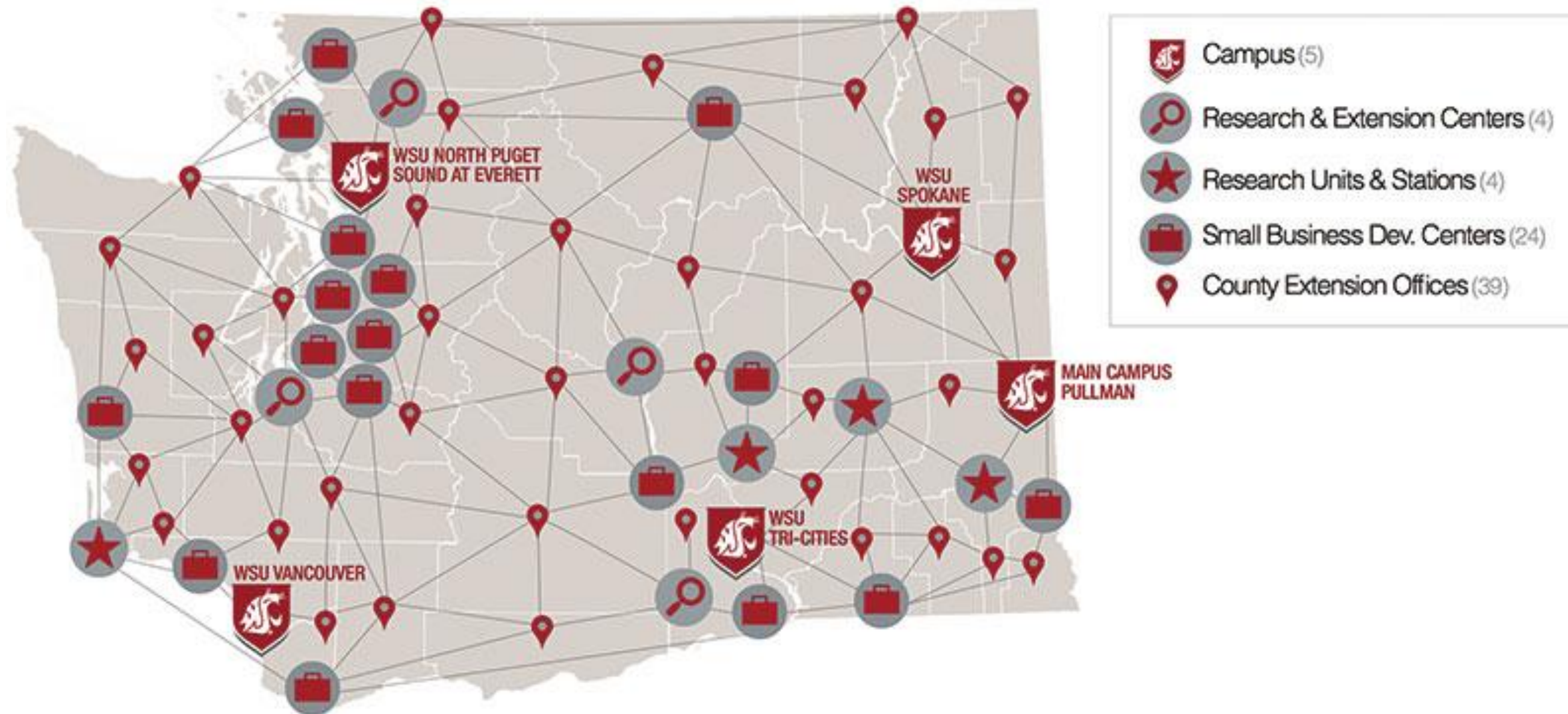


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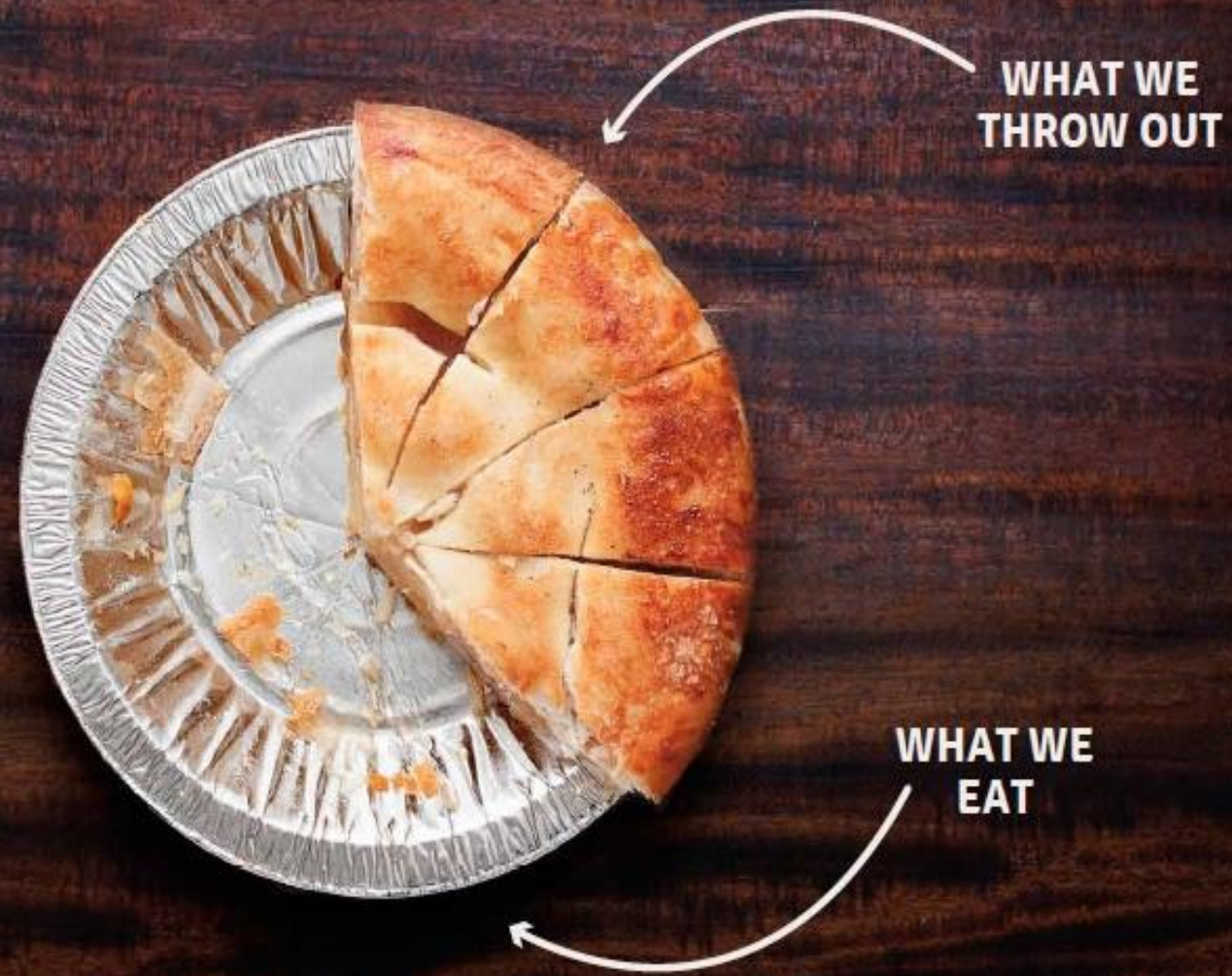
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In the United States, this is our pie chart.

40% of all food in our country is never eaten
while 50 million Americans do not have
consistent access to food.



