

Massachusetts Organics Action Plan



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Action Plan Purpose and Overview



- Provide comprehensive strategy and framework to achieve Solid Waste Master Plan goal
 - Reduce disposal of food and other organic materials by 350,000 tons annually by 2020.
- Intent is to track status and use as a living document
- First issued February 2012
- Periodic updates since then
- Last update January 2016
- Plan to update again by January 2017

Action Plan Organization



- 11 page document – combines text and table with action items
- Organized into four primary categories
 - Data Analysis
 - Collection Infrastructure
 - Processing Capacity/Market Development
 - Regulatory Reform/Waste Ban

Action Plan Status



- Almost all action items have been implemented, are ongoing activities, or are underway
- Big picture do not expect to change overall scope of Action Plan
- MassDEP staffing has been reduced
- But have RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program resources

Action Plan Next Steps



- Review action items in current plan
- Receive feedback on new or modified Action Items
- Prepare updated Action Plan by January 2017
- Continue to assess periodically over time

Initial Discussion Questions



- Any major issues in ReFED Roadmap that are not covered in Mass. Action Plan?
- Should we carve out specific sections on reduction and/or donation?
- Other key gaps?
- Current challenges that need more attention?
- Opportunities we may be missing?
- Keep in mind overall resource constraints

Additional Comments or Suggestions?



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