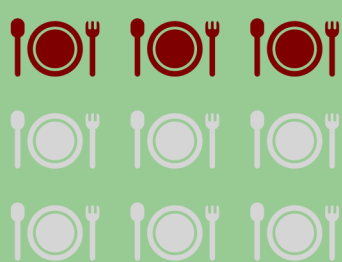


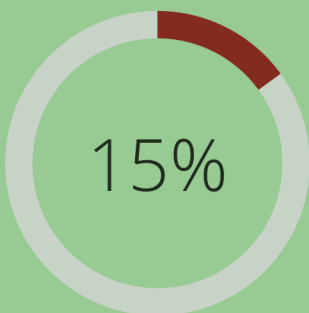
# WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S Composting Journey

Composting is one of our most powerful tools against wasted food. The process provides green jobs, creates an invaluable product, and increases our resilience against climate change.



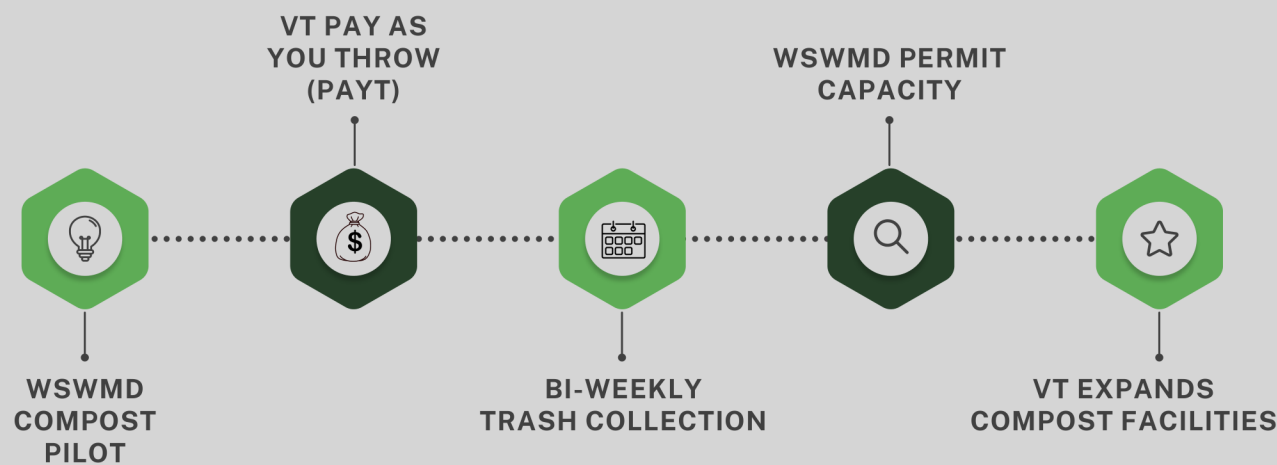
## FOOD WASTE

According to the USDA, 30-40% of the national food supply is estimated to be wasted.

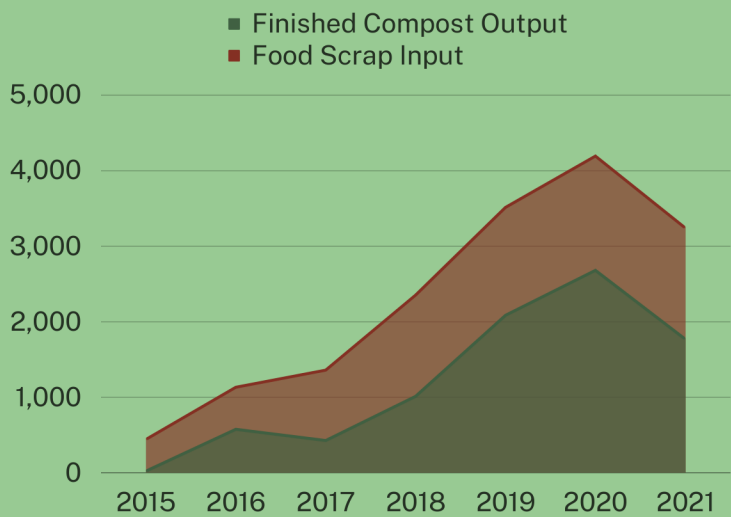


## LANDFILL METHANE EMISSIONS

Rotting organic matter in landfills constantly leaks methane, a very strong greenhouse gas. Landfills contribute 15% of all U.S. methane emissions.



From 2011 to 2022, WSWMD has been providing compost services for Windham County and beyond. Various municipal changes have had a hand in expanding our practices and increasing our output.



## WSWMD INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

From 2015 to 2021, WSWMD composted 7,668 tons of food scraps and produced 8,580 tons of finished compost for our local community.



## COMPOST FACILITIES

Compost facilities exist in many parts of Vermont, combat landfill waste and create an invaluable resource.



Boyd Family Farm

Community Supported Agriculture

D & E Tree

Compost Sales

Maple Hill Nursery

Specialize in Native Plants

Renaud Tree Care

Landscaping Services

## COMPOST DISTRIBUTION

There are many uses for finished compost. Our distributors use it for gardening and landscaping which results in healthy plants for all to enjoy. In the future we hope to reach out to managers of infrastructure so that they may use finished compost to combat erosion.