



COMPOSTING FORUM AGENDA

DuPage and Kane Counties, Illinois - February 14, 2018

9:00 am - 11:30 am

- networking breakfast 8:30 am -9:00 am -

- I. Welcome** **Gary Cuneen, Seven Generations Ahead/Illinois Food Scrap Coalition**
- Cantigny Park and Golf Course Welcome (Scott Witte)
 - DuPage and Kane Counties Welcome (Andi Dierich)
 - Illinois Food Scrap Coalition Overview (Andi Dierich and Kay McKeen)
 - Project overview: *Building Illinois' Local Food Shed Through Advancing Food Scrap Composting*. Funder: Food:Land:Opportunity–The Chicago Community Trust–The Searle Funds
 - Goals for this forum
- II. The Science of Soil - How Compost Improves Soil Quality-** **Vytas Pabedinskas, Save Our Soils**
- Organic matter content
 - Remediation of soil compaction
 - Water-holding capacity of the root zone soil
- III. Compost Case Studies - Challenges and Solutions**
- Arrowhead Golf Course, Wheaton Park District** **Justin Kirtland**
 - Reduced fertilizer use
 - Worm Power compost tea
 - TBD Park District and/or Athletic Fields**
 - Soil compaction
 - Integrated pest management
 - Conservation Design Forum: Landscape Design** **Tom Price**
 - Green infrastructure and stormwater management
 - Identifying which product to use where
 - How trees differ from turf
- IV. Creating Quality Compost Recycling** **Jim Cowhey, Organix**
- Inputs (landscape waste, food waste, compostable) and contaminants
 - Process: how is compost made and used here in Illinois and nationally?
 - Finished products: texture, color, certification
- V. Break**
- VI. DISCUSSION**
- VII. Closing and Networking**

