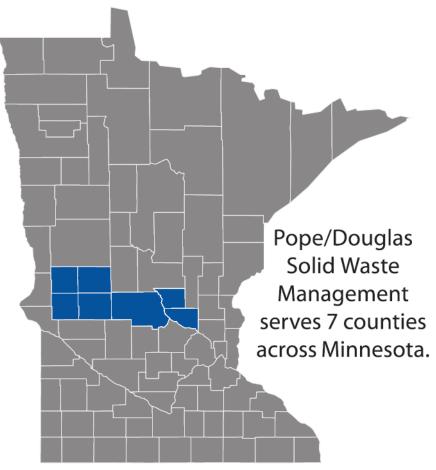


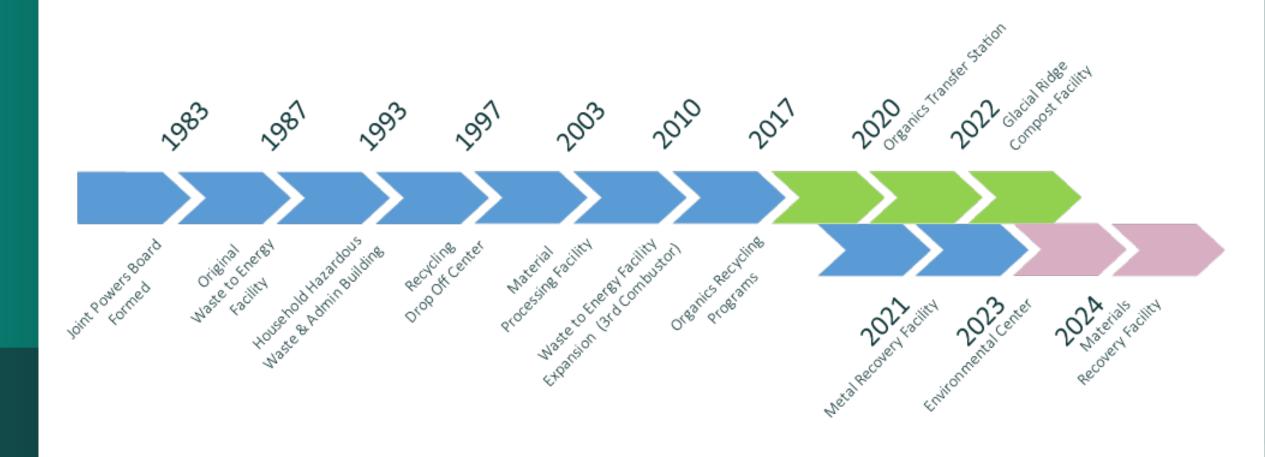
Greater MN Organics Collection Pope & Douglas Counties

July 11-13, 2023 – MN Composting Council Compost Operators Training @ Mystic Event Center (SMSC)



