Municipal Food Diversion Initiatives

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West Hartford Municipal Food Diversion Initiatives

• School Organics Collection
• Residential Food Waste Test
School Organics Collection Year 1

- CT DEEP CMMS- Increase Source Separation and Composting/Conversion of Food Scraps and Organics
- 4 schools in 2014-2015
  - Conard High School
  - Hall High School
  - Sedgwick Middle School
  - King Philip Middle School
- 4,800 Students
- Waste separators provided
- New signage introduced
- Students allowed to recycle compostables (paper, napkins)
- Agricultural compost solution
- 1 ton collected the first year
School Organics Collection Year 2

• Expanded to include 7 schools
  • Conard
  • Hall
  • Sedgwick
  • King Philp
  • Bristow
  • Duffy
  • Webster Hill

• 6,200 Students

• 8.8 tons collected in 2016
School Organic Collection Year 3

- Expanded to all schools (16 schools)
- Over 10,000 students
- New zero contamination policy
- Food Waste to anaerobic digestion plant
- Re-education
West Hartford Food Waste Test

- Residential Food Waste Diversion Test Program
- CT DEEP CMMS- Increase Source Separation and Composting/Conversion of Food Scraps and Organics
- One area of Town
- Sponsored by Covanta, Quantum BioPower, Paines & the Town of West Hartford
- 129 participants
Residential Food Waste Process

- Letter sent to households asking for volunteers
- Informational session held
- 65 gallon containers provided
- Small totes offered to participants
- Initial feedback received
- 12.5 lbs. per household
- Challenges identified