



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

September 18, 2025
10:00 A.M. – 12:50 P.M.

In-Person Meeting

3rd Floor Board Room, COG Offices
777 North Capitol Street, NE

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AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Michele Blair, City of Laurel

10:10 A.M. 2. COMPOSTING UPDATE

A. New York City Curbside Organics Collection

Andrew Hoyles, Director of Outreach

Jonathan Viguer, Assistant Commissioner

Bureau of Public Affairs, NYC Department of Sanitation

NYC will describe its curbside compost collection program, which is now available to all city residents weekly.

B. City of Laurel Introduces Mandatory Composting

Michele Blair, Sustainability Manager

City of Laurel

Ms. Blair will discuss how Laurel became the first city in Maryland to implement mandatory residential food separation and composting—the new ordinance took effect July 1, 2025.

C. Composting in Ocean City

Josh Chamberlain, Founder

Go Green OC

Mr. Chamberlain will explain Go Green OC's partnership with Ocean City, MD, to collect food waste from area restaurants and compost it on a farm in Bishopville.

D. Vermont Food Management System

Shannon Choquette, Environmental Analyst

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Mr. Choquette will detail how Vermont's organics landfill ban in 2020 and related hauler requirements have stimulated the food management system from diversion/collection all the way up to composting facilities.

E. NourishNet Recovers Usable Food

Dr. Vanessa Frias-Martinez, FoodLoops Apps Lead Programmer
Associate Professor, University of Maryland

Dr. Frias-Martinez will explain how the NourishNet food recovery initiative and related FoodLoops app optimize surplus food distribution.

12:00 P.M. 3. LUNCH

12:30 P.M. 4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Battery Management Campaign
- B. Go Recycle Campaign
- C. Committee Updates

12:40 P.M. 5. NEWS EXCHANGE AND INDUSTRY UPDATE

12:45 P.M. 6. SET NEXT MEETING DATE (DECEMBER 4 - NAVIGATING REGULATORY AND FUNDING CHANGES (IN-PERSON))

12:50 P.M. 7. ADJOURN

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