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Indiana Food Scrap Initiative

March 16 Stakeholder Meeting

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The IRC is seeking additional supporters for this long-term project.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Indiana Food Scrap Initiative Overview
- The Top of the Food Scrap Hierarchy
 - Second Helpings, Nora Spitznogle
 - Gleaners Food Bank, Cynthia Hubert
 - Food Rescue, John Williamson
 - Q&A
- Residential Waste Prevention, Julie L Rhodes
- Commercial Waste Prevention, Dori Chandler
- Q&A
- Next Steps for Indiana Food Scrap Initiative
- Adjourn

Food Scrap Initiative - Overview

- Food scrap makes up 20% of the waste stream
 - 35 - 62 tons of discarded/wasted food a year

FOOD WASTED BY WEIGHT — 63 MILLION TONS



Source:
ReFED.com

- \$165 – 218 billion wasted each year
- Wasted water, land, energy, pollution, chemicals
- *Now is the time for Indiana to act!*

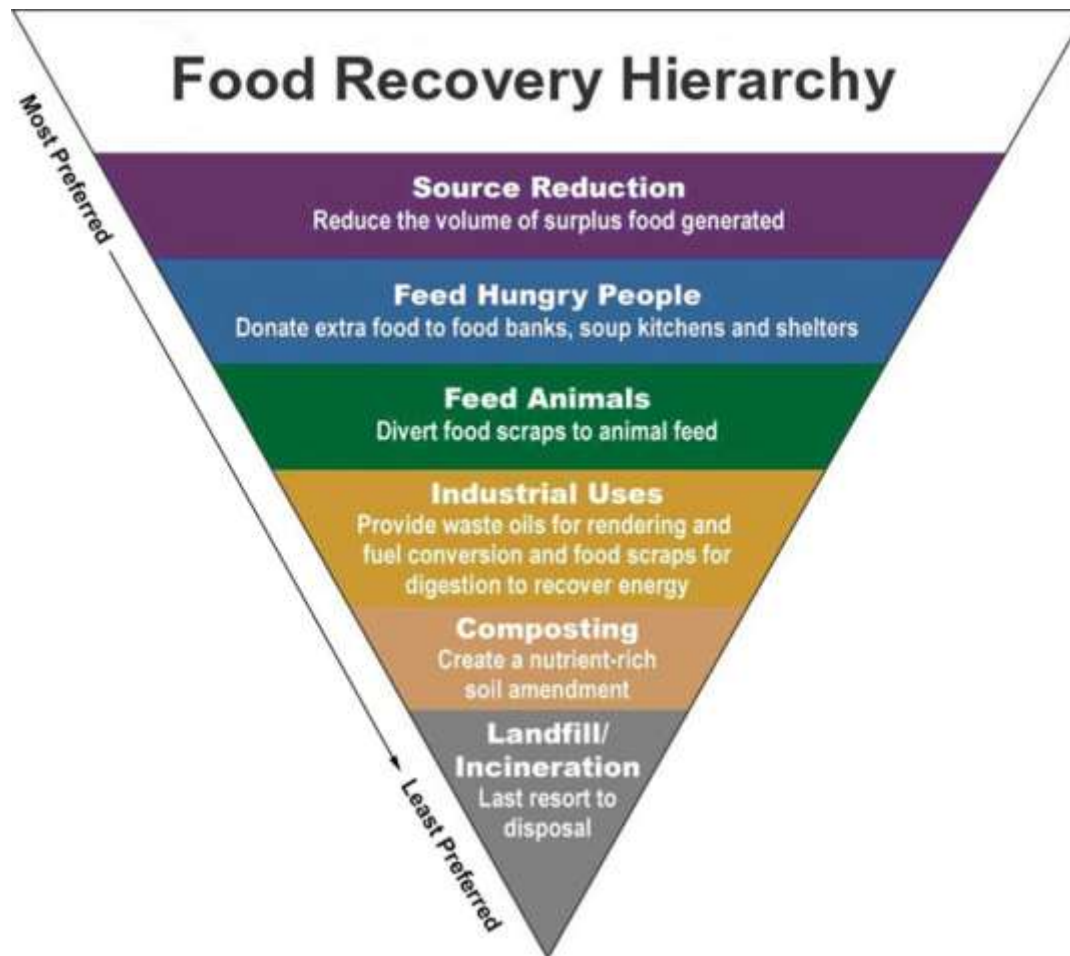
Food Scrap Initiative - Overview

- The process brings all the stakeholders together to:
 - *create a base of knowledge*
 - *Identify gaps and barriers*
 - *Seek opportunities*
 - *Build the infrastructure*
- Outcomes/Solutions developed by the stakeholders
- Results in:
 - *Expanded infrastructure*
 - *Efficient systems*
 - *A toolkit of resources*

