



# LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

## CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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### *Café Conversation Harvest*

## **GOAL 4**

Prevent Food-related Waste

ID	Action	Summary	Revisions Needed?	
			<i>Language (Report Content)</i>	<i>Core Concept (Action itself)</i>
157	Support educational campaigns and incentives to encourage food waste reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General willingness for food waste reduction (surveys)</li> <li>• Limited awareness of disposal options and regulations</li> <li>• Leverage existing efforts by Ohio EPA &amp; SWACO</li> <li>• Increase consumer education to support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happened to any actions that encourage using good food that would otherwise go to waste? (“ugly” food, unsold in stores etc.) - maybe could incorporate into/accentuate in processing actions - food that might not be sellable “raw” but once processed could be utilized (DC Central Kitchen model)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broader perspective about not just talking to local food advocates during implementation but also just general food system folks who have expertise but are maybe not working specifically with local food</li> <li>• Concern about how implementation will move forward. Will WC members go to</li> </ul>

		<p>increased demand for disposal options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplement education with incentives like curbside pick-up and tipping fees</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add packaging issues</li> <li>• Include composting</li> <li>• Zero waste policies on education</li> <li>• Stronger language on prevention</li> <li>• ReFed study to reduce food waste by 20% - \$20 billion investment saving \$100 billion</li> <li>• Chefs who do waste dinners is one example of broad idea</li> <li>• Need two different campaigns....consumers separate from large scale</li> </ul>	<p>businesses and nonprofits to try to draft them into leading certain actions? How will this effort be carried forward practically? Needs strong framing, facilitation, and design for successful implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process-oriented concerns about implementation - how to develop shared values, design engagement structures, develop shared work that is sustainable?</li> <li>• Educate people on how to use more food effectively to not create waste</li> <li>• Educate and support institutions/restaurants on how to prevent/reduce so much excess food, creating food waste (similar to food safety)</li> <li>• This is a priority, big costs but big impact, including environmental and economic issues</li> <li>• Audiences are large generators of waste and consumers, different campaigns, restaurants</li> </ul>
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589	Provide incentives to businesses for food waste reduction plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate waste reduction practices into business licensing and permitting</li> <li>• Provide low cost or free technical assistance</li> <li>• Recognize participating business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calling-out education/technical-assistance</li> <li>• Not “here’s a plan, adopt it” but rather - “have a plan”</li> <li>• Add implementation of plans</li> <li>• Businesses should have strategy and best practices to reduce waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference existing programs that work to reuse large waste products (plastic bag recycling bins at grocery stores) and look at best practices in other communities such as Tuscon</li> <li>• Look at how to work w/ restaurants, large institutions, events, etc.</li> </ul>
108	Support zoning and health codes that encourage alternative food waste disposal methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifying, communicating and revising zoning and health codes to increase food donation and/or composting</li> <li>• Lessen barriers to composting in commercial/industrial areas</li> <li>• Public agency conversations with local food businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could we tie in with something existing (EPA guidelines/regulations) rather than starting something from scratch?</li> <li>• Businesses need to be aware of opportunities, protections and incentives to donate edible food</li> <li>• Weave in support of stakeholders for organic waste and build infrastructure</li> </ul>	
135	Offer low-cost compost bins to residential areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand existing workshop and rebate offerings offered by Franklin Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</li> <li>• Public agencies meet with neighborhood associations, civic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to make sure residents have the right tools/knowledge - how can we include waste education in other actions? Include schools/restaurants?</li> <li>• How do we balance composting with other work that it causes? (rodent control)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add education as part of this action; many do not know how to use</li> </ul>

		<p>agriculture organizations to consider other methods to expansion and widespread residential composting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Public Health agencies to ensure safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging issues</li> <li>• Majority of food waste is generated in households, not restaurants</li> <li>• Garbage disposal better to use than compost</li> <li>• Contamination is issue with compost</li> <li>• Build infrastructure and then require recovery</li> </ul>	
<b>420</b>	Provide training and guidance for large-scale food waste generators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public agency strategizing of infrastructure enhancements for collection and processing</li> <li>• Connect large scale waste generators with current, local innovative practices, opportunities, and infrastructure--in the form of presentations, workshops, training sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tie in incentives with education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease illness, obesity in children and adults.</li> <li>• As an organizer looking outside the profit and politics involved, and become a free space for all people including food equity.</li> </ul>

## ***Café Conversation Harvest - General Comments***

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- Policy about gleaning from fields (has been discussed previously)?
- As a lay person, it was difficult to understand the incentives, such as no cost to businesses.