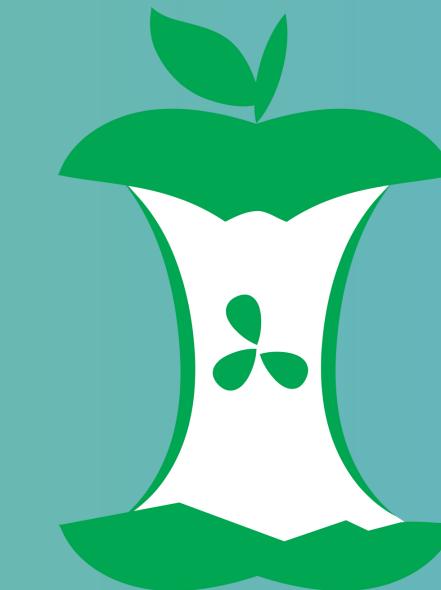


Monroe County Organics Management Plan



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Introduction

- Monroe County is preparing an Organics Management Plan (OMP) as a supplement to their existing Local Solid Waste Management Plan
- The overarching objective of the OMP is to prevent and divert organic waste from disposal
- This OMP will characterize the County's waste generation, existing programs, policies, resources, and relevant laws and regulations to identify feasible strategies for the prevention or diversion of organic waste on a County-wide basis
- A draft scoping document has been released with the intent to give the public with an opportunity to provide input on the OMP
- Draft scoping document can be accessed at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/des-environmentalrecycling>



Relevant Laws, Regulations and Policies

New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law and 6 NYCRR Part 350:

Requires designated food scrap generators (DFSG) (2 tons/week or more):

- Donate excess edible food
- Recycle all remaining food scraps if they are within 25 miles of an organics recycler (composting facility, anaerobic digester, etc.)
- There are 61 DFSGs in Monroe County (24 DFSGs required to recycle any food scraps)



Relevant Laws, Regulations and Policies

New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law and 6 NYCRR Part 350:

Beginning January 1, 2026:

- Food Scrap Generators producing *one ton or more per week* must donate any excess edible food and recycle all remaining food scraps, provided that a facility is located *within 50 miles*



Relevant Laws, Regulations and Policies

NYS Solid Waste Management Plan (finalized 12-23-23)

- Several of the goals included in the NYS SWMP impact the County's approach to organic waste management

Monroe County LSWMP

- As a supplement to the County's LSWMP, the OMP will address the relevant Program Strategies



Relevant Laws, Regulations and Policies

Monroe County Climate Action Plan

- Phase I - identifies recommended actions by sector to reduce GHG emissions specific to County facilities, some of which are relevant to organics management
- Phase 2 - develops waste reduction and minimization programs that incorporate techniques of reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and organics recycling



Existing Program Inventory



Existing County Composting Facilities:

- Avion Drive Compost Facility - (yard waste)
- Van Lare Compost Facility - (yard waste, manure)

Existing Private Facilities:

- High Acres Landfill & Recycling Center - (yard waste and food waste composting)
- Impact Earth - (organics hauling & recycling)
- Lorric Development Corp of NY - (SSO composting)
- Natural Upcycling/Noblehurst Farms - (organics hauling and anaerobic digester)
- Re- Nuble, Inc. - (SSO - source separated organics - processing for use as growth media in hydroponic farming)

Existing Program Inventory



Existing Town and Village Programs

- Collection programs
 - Various yard waste collection programs
- Several food waste collection programs, including:
 - City of Rochester residential pilot
 - Village of Fairport
 - Town of Pittsford residential pilot
(ended December, 2024)
- Yard Waste Composting Facilities
- Food Donation Resources:
Foodlink, local food bank, NYSP2I



Preliminary OMP Outline

Presented in Draft Scoping Document*

- Introduction
- Relevant Laws, Regulations, and Policies
- Team and Supporting Partners
- Community Engagement and Expected Participants
- Research and Data Collection

*Available Online for Review and Comment



Preliminary OMP Outline

Presented in Draft Scoping Document*

- Proposed Organics Management Strategies and Evaluation of Strategies
- Resource Needs and Budget
- Implementation Steps and Timeline
- Program Goals

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Timeline and Phases

- OMP Draft Scoping Document
Completed September, 2024
- **CURRENT PHASE**
Stakeholder and Community Engagement
October 2024 - September 2025
- Draft OMP
Anticipated Release July, 2025
- Public Comment on Draft OMP
July - September 2025
- Final OMP
Anticipated Release Fourth Quarter 2025



Public Participation Program

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Public Participation Program

Document Repository

All documents relevant to the OMP
will be maintained electronically for
public viewing under resources
(including Draft Scoping Document)

www.monroecounty.gov/organics
management - plan

Public Participation Program

Stakeholder Identification

Initial Stakeholders include:
Residents on Solid Waste &
Recycling Email Lists,
Foodlink,

Color Your Community Green Groups
Business Lists



Public Participation Program

Public Outreach Activities

- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Email Lists
- Social Media posts
- Website Updates
- Surveys



What We Need From You ...

Comment on Draft Scoping Plan

Available until May 31, 2025

Complete the
OMP Draft Scoping Plan
Feedback Form

or email

OMPComments@MonroeCounty.gov

What We Need From You ...

Complete and Share Surveys

With Relevant Stakeholders



Residential
Survey



Agricultural
Survey



Business /
Organization
Survey

Questions?



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