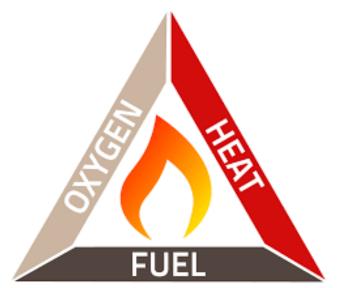


Facilities/Programs Timeline



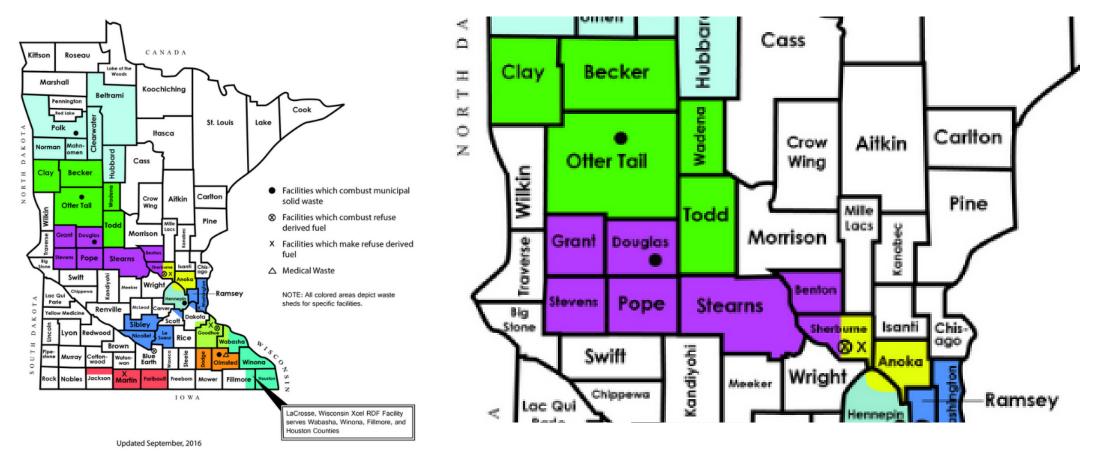
Undesirables in the Garbage

- Food waste has a low BTU value at the Waste to Energy Plant
- Landfilling creating excess leachate and GHG concerns
- Food waste gums up the MRF conveyers and trommel
- PDSWM processes ~80,000 tons of solid waste from Pope, Douglas, Grant, Stevens, Stearns, Benton, Sherburne
- Generate ~10,000 tons of fines



Resource Recovery Facilities Support

Counties and Minnesota Waste Combustion Facilities



WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

Playing **our role** in the waste management hierarchy



Organics Recycling: Pre-Pilot



- Pre-Pilot Program Spring 2016
 - Minnewaska Area High School
 - 2 weeklong sorting/study to make recommendations for eventual roll-out





Organics Recycling: The Beginning

- Pilot Program 2017
 - Partially paid for with (MPCA) Greater MN EA Grant (2016-2018)
 - 4 schools to start







2016-2018 Grant

- MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant \$250K
 - Match \$84K, Total Project \$333K
- Develop school organics program started with 4 schools
- Nursing homes, care facilities, hospitals
- Community awareness, trainings, workshops
- Develop transportation capacity
- Investigate setting up small composting sites



Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management and Sanimax

Invite You

to an

Informational Presentation Question & Answer Session

on Setting up Organics Recycling at Commercial Businesses

 When: Wednesday, June 22nd - 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
 Where: City of Alexandria City Hall—City Council Chamber Room 704 Broadway Street, Alexandria, MN

Ample Parking in Municipal Parking Lot behind City Hall

Hot Coffee/Water and Pastries will be served

For more information contact Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management 320/763-9340 or www.popedouglasrecycle.com



Container Description	Pounds Per Container (AVG)	Price Per Service				
3 YD steel with poly lid	2,500 – 3,000	\$89.00				
4 YD steel with poly lid	2,800 - 4,000	\$94.00				
65 Gal Toter with lid and liner	220	\$52.00 *				

* Sanimax required a minimum of three 65 g and 95 g Toters per placement

District 206 – 'After Organics'

- 'Sanimax' Organics Recycling Pickup
- 3 yd dumpster (fits 2,500-3,000 lbs of Organics)
- \$70.00/service. No taxes or other fees.
- Comes out to \$50.00 per ton.
- Organics makes up about 30% of the School's Waste Stream.





Container Description	Pounds Per Container (AVG)	Price Per Service				
3 YD steel with poly lid	2,500 – 3,000 (avg. 2,750 lbs)	\$89.00/service 'pickup'				
4 YD steel with poly lid	2,800 – 4,000 (avg. 3,400 lbs)	\$94.00/service 'pickup'				
3 - 65 Gal Toter with lid and liner	220	\$52.00 /service 'pickup'				

Sanimax Reporting of Organics Recycling customers would be sent to PDSWM for payment 'offset' to the customer. Sanimax would send log info to PDSWM on a monthly basis (by the 7th calendar day of each month from the previous month's calculations). PDSWM would pay offset/reimbursement to Sanimax customer quarterly.

PDSWM Payment info based on Sanimax Organics Recycling Log Sheet.

Date	Customer	3 – 65 Gallon	25	50	75	100	3 yard	25	50	75	100	4 yard	25	50	75	100	
Example log		Quantity of					Quantity of					Quantity of					
		bins/dumpster					bins/dumpster					bins/dumpster					
			Percent of carts			Percent of					Percent of						
			filled					dumpster filled					dumpster filled				
*7/25/16	Walmart											4		1	1	2	
**7/25/16	Woodland School						1				1						
*** <mark>7/25/16</mark>	Osakis School											1				1	

****Osakis Schools (District 213) Offset Payment from PDSWM to District 213 would be calculated as follows:

They have 1-4 yard dumpster.

Dumpster 1: 100% full. 3,400 lbs x 2,000 = 1.7 tons

1.7 tons x \$30/ton 'offset' = \$51.00 ('offset')

PAYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT to District 213: \$51.00 (\$94.00/service 'pickup') - \$51.00 = \$43.00/service 'pickup' for Organics Recycling Service

Hit the First Snag

- Sanimax serviced Wal-Mart and 4 schools
- Truck capacity issues with Sanimax
- Lack of composting infrastructure
- Could not grow program
- Sanimax notified Pope/Douglas and schools that they were discontinuing their service in our area on June 2017 (would be continuing Class B 'non-meat' with only Wal-Marts)
- Back to the drawing board...









