



## **DELAWARE COMMUNITY COMPOSTING INITIATIVE**

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### **MISSION**

More than 25% of what Delawareans send to the landfill is organics. The Delaware Community Composting Initiative (DCCI), a Plastic Free Delaware and Zero Waste First State program, aims to reduce food waste going to the landfill by providing outreach and technical assistance.



### **OUTREACH**

DCCI educates Delawareans about the science of composting and its many benefits via community events and presentations at schools and organizations.



### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

DCCI provides technical assistance and start up funds for community composting sites throughout Delaware.

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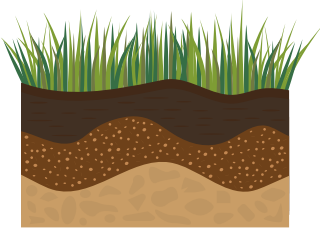
# BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING



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## REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Composting food scraps reduces food waste going to the landfill, thus reducing methane emissions which are a more potent gas than CO<sub>2</sub>.



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## IMPROVE SOIL

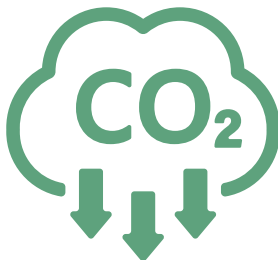
Using compost improves the overall structure and moisture retention of soil. It also replaces depleted nutrients.



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## CLOSE THE LOOP

We can close the loop on our food systems by buying local, composting food scraps, using the compost in our soils, and using it to grow new food or plants.



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## SEQUESTER CARBON

Applied compost can sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

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