



Food Waste Drop Off Programs

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Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)

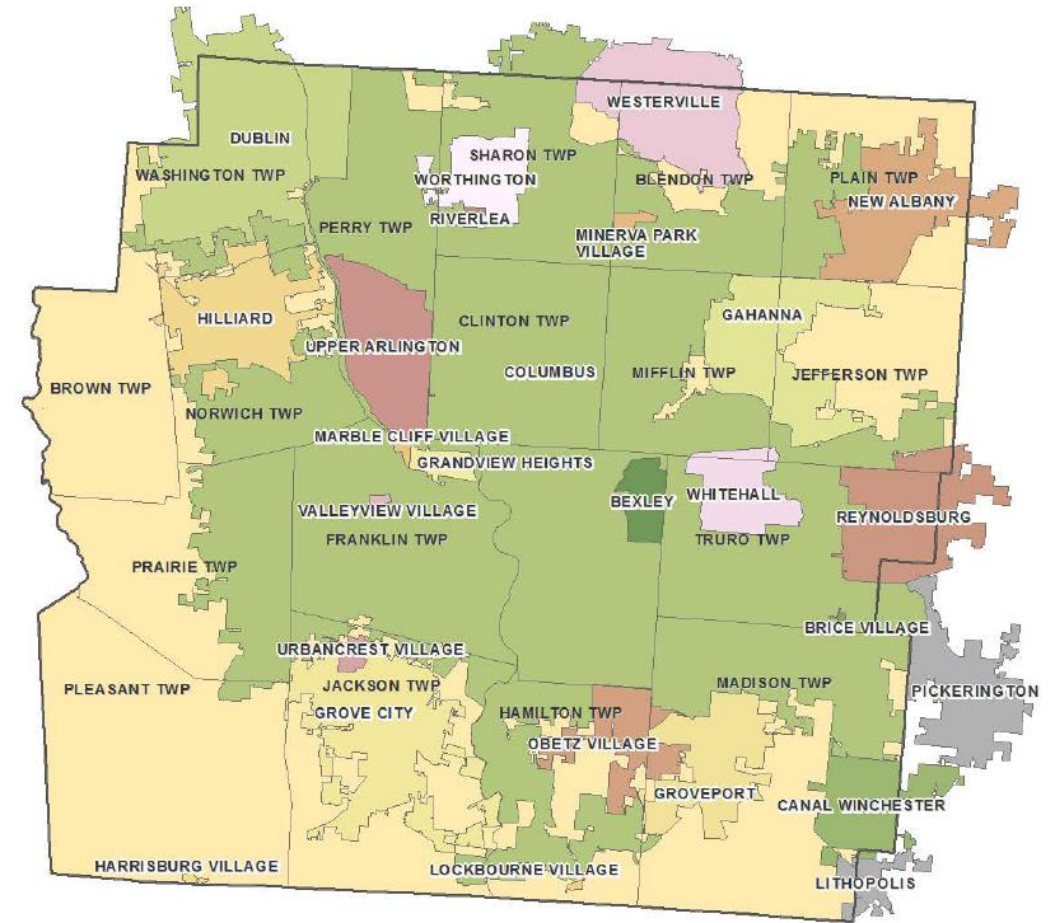
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Program Overview

- Sites are open 24/7, 7 days/wk, all year round and free for the public to use
- Are resources to those who cannot or do not want to compost at home (elderly, people who live in apartments, time constrained, list goes on!)
- Community manages program from start
- One-time funding provided by SWACO via Community Waste Reduction Grant for 1st year costs or expansion costs.
 - Applicant provides 20% contribution
 - Community responsible for all future costs
- Typically sites are located on city property at a municipal building, adjacent to parks and recreation facility
 - Proximity to active spaces is helpful to quickly resolving issues and deters misuse of space
- Ease of program operation: easy!

