

# Designing a Community Food Waste Program

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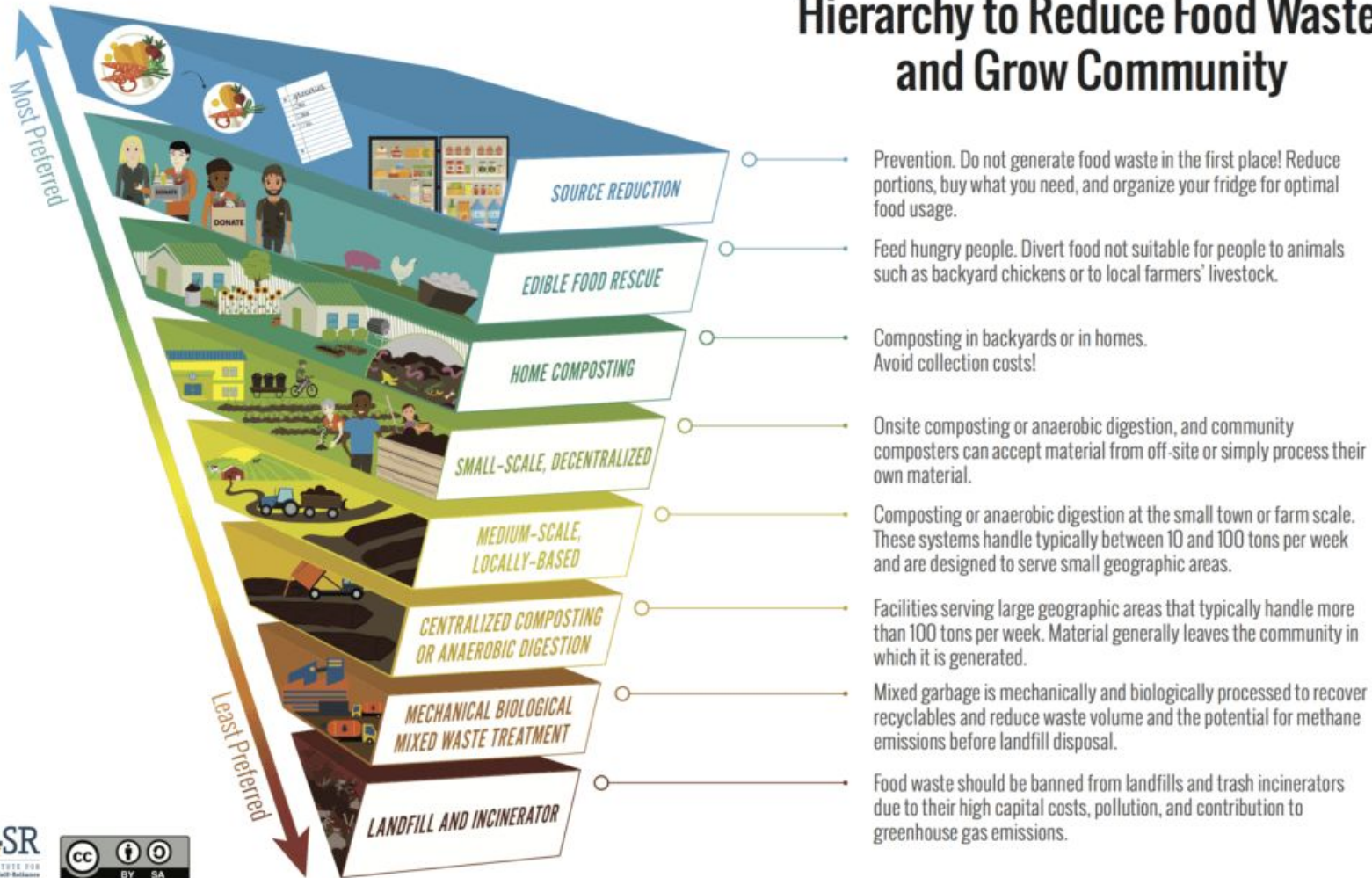


# Our language has meaning and is important

- Food Scraps and Compost
- Food Scrap Diversion from Landfill and Source Separating
- Aerobic Composting at scale and Anaerobic Digestion
- Local radius (5 miles, 50, 250?)
- Are you “walking the talk?”