Food Recovery:

Capturing Abundance

25,000-40,000 lbs annual average of tree fruit, berries and vegetables

Harvesting from backyards, homesteads, hobby farms and commercial growers

Estimated 40 distribution sites

Delivered training to 5 regional food banks to improve outcomes

Integrating minimal processing to extend storage life and attractiveness of whole local vegetables



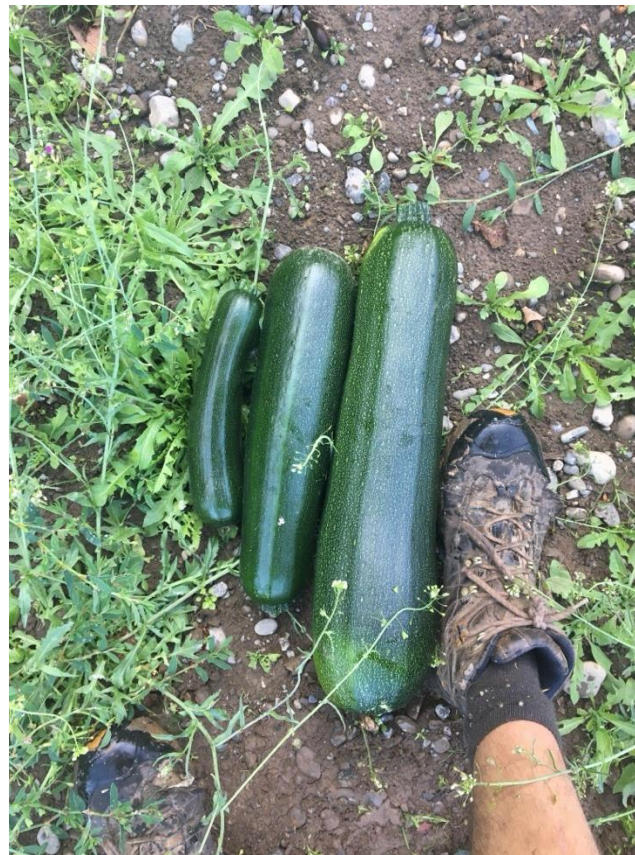
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Gleaning



Waste Prevention at the Food Bank



Funding

- County MOA- funding for farm technical assistance
- Partnership with Public Works for DOE “*Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Program (LSWFA)*” funds
- SNAP-Ed





Food Access: Sharing Abundance

- 27 LFP sites across Clallam County
- Hosted by social service providers, clinics, faith organizations, families
- Free food available 24/7/365
- Low-barrier equitable access
- Host support to develop sustainable, stocking, funding, volunteer systems for site longevity



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Little Free Pantries



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Any questions?

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WE COMPOST PILOT PROGRAM: COMMUNITY HUBS

CLARK COUNTY SOLID WASTE

PRESENTED BY: CELINA MONTGOMERY

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WE COMPOST PILOT PROGRAM

Providing FREE curbside food waste carts to residents at
Community Hub locations throughout Clark County



44 tons of food waste
kept out of the
landfill since 2021!

