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RecyclingWorks Newsletter, November 2015

Massachusetts Food System Plan

The Massachusetts Food Policy Council released the draft Massachusetts Food System Plan on Food Day,
October 23. Since the fall of 2014, eight working groups representing a range of constituents have been collaborating to develop this plan. RecyclingWorks staff co-chaired the working group on Waste, Nutrients, and Energy.

The draft plan is open for public comment through November 6.

Massachusetts WasteWise Fall Forum, North Chelmsford, November 22

Businesses and institutions with food donation potential or depackaging needs are encouraged to attend the upcoming <u>WasteWise Fall Forum on Depackaging and Food Donation</u>.



Upcoming Events

November 4

SWANA Southern New England Recycling & Solid Waste Conference Foxborough, MA

November 5

U.S. Zero Waste Business
Associate Scorecard
Training
Boston, MA

November 9-10

NERC Fall Forum - Glass Recycling: Possible Register soon to save your space!

Email <u>info@recyclingworksma.com</u> or call 413-586-7450 x240.

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Gould Farm, Monterey, MA

Gould Farm is a residential community nestled in the Berkshires that promotes recovery for people with mental health and related challenges through meaningful work, community living, and clinical care. The farm recently received Compost Site Technical Assistance from RecyclingWorks to help manage their manure and food scraps.

As a result, Gould Farm diverted food materials from their kitchen, cafeteria, and bakery to a mobile chicken feed station to offset feed costs and incorporate residuals with their manure composting.



Gould Farm chickens eating fresh food scraps from the mobile chicken feed station (e.g., trailer).

Solutions
Providence, RI

November 12

EBC Solid Waste
Management Program:
Reflections on Successes &
Challenges of the MA
Organics Ban
Implementation
Westborough, MA

November 19

State Policies to Increase
Organics Diversion Webinar

November 22

WasteWise Forum on Food
Donation & Depackaging
Chelmsford, MA

December 10

Massachusetts CURC Fall
Forum: Food Donation &
Mattress Recycling
Worcester, MA

December 10

College & University
Recycling Coalition webinar:
Quantifying Your Waste
Reduction Efforts

RecyclingWorks Website Feature: Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA

RecyclingWorks recently posted a <u>video about Deerfield</u>

<u>Academy's waste reduction efforts</u> that divert 80% of the school's waste through composting, donation, and other creative measures.

RecyclingWorks supported the Franklin County Solid Waste District with resources that helped Deerfield Academy achieve their goal of an 80% diversion rate.



Featured Articles

- LeanPath posted a free e-guide, <u>20 Waste-Cutting Tips</u> for Foodservice, which compiles both well-known and creative tips for reducing waste in foodservice operations.
- MassRecycle partnered with MBTA, the Massachusetts
 Beverage Association, and Cassella Recycling to pilot
 a recycling collection pilot at Alewife Station.
- Two recent articles highlight food donation programs
 at <u>Worcester County Colleges</u> and at <u>Framingham State</u>

University.

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