# 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

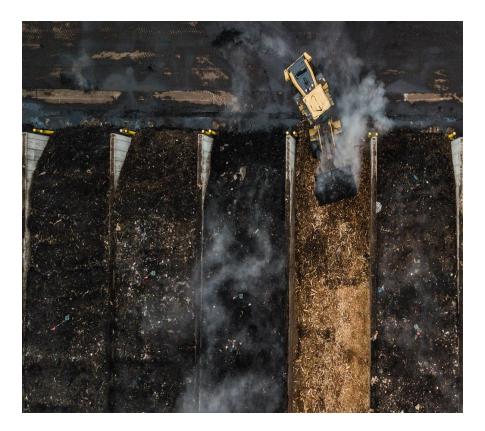
## Why OCRRA Composts

- 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**



- o 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

 $\circ$  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
   OCRRA services



## Thank you!

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