Existing Sites

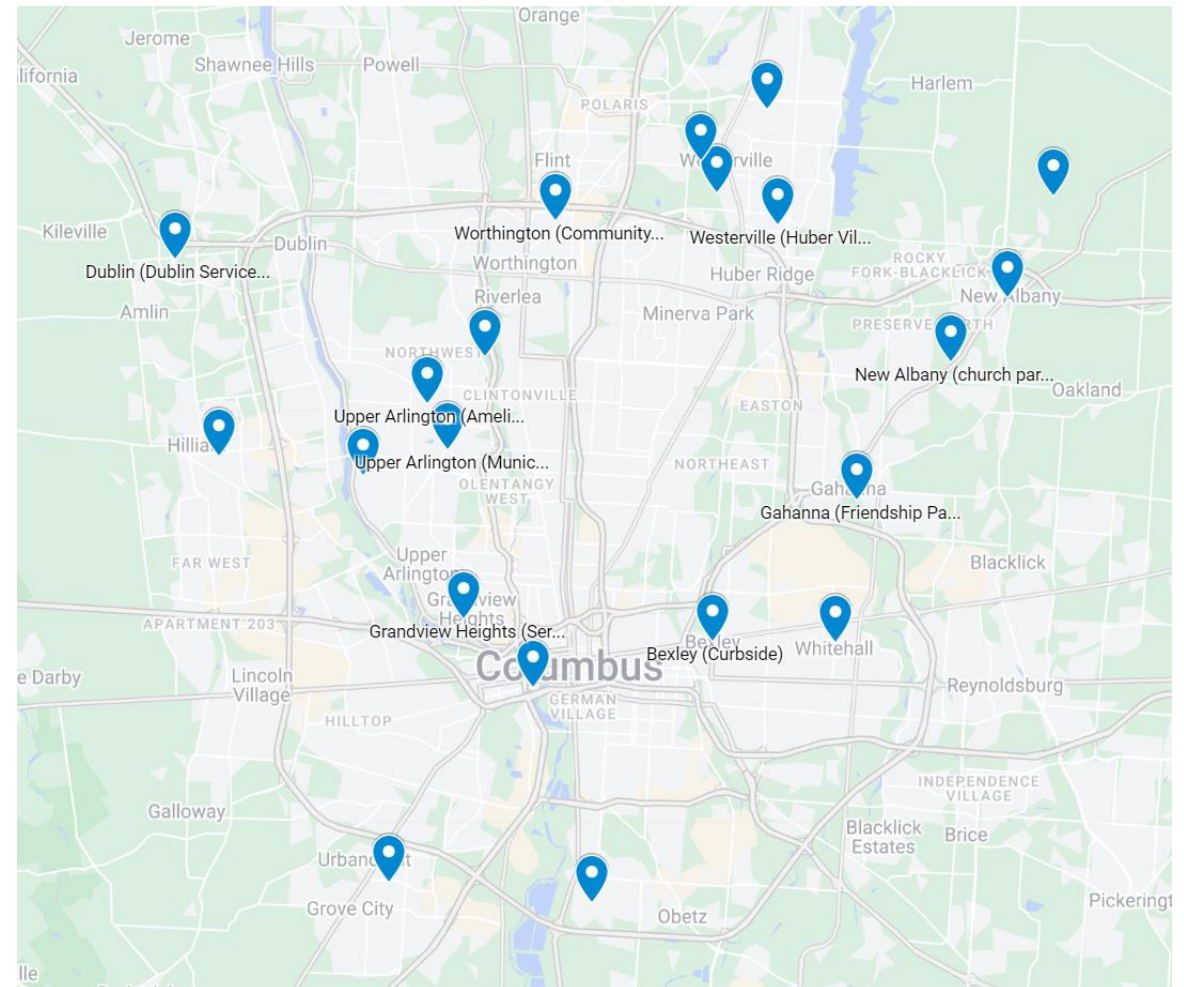
23 sites across 11 communities

1-4 sites/ community(city)