COMMUNITY HUBS

Host 64 gallon carts & community hub signage

We Compost tabling events

Assist In weight tracking



HOW TO NAVIGATE YOUR COMMUNITY HUB

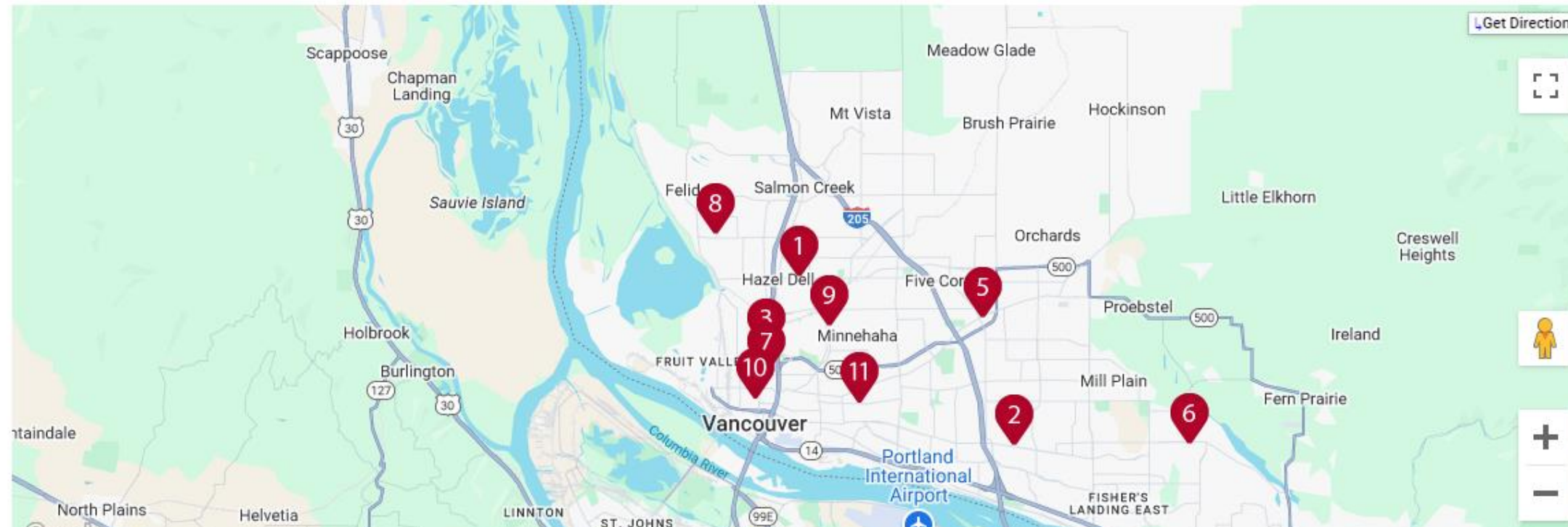
The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a compost bin. It shows dark, rich brown soil mixed with various food scraps. At the top right, there are green lettuce leaves. Below them are several red and orange bell pepper slices. In the center, there are broken eggshells. At the bottom right, there are red potato peels. At the bottom, there are orange-colored food scraps, possibly carrot peels or cheese. The overall scene is a detailed view of organic waste being composted.

Request a FREE compost pail

Collect food scraps

Find the community hub closest to you
& deposit your food scraps

WE COMPOST COMMUNITY HUB LOCATIONS

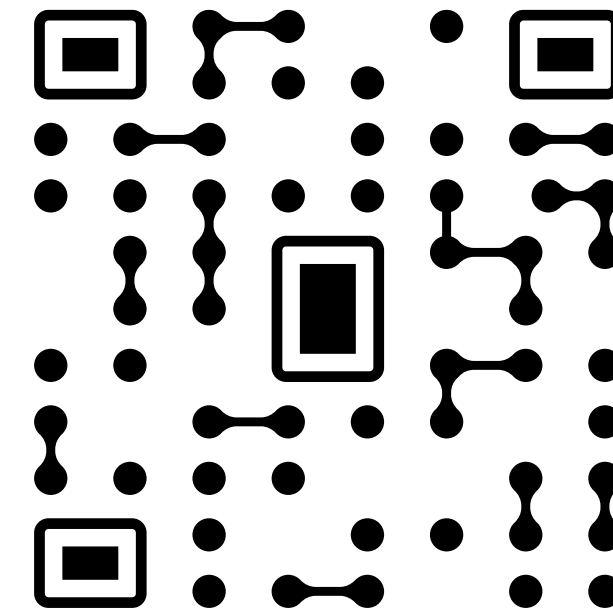
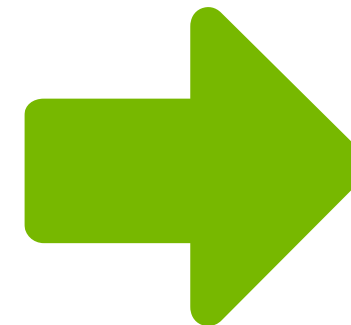