# Hierarchy to Reduce Food Waste and Grow Community



# What do we mean when we say Community?

- Local Education
  - Local Food Scraps
    - Local Hauling as needed
      - Local Processing
        - Finished Compost applied locally



# Identifying Needs and Identifying Barriers

11% have never heard of compost

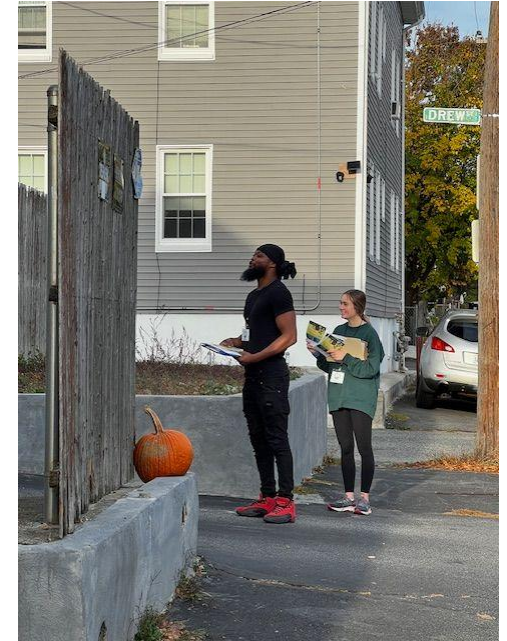
25% are unsure what can / cannot be composted

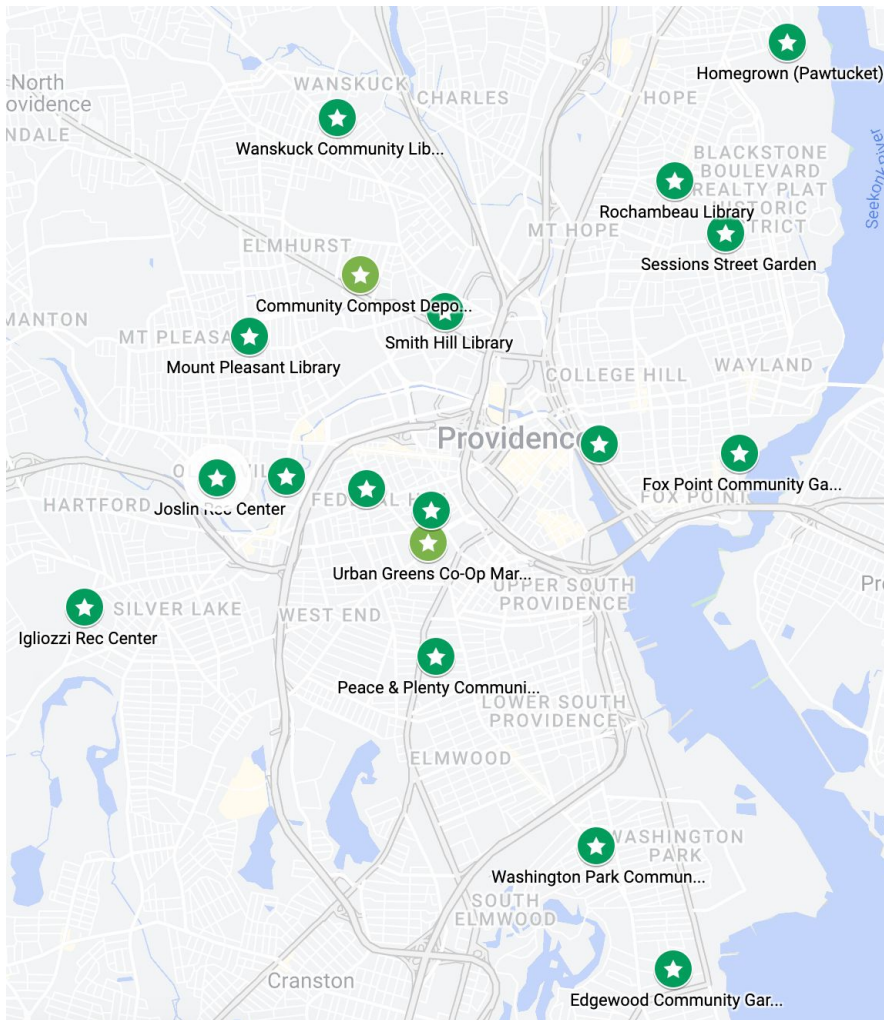
30% are unaware of services / resources available

33% lack of space or free time

Free Time is correlated to income.

We see higher participation in wealthier neighborhoods of Providence  
(in both paid pick-up services and drop-off locations)





ZWP Outreach Team is working to spread awareness of available resources at a peer-to-peer level in PVD

Backyard Mentorships  
(with Providence Gardenworks)

Pick-up Services  
(such as Harvest Cycle and Bootstrap)

Drop-off Sites  
can be free!



# The Power of Small