Hauling Truck Cooperative Solution

- Modified Env Assistance Grant to purchase rear load garbage truck
- Addressed hauler sensitivities and other real or perceived concerns
- Cooperative system
- Truck/carts/stickers branding to not identify contracted hauler
- Contracted hauler to serve any location no matter what
- Restrictions on communication/stealing customers
- Hauler requirement to provide leads to Pope/Douglas
- Haulers to work with customers to reduce MSW pickup/right size







SCAN FOR MORE INFO popedouglasrecycle.com

- 65 & 95 gallons carts
- 2 yd dumpsters
- Otto
- 45 gallon carts ordered late 2022 to right size need and use









ORGANICS RECYCLING

FOOD SOILED PAPER

Waxed Cardboard, Napkins,

Paper Towels, Paper Plates,

Paper Milk Cartons, Tea Bags,

Coffee Grounds Filters

DOUGLAS

ORGANICS RECYCLING IS HERE

Ask US how to get SET UPI 320-763-9340 www.popedouglasrecycle.com



ALL FOOD Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Poultry,

Seafood, Shellfish, Bones, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread Cheese and Eggshells

NO Plastic **NO** Glass

NO^{Metal}

RECYCLE ORGANICS



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NO plastic bags

Visit our website for up to date information

ALL FOOD

Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Poultry Seafood, Shellfish, Bones, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread, Cheese and Eggshells

FOOD SOILED Ø PAPER

Compostable paper and plastic products must be BPI certified.

Napkins, Paper Towels, Tea Bags Coffee Ground Filters

> Do not compost: Plastic Bags Filmy Plastic Styrofoam Plastic Plates, Cups, Cutlerv Packaged Food Handwipes Sanitary Products Fast Food Wrappers

ORGANICS RECYCLING ALL FOOD & FOOD SOILED PAPER



Commercial Collection

- 80-100 customers variation w/seasonal locations
- Need more restaurants to participate
- Solid Waste Ordinances being updated (3+ years)



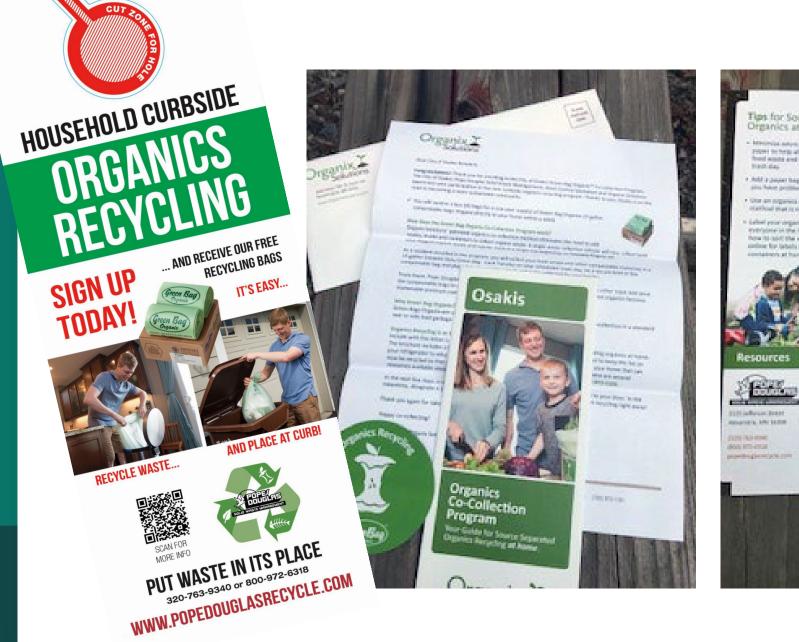






Co-collection Pilot

- 2 year pilot study
- Pope/Douglas/Grant provided grants for 2 year pilot test program
 - Osakis (600 hh) 97 hh signed up
 - Glenwood (1,300 hh) 134 hh signed up
 - Elbow Lake (561 hh)
- Easier to implement due to single hauler contracted by city
- On-going education and communication
- Collect feedback from pilot participants: telephone survey







It's Here. It's Easy. Sign up!

