



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

North Central Texas Regional Food Waste Collection Networks Roundtable

Monday, July 12, 2021

2:00 p.m., Microsoft Teams

1. **Welcome and Meeting Purpose.**
2. **Update on NCTCOG Organic Waste to RNG Efforts.**

Breanne Johnson (NCTCOG) provided an overview of the North Central Texas Regional Organic Waste to RNG Feasibility Study, an EPA-funded project in collaboration with the University of Texas at Arlington to assess opportunities to convert organic waste to renewable natural gas (RNG) via anaerobic digestion. A [Request for Proposals](#) has been issued by NCTCOG to hire a Contractor for this project. Proposals are due by August 2, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

3. **Presentations from Partner Organizations.**
 - **Texas Christian University (TCU) Food Waste Partnerships.**

Dr. Gina Hill (TCU) presented on TCU's partnerships related to food recovery and food waste diversion. As part of TCU's Food Recovery Network, students deliver edible food to Union Gospel Mission to be shared with community members in need. Dr. Hill also shared the North Hi Mount Elementary Pilot Program aimed at educating students about food recovery, implementing composting in the cafeteria, and facilitating food sharing between students to reduce food waste.
 - **Fort Worth Residential Food Waste Collection.**

Flavia Paulino (City of Fort Worth) presented on Fort Worth's Residential Food Scrap Composting Pilot Program. 1,500 households throughout the city are currently enrolled in the program, which provides compost containers to residents and fourteen food waste drop-off locations to be sent to a composting facility.
 - **CANCELLED: Grapevine Commercial Food Waste Collection.**

Organix Recycling was unavailable to present on their commercial composting service for the City of Grapevine. Breanne shared some basic information about Organix and the services they provide.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Discussion of Regional Opportunities.**

The attendees discussed regional priorities for organic waste diversion and transformation. Attendees emphasized interest in expanded composting services throughout the region and the need to integrate wastewater biosolids into anaerobic digestion (AD). Breanne shared an upcoming [EPA grant opportunity](#) focused on community AD initiatives, which some communities saw as an opportunity for funding depackagers to reduce organic waste contamination.

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. **Next Regional Meeting October or November 2021.**

Attendees were encouraged to share presentation topic ideas with Breanne for the next Regional Organic Waste to RNG Stakeholder Roundtable, to be held later this fall.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Breanne Johnson at (817) 695-9148 or bjohnson@nctcog.org. Thank you!