

**New Jersey Climate Change Alliance
Organics Workgroup
Mission Statement and Focus Area Outline
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Mission: To develop a “Sustainable Organic Material Management Plan” outline for the State of New Jersey through a series of stakeholder discussions. Our focus will be on food waste reduction, food waste management in schools, community scale and large-scale organics recycling infrastructure and animal manure storage and management. Stakeholders will be asked to identify barriers to sustainable organic material management and offer strategies and action plans to effect change.

Sustainable Organic Material Management Plan Outline:

- Introduction and Background
- Where We Are Today
- Where We Want to Go
- How Do We Get There?
- **Focus Areas:**

1: Engage businesses and institutions in food waste reduction planning

- Development of Strategies
- Outline of Action Plan With Suggested Responsibility for Implementation and Timeframes

2: Dispelling misconceptions regarding food donation and establish education and outreach strategies

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3: Create/refine a Statewide inventory of food donation organizations, donors and clients

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4: Maximize residential backyard composting

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5: Remove barriers to community gardens in cities, suburbs and rural co-ops

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6: Create a template model for food recovery and donation in schools

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7: Remove barriers to small-scale composting opportunities in schools and between schools in the same district

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8: Develop strategies to reengage municipal governments in composting of leaves, grass and food waste

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9: Engage counties and authorities in the assessment of sustainable organic material management opportunities and planning strategies, including education and outreach, community scale and large-scale organics composting/digestion and co-digestion infrastructure development

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10: Compile a Statewide inventory of animal feeding lots, horse farms and other locations where animal manure is generated

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11: Assess best management practices for sustainable manure management and create models for distribution to farmers and horse farm owners

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12: Identify needed incentives and implementation strategies to make sustainable organic material management a reality

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13: Develop metrics to measure greenhouse gas emission reduction across all recommended strategies and tools to properly assess and address environmental justice concerns

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