ACTIVE COMMUNITY HUBS: 11

Our host sites are community partners

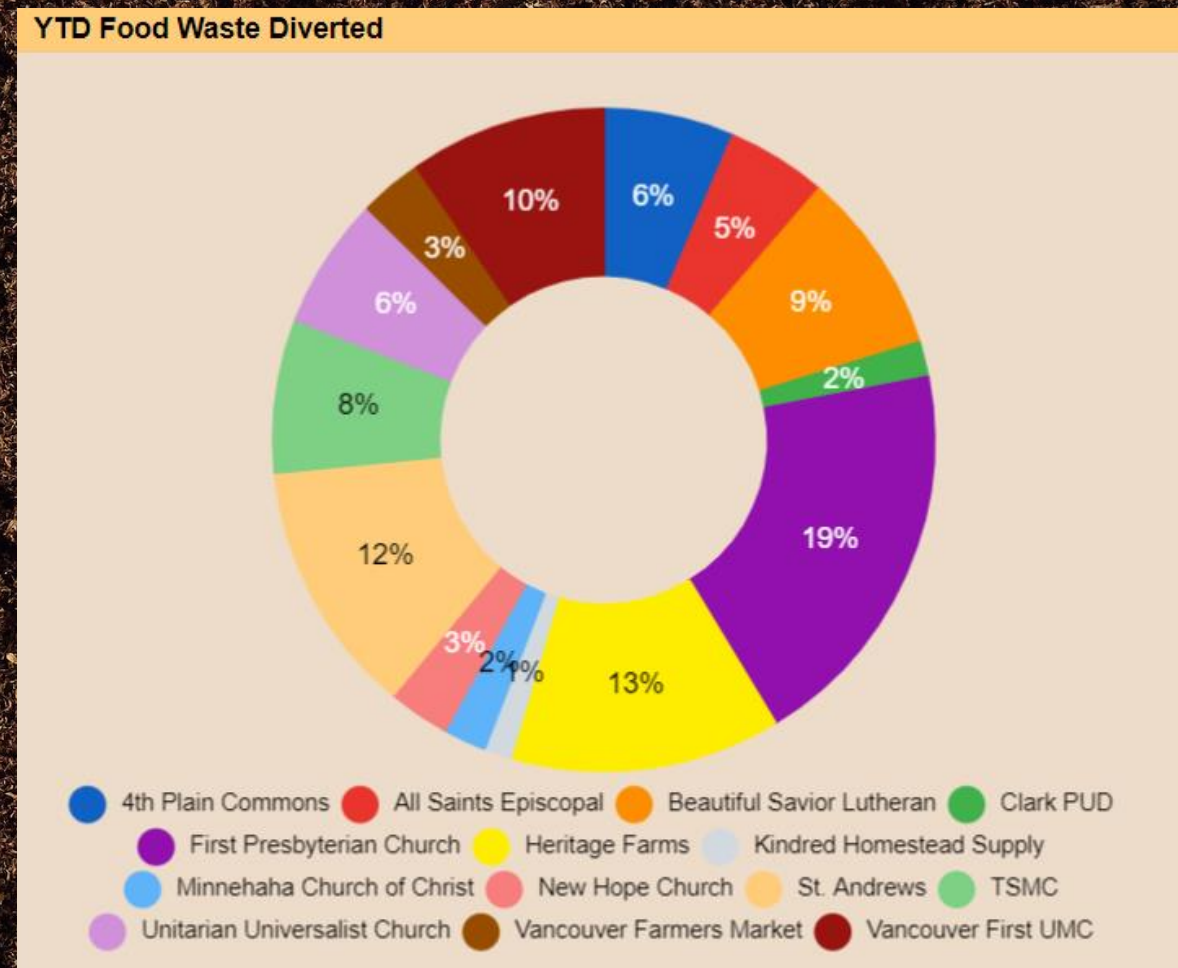
- Congregations (7)
- Local business (1)
- Education center (1)
- Food banks (2)

Scan for Location
Map



DATA COLLECTION & REPORTING

- Weekly data collection: food waste weight & contamination
 - Collected through Smartsheet
 - Recorded by We Compost team and host site champions
- Monthly & annual reports are sent to host sites
- Data collection is essential in determining site progress



YTD pounds food waste diverted from landfill: ~42,356, 20% increase from '23

“When the truck arrives, just by looking at it, we can tell the load came from Clark County due to how low the contamination is. We’re always excited to get material from you guys.”

- Dirt Hugger “Site Quarterback” Andrew Voodre



THE FUTURE OF WE COMPOST



Community Hub
access county wide




Commercial Food
Facilities



Education & Outreach

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

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