

Rhode Island's Compost Fund Initiative

We urge the passage of HB5195 and SB104, establishing a Compost Fund to support composting through a surcharge on all landfill bound waste. Rhode Island has a choice — waste or wealth?

This bill is crucial to reduce organic materials in the landfill and support local composters in growing their businesses.

♻️ A FILLING LANDFILL

The Central Landfill will reach capacity in 18 years. Nearly 1/3 of the materials dumped at the landfill could be composted.

♻️ AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Currently, \$713 million worth of compostable material is sent to the landfill. Diverting those materials would support composting, which creates 6x more jobs than landfilling.

Less compostable material going to the landfill will result in **reduced municipal waste costs** by saving on tipping fees and offsetting the surcharge.



BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Reducing otherwise compostable materials from the waste stream will decrease methane emissions, prolong the lifespan of the Central Landfill, and strengthen soil health.

GROWING LOCAL COMPOSTING

50% of collected funds will be allocated to municipalities and the other 50% will be available to support compost-related projects, making it a win-win for local governments and nonprofits.

REDUCING MUNICIPAL WASTE COSTS

Diverting more organic material from the waste stream at the municipal level will result in cost-savings for cities and towns, while promoting a healthier future with less waste.

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GOOD FOOD

POLICY AGENDA



Urban and small farm tax burden relief

We urge the passage of HB5534 and SB431, exempting certain urban and small farms from specific state taxes. All Rhode Island farmers deserve a fair chance to succeed.



Healthy school meals for all

We urge the passage of HB5742 and SB430, offering free breakfast and lunch to all Rhode Island public school students. Every Rhode Island student should have access to nutritious school meals.



Surplus food waste donation tax credit

SB2757/HB7995 will create a tax credit for qualified taxpayers who donate food to RI organizations.



Support for local composting

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