



## Raising Awareness for Organics Diversion

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The Organics Council continues to meet regularly to share news and updates from around the state, in addition to coordinating upcoming events, outreach and campaigns. Plans are currently underway to evaluate needs for future training opportunities; members are encouraged to respond to the survey [here](#) to provide additional feedback on topics of interest. This will help shape upcoming trainings and inform the NYS Organics Summit Planning committee, which is beginning to develop plans for the 3rd Annual NYS Organics Summit, to be held Spring '17. Also, don't forget to keep checking back for updates from the Food Recovery working group, which is coordinating with stakeholders across the state to develop a campaign

on food waste prevention. Upcoming organics related events in the region include a [USCC Operators Training](#) in early August in Cobleskill and a [Canadian Composting Conference](#) in Niagara Falls, September 26-28.

May marked International Compost Awareness Week, in addition to the first-ever full organics track at the Federation Spring Conference and Trade Show. In June, members Mary Schwarz of CWMI and Charles Duprey of Naturcycle presented at the Local Roads Conference in Ithaca, sharing information about road kill composting. Several Organics Council members also attended a Community Composting workshop & tour held at the end of the month in Cortland, which drew a total of 55 attendees.