



**City of Hendersonville ESB
& Henderson County EAC
Joint Meeting**
*City Operations Center - 305 Williams Street
November 10, 2016 - 3:00pm*

Meeting Summary in Blue

EAC Members in attendance:

Ann Green
Philip Ellis
Mary Beth Hayes
Jan Allen
Liz Curtis
Chris Grose
Ryan Cannon
Kimberly Baird

ESB Members in attendance:

Steven Orr
Kim Bailey
Geri Conley
Kristy Sapidus
Alesia Griesmyer
Ian Edwards

Guests & Staff:

Larry Rogers
Ken Fitch
Marcus Jones, Henderson County
Rachel Kipar, Henderson County
Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
Mike Huffman, City of Hendersonville

I. 3:00pm- Call to Order @ 3:05pm

- a. Introduction of members: EAC & ESB
- b. Introduction of guests

II. Old Business

- a. Report from each organization on their ongoing projects
 - i. Bee City
 1. Bee City Hendersonville will have to report on annual activities and submit report for 2017 renewal to Bee City USA
 2. Pollinator Week (June 2017)- planning needs to begin in January 2017
 - ii. City of Hendersonville exploring a 14-acre "pollinator preserve" near Grove Street that would be implemented over the next few years to support a variety of pollinating insects and birds. The purpose of the preserve would first be to protect pollinators and provide food/habitat and second to educate the public on the importance of these species.

III. New Business: *Composting - A focus area that meets a common consensus item for both the ESB and EAC. This item also relates to the County's issue of tipping fees at the Transfer Station.*

- a. City of Hendersonville needs
- b. Henderson County needs
- c. NC Division of Waste Management:
 - i. Compost Pilots & Demonstration Project Doc 2011 (emailed to members prior to meeting)
- d. Project Considerations:
 - i. Site selection