- 2/3rd have 1 site
- 1/3rd have 3-4 sites

City of Columbus aims to have 50 by 2030

70% of Franklin County's population



Education

Save More Than Food Community Campaign

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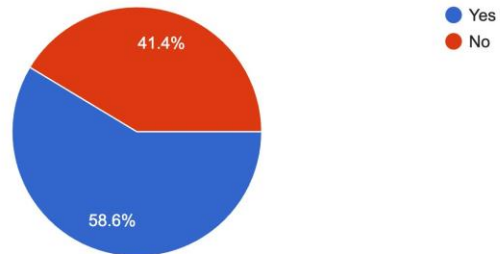


Education

- Registration survey
- Periodic program updates & contamination alert

Have you composted before?

725 responses



- Why are you interested in composting?
- Question about what is compostable

Subject: 2023 Food Scraps Drop-Off Impact

Happy New Year!

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the City of Columbus Food Scraps Drop-Off Program this year. When the program launched in August 2023, it was still to be determined what participation would look like. You showed up, brought your scraps, and your dedication to diverting food waste from the landfill made a significant impact on our community and the environment.

Your commitment has contributed to 35,596 pounds of food scraps being diverted from the landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting our city's Climate Action Plan goals. That equates to 96.36 tons of CO₂eq which is about 21 passenger vehicles driven for one year.

Exciting news lies ahead! We are working on expanding our waste diversion initiatives, providing you with even more convenient options for responsible waste disposal. Stay tuned for updates on new programs and opportunities to further enhance our collective impact.

Once again, thank you and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

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Promotional Items

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FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF PROGRAM



REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The food scrap drop-off service is **free** and open to **all Columbus residents**. Register at Columbus.gov/foodwaste or scan the QR code.

Register early and receive a bucket to collect and transport your food scraps, 300 buckets are available.

REGISTER NOW!



OR GO TO:
Columbus.gov/foodwaste

WHERE DO I GO?
Collect your kitchen scraps at home and simply bring them to one of our NEW food scraps drop-off sites, available 24/7.

YOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION
Anheuser-Busch Sports Park
4990 Orientang River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43214

WHAT FOOD SCRAPS CAN I RECYCLE?

ACCEPTED
Items that are accepted include bones, cheese, coffee grounds and filters, eggs, fish, fruit and vegetables, meats, BPI compostable serviceware, and paper (napkins, cardboard, newspapers, etc.).

NOT ACCEPTED
Items that are NOT accepted include animal waste, bulk oils and fats, chemicals, food packaging, glass, foil, metal, plastic materials, wood, or products labeled "biodegradable" but not "compostable."

A full list is available at columbus.gov/foodwaste.

QUESTIONS? Visit us online at columbus.gov/foodwaste

DON'T STOP AT COMPOSTING

PREVENT FOOD WASTE AT HOME

A family of 4 spends about \$2,000 each year on food that spoils or gets thrown away.

Check out the resources on SaveMoreThanFood.org that can help you save money and feed your family and the soil instead of the landfill!

[Food Storage Guide](#) [Composting Resources](#) [Food Waste Quiz](#)

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SOLID WASTE AND WASTE CONSERVATION

EVERY DAY
in central Ohio,
1 MILLION POUNDS
of food is landfilled.

Return Name
Return Address
Return City, State Zip

4" min.

2" min.

6.25"

Bar Code Zone - NO PRINTING
MUST REMAIN WHITE



Standardized Signage

FOOD WASTE DROP OFF





Use BPI Certified Compostable Bags or No Bag Required



Food Scraps



Bones & Shellfish



Meat



Dairy



Paper Napkins & Paper Towels
Food soiled accepted

NOT ACCEPTED



No Plastic Bags
Use compostable bags



No Pet Waste



No Yard Waste



Don't Overfill Container



Don't Leave Lid Open

Scan or call 614-237-8612 to

- Register to use this site
- Learn how to use this site
- Report a full bin or other issue

