

Franklin County Food Waste Diversion

Cities and Counties Leading Efforts
to Stop Food Waste Webinar

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Background

2006: County Commissioners adopt Sustainability Resolution (683-06) solidifying Franklin County's commitment to the mutually compatible goals of environmental protection and economic growth, and to promote sustainable principles in policy decisions and programs.

2009: Formation of internal 'Green Team' of employees to research, create, implement and promote sustainable practices in County facilities.

Goal: Zero Waste

'Green' courthouse cafeteria operations

- (900 meals per day)

April 2013: New contract with our vendor
(AVI Foodsystems. Inc).

- Replaced Styrofoam to-go containers, with compostable containers.

- **August 23:** Started diverting food scraps in the kitchen



Zero Waste Station

November 12: Transformed tray return area into a 'Zero Waste Station'



Next Steps

Downtown Jail: 1,900+ meals per day

- Began food waste diversion on December 14, 2013
- “Trustees” enthusiastic about program

Larger jail: 5,000+ meals per day

- Started in March 2014

Later this year: Juvenile Detention Center



Cost?

No net cost. What we are paying for food waste/compostable hauler, we are saving in landfill tipping fees. Extending the life of our landfill.

\$12 for the first 64-gallon container, \$10 each additional. One pickup per week from cafeteria, two pickups per week for each jail.

TOTAL DIVERSION: 10 tons per month

Supporting a Local Small Business

Hauler is a local WBE (Eartha Limited)

County served as sponsor for a state Market Development Grant application awarded in 2011 (\$20,000 startup funds)

Questions?

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