

45th Street Composters: Mission & Values Statement

Mission

By recognizing our collective responsibility for the waste that we generate and the land on which we live, we seek to address power in our society and shift it into the hands and hearts of the community, thereby strengthening our sense of community as neighbors, and reducing inequity in our food systems and land resources.

In pursuit of this mission, we embrace these values:

- We recognize our place in the long history of community gardening in New York City
- We are responsible to each other, Sunnyside and the planet
- We center racial justice and environmental ethics
- We are a community, not a commodity

We live these values by:

- Valuing consensus building and community-based decision-making
- Prioritizing accessibility and transparency
- Sharing skills and building capacity
- Being entirely volunteer-run
- Being accountable to the surrounding community
- Allowing this statement to evolve as needed