Food Scrap Initiative - Overview

- 2011/12 – IRC held several roundtable discussions about food waste composting
- 2015 – Renewed interest in diverting more food scraps from disposal
 - October 2015
 - *Salesforce Partnership with Earth Mama*
 - December 2015
 - *US EPA Sustainable Food Management*
 - *Illinois Food Scrap Coalition*

Food Scrap Management Hierarchy



Top of the Food Scrap Hierarchy

- **Second Helpings**, Nora Spitznogle
- **Gleaners Food Bank**, Kathy Hahn Keiner
- **Food Rescue**, John Williamson
- Q&A

Federal Labeling Law

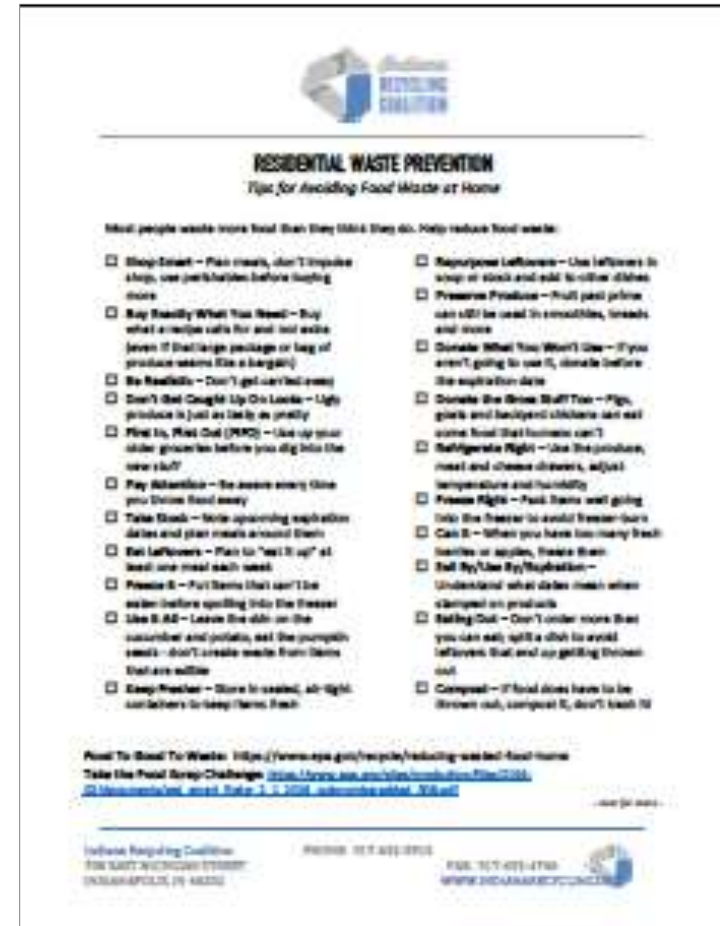
- Senator Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn, is introducing legislation to establish standards for “sell by” dates
 - “Sell by,” “use by,” and “expired on...” are confusing for consumers
 - Patchwork of state laws can make donation difficult
 - Could reduce millions of pounds in wasted food
 - Similar bill introduced in the U.S. House



Source: The Connecticut Courant, Feb. 19, 2016

Residential Food Scrap Prevention

- Educate your community on ways to reduce food waste



Commercial Food Scrap - Overview

Next Steps

- What topics would you like to hear about?
 - Rules, Regulations, Laws, Ordinances
 - Collection & Transportation Models
 - Grocery, restaurant, institutional, manufacturing, residential
 - Mapping Food Scrap Compost Sites
- What issues are you thinking about that others might be too?
- What stakeholders need to be at the table?

Upcoming Meetings of the IFSI

- March 23 - Steering Committee, 10 – 11:30AM
- April 27 - Stakeholder Meeting, 10 AM - Noon
- May 4 - Steering Committee, 10 – 11:30AM
- June 22 - Stakeholder Meeting, 1:30-3:30 PM

Thank you for attending!

*See you **April 27** for the next
Indiana Food Scrap Initiative
Stakeholder Meeting*

