

Planet New Canaan's Close the Loop Compost Solution

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- Introduce your community (or communities) and summarize the energy-related challenge (or challenges) here.
- New Canaan is a Connecticut town of 6500 residents located roughly 45 miles from New York City. Like many New England towns, municipal waste presents a significant problem as CT incinerators are nearly obsolete and landfills are hundreds of miles away. In 2021, Planet New Canaan fundraised to launch a food scrap collection program at the New Canaan transfer station. Residents were encouraged to drop their food scraps in toters, and the toters were picked up weekly by an independent contractor and carted more than 25 miles away to an industrial compost site. This program was a positive first step in New Canaan's composting journey; however, to maximize the food scraps collected and minimize the emissions from transport, Planet New Canaan seeks to add a compost machine on site at its transfer station. The new composter will process a greater amount of food scraps, will eliminate emissions currently created by transporting the food scraps, and will provide compost to local gardens, including the garden supporting our local Food Pantry.
- Town of New Canaan, Department of Public Works