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Instructional Sign



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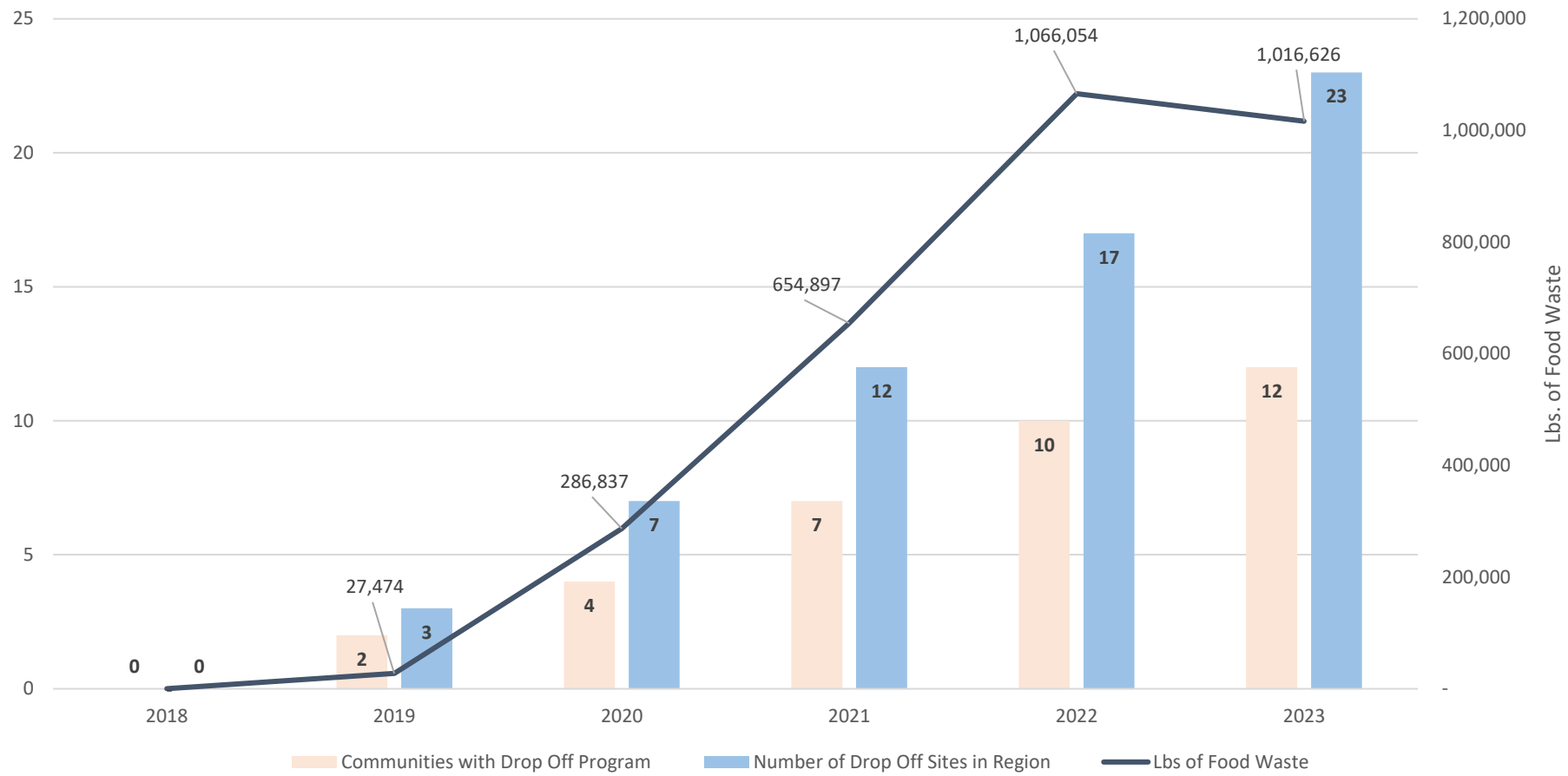
Way Finding Sign