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Household **Organics Recycling**

Join Your Neighbors in creating less waste and a sustainable community! Sign up: popedouglasrecycle.com 320/763-9340



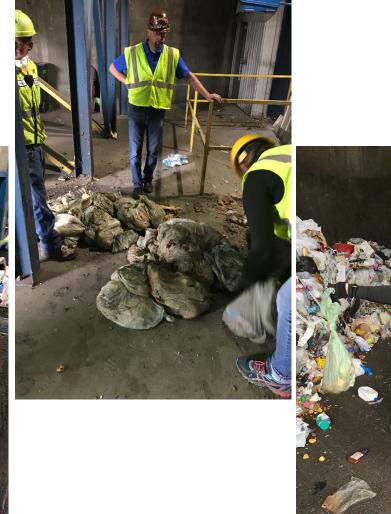




- Check the acceptable items for organics recycling list received in vour welcome kit
- Tie a sturdy knot on the top of your green bag before placing it in your trash can
- Place tied green bag on top of your other trash within your trash can
- Do not place the green bag on top of your trash can









Drop Sites

- 9 community based/supported sites
- Collected weekly
- Schedule cart cleaning rotation
- Uniform look and feel
- Standardized signs/brochures
- Starter kits collection bin/bags/brochure







Zero Waste Events

- Targeted events for greater impact
- Buy-in and acceptance
- BPI compostable supplies/bins
- Green Warrior Program









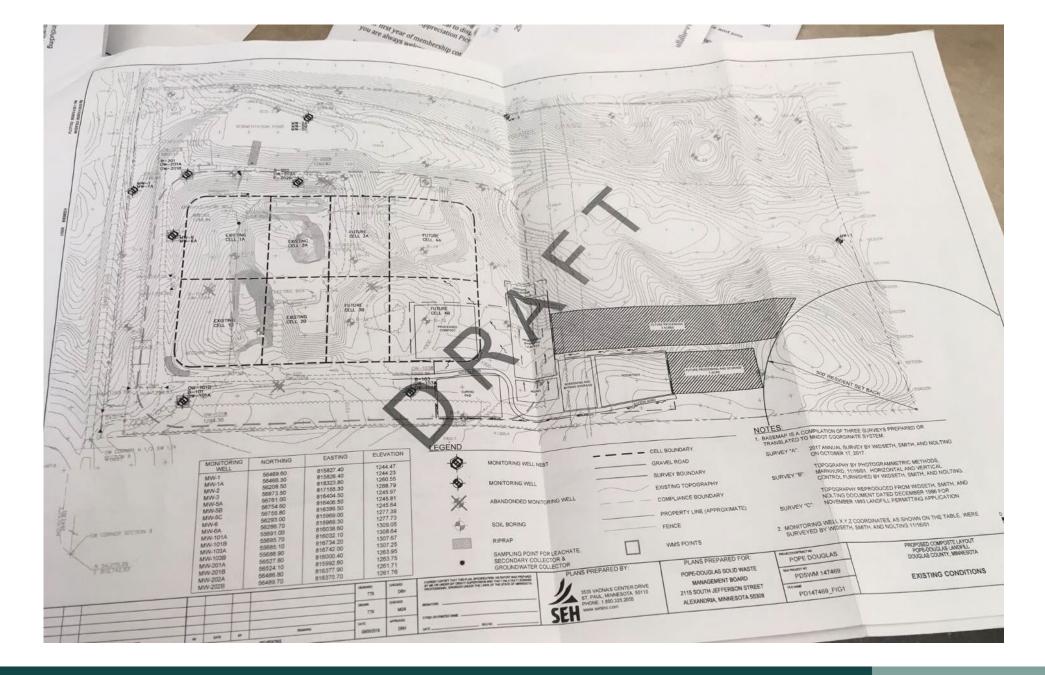
POPE/DOUGLAS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Organics Transfer & Facility Development

2018-2021 Grant

MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant - \$250K
 Match \$137K, Total Project \$387K

- Glacial Ridge Regional Organics Composting Phase I Facility Development and Community Outreach
- Regional approach to growth
- Pope/Douglas, Grant, Stevens, Otter Tail
- Mass growth
- Transfer Capacity
- Hub and Spoke



Organics Transfer Station

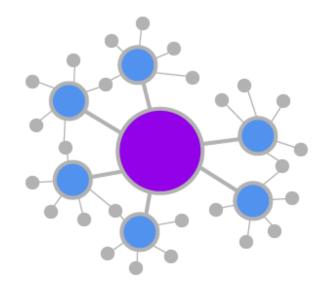
- Phase 1 of Glacial Ridge Compost Facility
 - Capacity to transfer up to 1,000 tons/year
 - Partially paid for with (MPCA) Greater MN EA Grant (2018-2020)

