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Hi Janice:

I'd like to refer this idea to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Thanks!

Byron

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From: robertspiegelman@comcast.net
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Date: 01/31/2023 12:49 PM
Subject: Half Baked Idea

Byron,

This isn't a proposal, just a group of thoughts. In all, this is pretty simple and, if we can keep it that way, easy to implement

- Problem: Too much organic food waste goes into the wastewater treatment plant via garbage disposals or landfills via trash pickup. Composting is a much better option.
- Situation: Some households have gardens or at home composting capabilities, but most don't.
- Goal: Reduce the amount of organic food waste in the trash by ___%

- Idea: Place compost collection bins in convenient locations in Concord. Suggestions include major parks and schools as they get significant human traffic each week.
- Collection areas should be visible, easily accessible, and have instructions. They should also be expandable (more bins) as the success of the program grows.
- Bins should be emptied on a regular as needed basis (weekly?)
- Find a local vendor (farmer?) or vendors who will collect the waste. Hopefully, a local farm can use it for compost or feed or Trade the collection contract for fresh compost for the community garden or the city or for food donations to The Friendly Kitchen or another group.
- Promote the program at the schools so there is an educational component that might yield a long term benefit
- Find and consult with other communities that have similar issues to see how they handle it and to get an idea of what works and won't work.

Resources Needed

- Funds to buy/build bins/collection shelters.
- Public Education Program to rollout and promote the program
- Staff time to arrange collection partner and to find appropriate collection locations.

GILLESPIE PARK COMMUNITY COMPOST STATION

*A partnership and pilot project between Gillespie Park neighbors,
the City of Sarasota and Sunshine Community Compost*

Questions or comments?

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HOW DOES THIS COMMUNITY COMPOST STATION WORK?

Register and pay online for the monthly subscription service to utilize the food scrap drop-off program:
SUNSHINECOMMUNITYCOMPOST.ORG

1: COLLECT YOUR FRUIT & VEGGIE SCRAPS
Keep your kitchen in a collection bucket as possible or use one of your own. Deposit the scraps in the collection bins on-site weekly, at your convenience.

2: WEIGH & RECORD POUNDS
of your scraps with hand scale & date book found in the "BROWNS" bin before depositing so we can track program impacts.

3: DEPOSIT MATERIAL
into GREEN bins - DO NOT INCLUDE the rubberbands, org stickers, toilet paper, etc.

4. COVER YOUR DEPOSITS
with "BROWNS" so that flies stay away and carbon is added to.

5: RECEIVE FINISHED COMPOST
4.5 bags per year are given back compost.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE:

CHARLES & MARGERY BARANCIK FOUNDATION

25 GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CITY OF SARASOTA

Pounds of food scraps that have been transformed into compost and diverted from the landfill from this site since 2018:

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