**Ohio Organics Council**

**2019 Annual Meeting and Conference**

Friday, November 8, 2019 from 8:30 am—3:30 pm

DoubleTree Worthington
175 Hutchinson Road, Columbus, OH

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**Check in and continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Program starts at 8:50 am.**

**The Big Picture**

**State of Organics Diversion in Ohio**  |  Laurie Stevenson, Director, Ohio EPA
Hear about the current state of organics recycling in Ohio and what the future holds.

**State of Organics Diversion in the U.S.**  |  Frank Franciosi, Executive Director, US Composting Council
Learn what is happening in utilizing and recycling organics throughout the country.

**Addressing Challenges**

**Successful Programs for Reducing Contamination**  |  Jim Skora, GT Environmental
Learn how direct engagement of residents for curbside solid waste services can make a big impact on reducing contamination and increasing participation.

**Using Compost in Organic Food Production**  |  Lyndell Pate, Ecoverse
Separating plastic and other debris from compost is an overwhelming challenge for composters. Learn about different types of screening equipment (trommel, star, shaker, deck), how they work, and the best/worst applications for each.

**Successful Community Programs for Reducing Food Waste: A Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Sharon Banres, Barnes Organics  |  Panel: Christine Bunker Deye, A&R Creative Group; Cliff Hetzel, Hillard School District; Tom Phillips, Stark Fresh
Learn about the planning and implementation process that has made the program effective in diverting food waste from landfills in Ohio.

**Emerging Markets and Opportunities**

**What the Research Shows**  |  Fred Michel, Ohio State University
Hear about OSU’s zero waste efforts plus research on the effects of compost amendments on microbial communities in potting media and on the fates of new herbicides during composting.

**Addressing Water Quality Issues through Improved Soil Health**  |  Jason Ziss, KB BioEnergy
Find out how soil degradation is contributing to Ohio’s water quality challenges and what we can do about it.

**Can Additives Improve the Composting Process?**  |  Mark Allen, Harvest Quest
Find out how microbial inoculants have potential to improve different aspects of the composting process.

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**Registration**

**Registration cost:** Include continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is limited.

**General registration:** $75  |  **Student registration:** $25

**Online registration only.** Please do not use the PayPal option—credit card or check only.

**Continuing Education Credits:**

**USCC Professional Credential Program**  |  5 hours  |  **Registered Sanitarians:** 5 hours

**SWANNA Certified Professionals:** 5 hours

**Networking Event**  |  Thursday, November 7  @ 6:30 pm  |  Meet in the DoubleTree lobby.

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