



Formation of a Northeast Regional Chapter of the US Composting Council (USCC) Fact Sheet

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) is seeking to establish an eight-state Regional Chapter of the USCC¹. The goal of the Regional Chapter will be to support and expand commercial composting and organics management capacity in the Northeast.

NERC's role will be to help in the formation of the Regional Chapter, including identifying individuals to form a Board of Directors, assisting in the development of legal documents, and providing general staffing support to the Regional Chapter Board in the stages leading to membership solicitation.

Board of Directors Formation

Formation of a Board of Directors will be the first phase. The Board of Directors will be responsible for:

- Developing bylaws
- Developing a membership structure, with benefits
- Developing a budget
- Developing a workplan
- Developing a website
- Leveraging brand marketing elements as provided by the USCC
- Soliciting and securing paying members and other supporting entities

We are seeking individuals from all eight participating states, including private and public sector representatives of the Organics Industry.

Potential Regional Chapter Initiatives

Among the anticipated Regional Chapter initiatives are:

- Educational programming in support of organics management capacity development
- Advocacy on the topic of composting and reuse of compost to the forefront in the Northeast, providing educational resources and more public involvement. Thus, creating a strong unified voice to support organics recycling and to increase the visibility of commercial composting and more local adaptive options, and develop markets for compost use.
- Networking

Examples of potential Regional Chapter initiatives include:

- Creating and maintaining a website
- Chapter listserv
- Regularly membership calls
- Development and implementation of workshops, trainings and webinars
- Promotion of Regional Chapter membership

The Regional Chapter will *not* engage in lobbying or other political initiatives unless it establishes itself as legally independent from NERC.

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¹ Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. We are excluding three states in the NERC region that already are USCC Chapters or have strong state-based organics organizations.