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Re: Saint John's University

To whom it may concern;

As part of their sustainability initiative, Saint John's University has gone through the necessary training and has purchased equipment that has allowed them to apply compost tea throughout the campus. Students have been brewing the compost tea and are applied all over the grounds on the Queens campus to help reduce the need for using purchased fertilizer.

Compost tea is a liquid extract of specially prepared compost and is literally teeming with active soil microbes. These microbes play a critical role in cycling nutrients tied up in the soil which would otherwise be unavailable to plants.

In addition to making and applying compost tea, the students at Saint John's have been very active in composting on a campus wide scale. The compost is being used as part of the nutrient management program which further reduces the need for bulk fertilizers.

It has been a pleasure to work with a group which has such intense focus on this exciting technology.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kindest regards;

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