

ORGANICS SYMPOSIUM

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The economics of organic waste diversion

- Waste or resource?
- The ideal state – turn a “waste stream” into an economic resource for the community

Options for end use / disposal

- ⦿ Landfill (status quo, all potential value is lost)
- ⦿ Compost
- ⦿ Convert to energy
- ⦿ Value added processing

The organics “business case”

- Quality and quantity of the feedstock
- Potential end uses
- Cost of collection and transport
- Cost of processing
- Size of market for value added product
- Cost of marketing / sales
- Profitability of the segment

Questions we need to ask ourselves

- ① Where does this fit among competing priorities for scarce resources?
- ① What is the role of government?
Regulator? Facilitator?
- ① How much are we willing to pay to meet our objectives?
- ① Who do we want to be as a City?

- ◎ Cutting edge technologies, strong partnerships between the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, political vision, world-class research centers and winning the war for talent will define great cities of the future.