

# The City of Madison vs. Food Scraps



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## Organics Program Timeline, Part 1



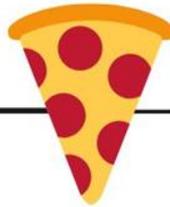
2011

Pilot collection begins - 500 homes & a few businesses



2012-2013

Pilot slowly expands one collection route at a time with volunteers



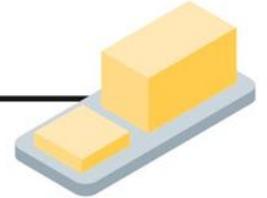
2014

Initial composter closes - program continues



2015

Material hauled to UW-Oshkosh, program expands - but later kicked out for contamination



2016

Material hauled to manure biodigester in Middleton - but later kicked out for contamination



**Organics Program Peak**

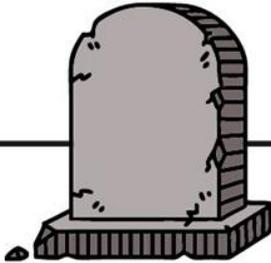
- 1,100 homes
- 40 businesses
- 334.32 tons collected

## Organics / Food Scraps Recycling Program Timeline, Part 2



**2017**

Food waste taken to composter in Caledonia - kicked out for contamination



**2018**

No new processors found. Pilot program ends.



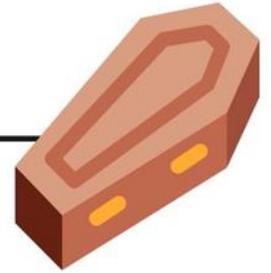
**2019**

New curbside pilot trial. Program rebranded "food scraps recycling". No contamination problems!



**2020**

Foods scraps drop-off at Streets Division drop-off sites from spring to fall.



**2021**

Biodigester accepting material stops taking food. Drop-off program ends.

welcome to  
**COMMUNITY  
COMPOST**  
for the Prairie Hills Neighborhood

This graphic features a white background with a dark blue border. It includes illustrations of various food items: a head of broccoli, a strawberry, a carrot, a daisy, a tomato, and a cracked egg. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting layout.

Today!



**PLAN**

An illustration of a woman with short blue hair, wearing a black and yellow long-sleeved shirt and bright pink pants. She is holding a yellow shopping basket filled with various fruits and vegetables. The background is a solid blue color.

**USE**

An illustration of a woman with short blue hair, wearing a blue shirt, a pink apron, and dark pants. She is standing next to a black charcoal grill on a yellow and blue cart, appearing to be cooking. The background is a solid orange color.

**CREATE**

An illustration of a woman with long red hair, wearing a pink top, a blue skirt, and colorful striped socks. She is holding a large blue bowl and a wooden spoon, as if stirring something. The background is a solid green color.

**SCRAP**

An illustration of a woman with short blue hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, blue pants, and a purple headband. She is holding a small yellow bottle. Next to her is a green compost bin with a blue lid, labeled "COMPOST" and filled with food scraps. The background is a solid yellow color.

# NRDC - Food Matters Initiative (2021-2023)



## Multi-Year Work Plan

- Strategy 1: Resolution
- Strategy 2: Awareness Campaign
- Strategy 3: Drop-Off Sites
- Strategy 4: Business Engagement
- Strategy 5: Health Inspector Info

[CityofMadison.com/FoodScraps](http://CityofMadison.com/FoodScraps)

## How to donate food to area pantries **CREATE OPPORTUNITY**

1

### IDENTIFY WHAT TO DONATE

You can donate food that has not been served. This includes beverages, ingredients, and raw, processed or prepared foods.

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### KEEP THE FOOD SAFE

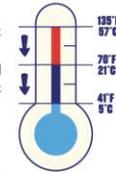
Prepared foods and time/temperature control foods must follow these temperature guidelines:

**HOT FOOD**  
must be kept at  
135°F or above

**COLD FOOD**  
must be kept at  
41°F or below

**HOT FOOD  
THAT IS  
COOLED**

and donated cold must be cooled  
from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours and  
from 70°F to 41°F or below  
within 4 hours, for a total of 6 hours



**(TCS) TIME TEMPERATURE  
CONTROL FOR SAFETY  
FOODS INCLUDE:**



*Additionally: Cooked veggies, cut leafy greens, potato dishes, garlic in oil, raw sprouts, cream or custard, sliced melons and tomatoes, fish and shellfish*

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### LABEL THE DONATIONS

On the container include:

- Business name
- Name of food & known allergens
- Preparation date
- The phrase:  
“Donated food, not for resale”



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### CONTACT TO ARRANGE DROP-OFF OR PICK UP

Scan QR code for a list of local pantries.





# USDA - Community Composting (2022-2023)

- Farmers Market Drop-Off Sites



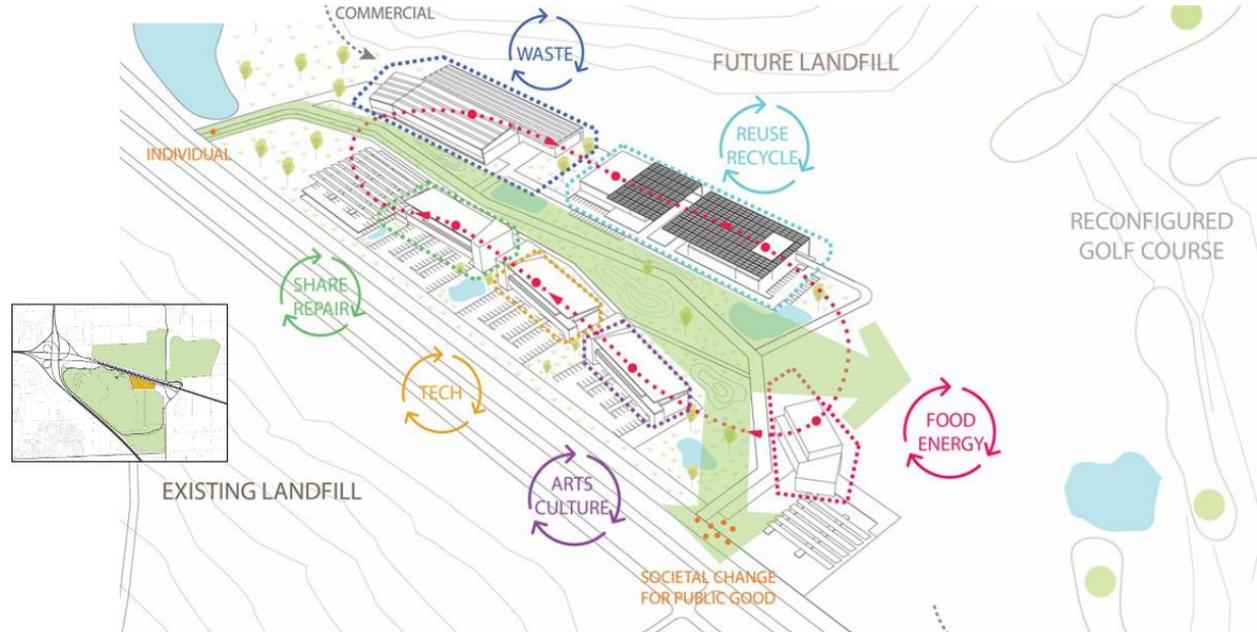
- Restaurant Challenge

<https://sustaindane.org/restaurantchallenge/>



# The Future: Yahara Sustainability Campus

- One part landfill expansion, one part sustainability campus / business park
- Includes a facility to manage food waste



Learn more at <https://landfill.countyofdane.com>.  
Click on Projects to see more detail.

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