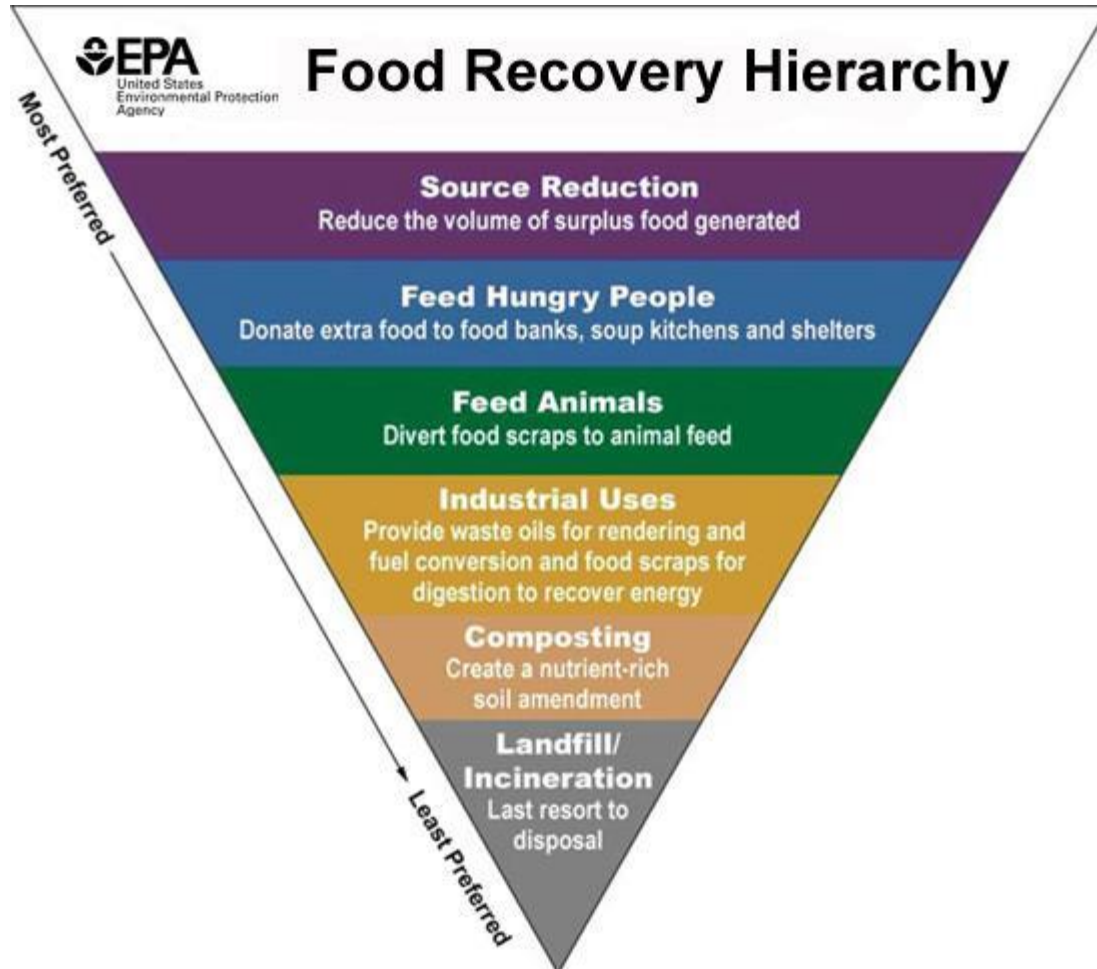
- 1. Possible sites for small-medium scale compost demonstration: Blue Ridge Community College, local schools/school gardens, local churches, Bullington Gardens, homeowners associations, high schools, conservation easement via CMLC
 - ii. Transport
 - iii. Permitting
 - iv. Costs
 - v. **Institutional barriers to establishing large demo project:** easy to gather food waste in the kitchen (ex: restaurant, cafeteria) but the difficulty is in collecting “clean food waste” at the bin on the consumer side
- e. Nearby Examples:
 - i. Danny’s Dumpster (Asheville, NC)
 - ii. Atlas Organics (Spartanburg, SC)
- f. Contacts/Agencies/Resources
 - i. NC Division of Waste Management
 - ii. NC Composting Council
 - iii. Marcus Jones, Director of Engineering, Henderson County
 - iv. Blue Ridge Community College
 - v. Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
- g. Additional Considerations or Next Steps??
 - i. **Partnership opportunities:** with Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy to place compost demo on easement land; partner with Mills River Partnership to help promote composting on a farm where the process is already taking place; reach back out to AgHC to establish compost demo partnerships with willing farmers
 - ii. **Possible survey through ESB to local/downtown businesses about interest in recycling and collecting food waste**
 - iii. **Encourage backyard composting through existing infrastructure:** Cooperative Extension/Master Gardeners, Hendersonville Community Co-op, MountainTrue. ESB & EAC to help promote the programs. Bins should be given out with class registration.
 - iv. **School composting:** suggested to speak with environmental science teachers and coordinators at schools (K-12) about establishing compost projects on-site so the compost can be used in school gardens. This would also provide outreach for the students and they can participate by collecting food waste in the cafeterias. The programs could start out small and add just a few schools per year.
 - v. **Both committees would like to:** decide on workshops/curriculum and identify local partners to help teach about composting
 - 1. Find bins available for purchase and distribute them through composting classes and workshops

IV. Next Month’s Committee Meeting Dates:

- a. ESB- December 15, 2016
- b. EAC- December 1, 2016

Additional Information:

[EPA Sustainable Management of Food](#)



[EPA Food Recovery Challenge](#)

[NC DEQ Compost Rules](#)

[NC DEQ Organics and Compost Guidance](#)

[NC Composting Council](#)

[BioCycle](#)

[NC State Cooperative Extension Compost Learning Lab, Raleigh NC](#)

[SC DHEC Compost Guidance](#)