Facilitating Collaboration

- Quarterly meetings to share best practices and learnings
- Codified shared best practices
 - Site design
 - Program promotion
 - Signage
 - Program monitoring
 - Pumpkin collection

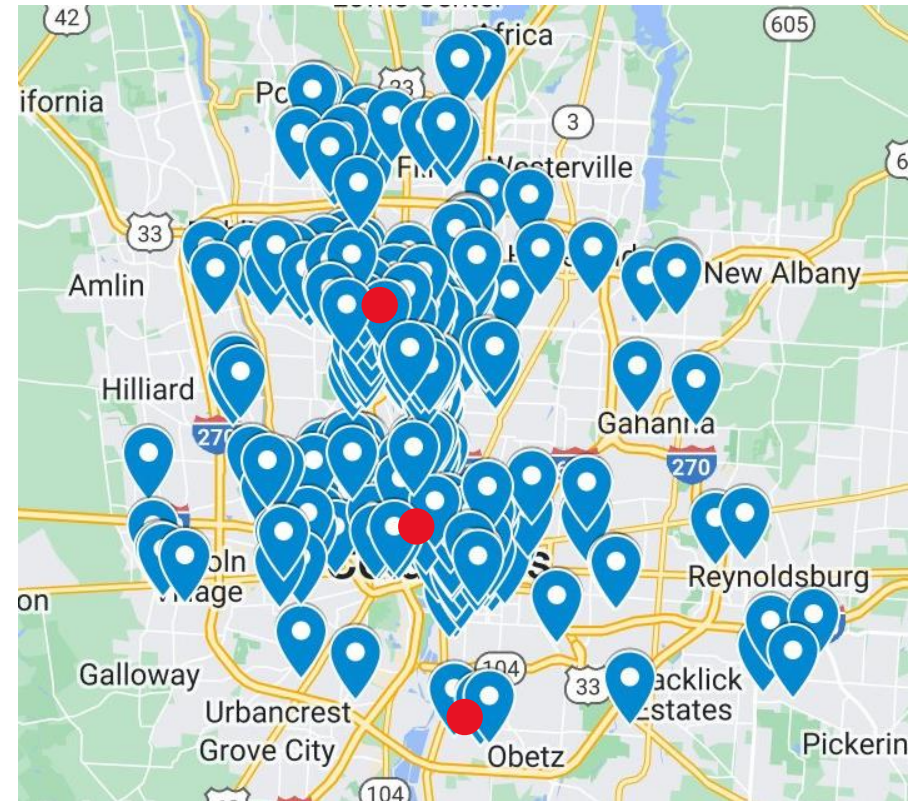


Total Diversion from Food Waste Drop Off Program
Franklin County



Participation in Program

- Not all communities track usage. Creating a registration process when rolling out program is strongly recommended
- Most communities have high sign ups early on, 200-300 participants.
 - Participation drops off once those who are very interested, close by, and willing to drive, sign up
- City of Columbus exhibited high latent demand
 - 700+ people from across the city registered with 2 weeks
- In our region, the ability for program to scale participation largely related to City's ability and willingness to pay for it, promote it, etc.



Average Project Cost



City of Whitehall



Service Costs (1 site;5 toters)	\$3,000 - 4,500/yr
Material Construction Costs (minus labor)	\$1,200
Signage	Free
Bins & liners	Free

Total Start Up Cost	\$4,200 - 5,700
Community Covers (20%)	\$840 – 1,140

<u>OPTIONAL</u>	
250 Buckets	\$1,200
Postcards	\$6,000

Issues



- Very little contamination
 - Contamination can be responded to with education. Registration list should be leveraged as a communication channel to educate users of the program
- Little to no rodent issues
- Little to no insect issues (weekly pick up & bin lids are kept closed)
 - Flies will get in periodically and you may see maggots, it's okay!
- Educate & engage your community



THANK YOU

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