

OCRRA Compost and End Markets



Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency



- Formed in 1990 by New York State Legislature
- Public benefit corporation operated by a board of directors
- Manages waste and recycling from 33 of 35 municipalities in Onondaga County

Why OCRRA Composts

- 15% of trash = food waste
- Windrow to EASP system in 2009
- Food and yard waste drop off



OCRRA's Composting Process



- Convenient drop off and pick up location
- EASP system
- Less energy inputs and GHG outputs

Composting by the Numbers

- 2,500 tons of food scraps composted
- 6,100 yards of compost generated
- 8,450 bags of compost sold



Product Testing and Certification



- Regular lab testing
- Member of US Composting Council
- Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Program

End Markets: Bulk Sales

- Green infrastructure
- Construction projects
- Agricultural industry



End Markets: Bulk Sales



- Community gardens
- Landscaping
- Truck loads

Onondaga Lake Shore Restoration

- Restoration of EPA Superfund Site
- About 90 acres of wetlands restored in and around the lake
- 2020: 5,000 yards of compost



End Markets: Bagged Compost



- Pro TECH bagger
- Bagging season: Jan- April
- 1-2 people to operate

End Markets: Bagged Compost

- Included in resident compost pass
- Able to purchase on site
- Sold to retailers in community



End Markets: Bagged Compost



- Sold in pallets to hardware stores
- Provides nutrients for community soil
- Increases awareness of OCRRRA services

Thank you!

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