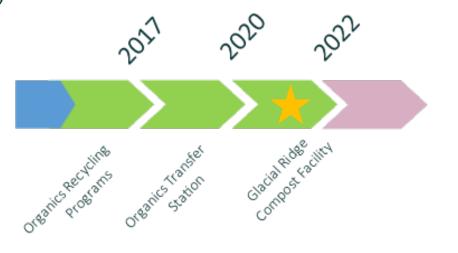






- Why go through the hassle?
 - SCORE increase recycling access and rate
 - Regional Collaboration
 - Pope/Douglas, Tri-County, Grant, Stevens, Otter Tail
 - Long term MSW delivery contracts 'bread and butter'
 - Managing organics to a higher use aligns with Solid Waste Plan and MPCA overall goals of increasing access throughout the state





CAP (Capital Assistance Program)

- Phase I Bonding \$5 Million State Contribution
 - Environmental Center (HHW/Recycling/Problem Materials/Education/Administration
 - Scale House (Shipping/Receiving, Truck Scale/Internal Roads & Queuing Areas)
 - Regional Organics Composting Facility (Office/Processing Facility)

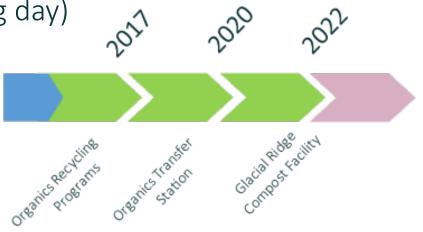




- Intensive research on type of facility to build
 - Low capital/high labor?
 - High capital/low labor?
 - 0&M
 - WLSSD comparison: 12,000 TPY (45 tons/operating day)
 - Right-sizing facility
 - Expect minimum of 2,000 tons in the short term and growing to projections of 10,000 tons

 including ground up yard trimmings/wood chips



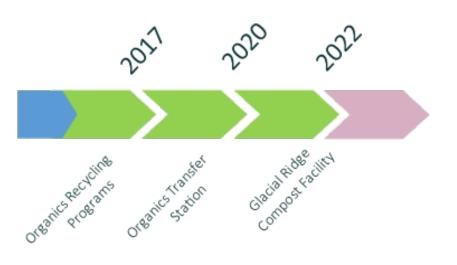


- Local/regional processing
 - In control of our collective destiny
 - Local source of finished compost





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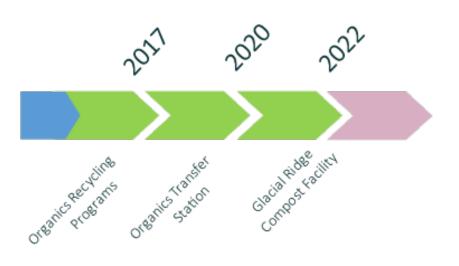
Local/regional processing

Ability to expand facility as programs grow





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- Summer of 2022 (Officially opened September)
 - Site Security
 - Fine-tuning automation systems
 - Finishing concrete pours







Getting the organics dropped at GRCF

- Commercial organics collection
- Community organics drop sites
- Regional county partners









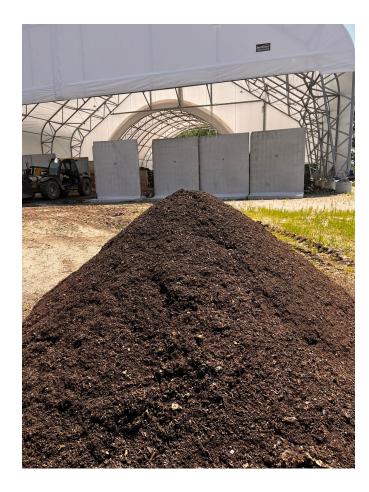


Plate to Garden Events

- High profile events for organics awareness
- Building confidence in compost end-use











Committed Partners











Compost End-Use

- Goal: Develop county compost use requirement
- Goal: Produce biochar with partner/mix with composting process
- Goal: Professionally bagged compost/market to garden centers
- Goal: MN DOT supplier/vendor setup
- Goal: Shovel your own compost @ Env Center
- Goal: Rental of top-spreader to households

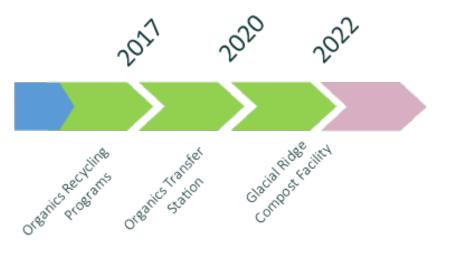






- Special thank you for all those who helped lead us on a good path!
 - SMSC, WLSSD, Swift, SET, Mississippi Topsoils, Creekside
 - Engineered Compost Systems
 - MPCA
 - MN Composting Council
 - US Composting Council





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