



INDIANA FOOD SCRAP INITIATIVE

March 16, 2016, 1 – 3 PM EST
Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions – Carey Hamilton (CH) welcomed guests, provided information about Indiana Recycling Coalition and thanks supporters, Lake County Solid Waste Management District, Meijer and City of Fort Wayne; she also thanked CLIF Bar for their snack donation. She also introduced the Indiana Food Scrap Initiative (IFSI) contractors, Dori Chapman (DC) and Julie L Rhodes (JLR).

Indiana Food Scrap Initiative – Overview – JLR provided an overview of the IRC's efforts on food waste/scrap to date, the launch of the IFSI multi-stakeholder process. DC presented the EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy.

The Top of the Food Scrap Hierarchy – Food Reduction/Reuse/ Rescue/Donations – each guest speaker provided an overview of how they accept food donations and information about the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Law.

- **Second Helpings**, Nora Spitznogle, Director of Programs, prepared food rescue
- **Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana**, Kathy Hahn Keiner, Chief Programs & Agency Relations Officer, packaged food donation
- **Food Rescue**, John Williamson, Executive Director, school food rescue and donation

Residential Waste Prevention – JLR shared information about a federal bill that has been introduced in the US House and Senate that would made consistent terminology that could help consumers understand “sell by,” “use by,” and “expiration date.” She also presented a checklist of food waste prevention tips that local governments could use to educate residents.

Commercial Waste Prevention – DC presented on how the evolution of commerce has led to food waste, and provided several case studies on commercial waste prevention practices.

Next Steps for Indiana Food Scrap Initiative – DC and JLR led a discussion among stakeholders about next steps for the Stakeholder group, stressing that this process is stakeholder led and will be influenced by those issues of greatest importance/greatest challenges and gaps identified by the stakeholders. The feedback included:

- 1) *What topics would you like to hear about? What issues are you thinking about that others might be too?*





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- Infrastructure, including a map of permitted facilities for composting, land application, etc; What are all the components, all the pieces?
 - Rules, regulations, laws, ordinances (existing and model) → have focused Stakeholder Meeting on these issues.
 - Event composting
 - Barriers → Logistics and collection, including dealing with packaging, transportation/vehicles; consider pilot projects (milk runs in densely populated areas)
 - Restaurant operations, including space, decomposition, costs/savings, hauler contracts
 - Develop fact sheets on issues: Food banks, composting, cost/value
 - Training/Workshops → Purdue Technical Assistance Program can assist with training workshops on waste audits/dumpster diving (Kelly Weger)
- 2) *What additional stakeholders need to be at the table?*
- Waste Haulers (including CGS Services in Morristown, Dana Caldwell, farmer and landfill operator taking some food scrap for animal feed now)
 - Landfill operators (especially related to 'methane message' since several have invested in infrastructure to capture methane) → Becky J, IDEM, can assist in reaching this stakeholder group
 - USDA Farm Service Agency
- 3) *Other Challenges/Opportunities:*
- Bread → Farms, livestock, intermediary processor
 - Documents → waste audit checklist/guidance (i.e. following the load from point of generation to final disposition, measurement, alternative approaches, etc.
- 4) Upcoming Stakeholder and Steering Committee meetings were announced:
- *March 23, 10 – 11:30 AM - Steering Committee*
 - *April 27, 10 AM - Noon - Stakeholder Meeting*
 - *May 4, 10 – 11:30 AM - Steering Committee*
 - *June 22, 1:30 – 3:30 PM - Stakeholder Meeting*

All presentations available for viewing at:

<http://www.indianarecycling.org/recycle/indiana-food-scrap-initiative/>

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