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## CLOSING THE LOOP: FOOD WASTE IN ATLANTA

Food Well Alliance collaborates with local food movement leaders to support healthy soil practices and divert food waste. The increased production of compost allows our city's urban growers to build healthier communities through sustainably-grown, locally produced food.

This year, we brought together a diverse group of public, private and nonprofit leaders for the Community-Based Compost Working Table who identified challenges and opportunities to increase community-based composting in Metro Atlanta. This coalition of compost experts, educators, regulators and urban growers also collectively developed 9 strategic recommendations to reuse food waste to increase community-based composting capacity for urban farmers and community gardens in Metro Atlanta.



### COMMUNITY-BASED COMPOSTING WORKING TABLE SNAPSHOT

#### WHY IS COMMUNITY-BASED COMPOSTING IMPORTANT?

- Reducing food waste helps the environment by saving resources, reducing methane in landfills, and returning nutrients to the soil

#### KEY LEARNINGS

- Locally produced compost demand is strong and growing
- Georgia's compost industry needs the right regulatory climate
- Feedstock contamination is both an environmental issue and an economic issue
- The social enterprise model is an attractive solution to increase the supply of community-based composting

### NEXT STEPS

- Read the full white paper
- Check out the work of the Community-Based Composting Working Table
- Learn how impact-driven leaders are designing and testing innovative solutions to increase community-based composting through the Compost Design Table
- Register and attend an upcoming Learning Table
- Stay tuned for updates on the Atlanta Community-Based Composting Council coming soon in Fall 2017
- Help unite the local food movement by becoming a Food Well Alliance Community Partner

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