
Ohio Grocers Association and Ohio Grocers Foundation

Diversion and Composting Initiative



Ohio Grocers Association

- Trade Association for grocery stores (chains and independents) in Ohio
- Over 600 members
- Purpose is to represent members through legislative and regulatory efforts
- Resource for food industry



Ohio Grocers Foundation

- Philanthropic arm of the Ohio Grocers Association
- Advocates for issues related to the food industry
- Promotion through enhancement and education



Partnership with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

- Met with ODNR in May 2007
 - Discussed composting and diversion within grocery stores
 - Need for a program to share with OGA members and other retail food establishments
 - Grant funding
 - Pilot program
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Environmental Task Force

- Formed Task Force in June 2007
- Members include retailers, wholesalers, ODNR, EPA, composting facilities and other interested parties
- Developed plan for Environmental Conference on October 23, 2007
- Developed plan for Pilot Composting/Diversion Program



Composting/Diversion Pilot Program

- Identify 5-6 OGA member sites to participate
 - Meet with consultant for evaluation on current waste generation and an economic analysis
 - Identify collection system, composting facility and hauler
 - Train staff
 - Implement program
 - After pilot, share with all OGA members
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Benefits for Grocers

- Economic savings
- Environmental concerns
- Builds a positive image



Questions?

