



IFSCC Committee Guide

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Hello! The great work of the IFSCC is accomplished through our dedicated board and passionate committee members. Your experience, perspective, insight, and time bring value to the state-wide composting movement. We need compost producers, compost sellers, compost users, hauling companies, and people working in these sectors to add to the movement! We hope you'll join one or more of our committees.

Benefits: Being involved with IFSCC committees is a mutually beneficial endeavor. There are a number of ways we can build participation in compost and composting together: networking, meeting like-minded organizations, and working on activities that help achieve the IFSCC mission.

Commitment: Most committees meet once a month for one hour. Follow-up project work is variable depending on your interest, commitment, and availability. Opportunities to rise to committee co-chair will include collaboration on agenda creation, guidance of monthly meetings, and reporting committee work to the IFSCC board and various audiences.

"IFSCC is not just a grassroots organization. We are the voice of composting in Illinois, working on local, county, and state levels. We want to bring this power to you."

- Stephanie Katsaros, Communications Committee Co-Chair

Communications

Goal: To highlight and promote the achievements of the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition and its members, develop messaging and assets for consistent communication, build and support strategic partnerships within the community, foster collaborative relationships with related movements, develop and maintain content for the IFSCC website, and work with members to ensure a steady stream of fresh content on the IFSCC Blog and social media pages.

Profile: This committee is right for you if you enjoy building relationships and promoting/elevating the great work of our stakeholders, and telling the "story" of this coalition, its work, and its membership in person or online.



Compost Market Development

Goals: To close the loop on compost by raising awareness of how to recycle organics in a clean and efficient manner among potential public, business, and individual waste producers while also organizing opportunities for buyers to purchase compost made here in Illinois. We are working with farmers markets, environmental education groups, and plant sales to have rich, earthy, quality compost for sale!



Profile: This committee brings together composters, retailers, environmental consultants, and anyone interested in improved turf health and helping their local communities with reduced flooding, erosion, and synthetic chemicals. If you can connect our local composters to where their product can be used, we want you on this committee.

Education

Goals: To work on projects designed to educate stakeholders about food scrap composting policies, best practices and programs and make recommendations for priority strategies and policies that will achieve the goal of advancing food scrap composting across Illinois.

Profile: This committee attracts educators, researchers, activists, and community members who enjoy using evidence-based research for developing the tools to educate stakeholders and the public on composting and its applications.



Policy

Goals: To support a policy structure that allows and appropriately regulates food scrap composting and diversion, encourages business opportunities for such practices, and provides residential and commercial access to affordable food scrap and composting pick up or drop off opportunities.

Profile: This committee is great for solid waste agencies, businesses, composters, haulers, transfer stations, community organizers, and all stakeholders of composting policy.



We Compost Recognition

Goals: To administer the We Compost Recognition Program that highlights entities that compost and encourages more people to patronize businesses that are managing their food scraps responsibly.

Profile: This committee is a great fit for compost haulers, businesses that participate in a composting program, educators, and anyone interested in elevating those who compost their food scraps, plant matter and certified compostables and want to see more businesses and organizations participate in a composting program.



International Compost Awareness Week

Goals: To support the US Composting Council (USCC) and Compost Research Education Foundation (CREF) efforts which celebrate compost and composting throughout the world. More [HERE](#).



Profile: This committee is a great fit for individuals that enjoy planning and producing a variety of virtual, educational, artistic and hands-on events in homes, on farms, libraries, parks, businesses and municipalities. It convenes seasonally in advance to the annual week of celebration internationally, the first week of May.

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