



**EBC Solid Waste Management Program
Organics in Massachusetts: Where is it All Going?**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome:**
- Thomas A. Mackie, Vice Chair – Strategic Planning, EBC Board of Directors Leadership Team, EBC Solid Waste Management Committee Shareholder, Mackie Shea, P.C.
- Welcome to Bowditch & Dewey, LLP:**
- Robert D. Cox Jr., Chair, EBC Board of Directors Managing Partner, Bowditch & Dewey, LLP
- Introduction – Program Overview and What You Will Learn**
- Gretchen Carey, Program Co-Chair Recycling & Organics Coordinator, Republic Services President, MassRecycle
- 8:20 a.m. **Massachusetts Organics Progress Report**
- John Fischer, Branch Chief Commercial Waste Reduction and Waste Planning Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- 8:50 a.m. **Food Recovery as a Solution for Organics**
- Lauren Palumbo, Chief Operating Officer, Lovin' Spoonfuls
- 9:20 a.m. **Emerging Contaminants and Other Issues with Compostable Foodware and Other Products**
- Terri Goldberg, Executive Director, NEWMOA
- 10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**

- 10:30 a.m. The Science of Manufacturing Composting**
- James Gist, Chief Financial Officer, Brick Ends Farm

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: Debra Darby, Program Co-Chair; Organix Solutions

Panelists:

- John Fischer, MassDEP
- James Gist, Brick Ends Farm
- Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA
- Lauren Palumbo, Lovin' Spoonfuls

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Gretchen Carey has worked in the environmental field for over a decade as a volunteer, municipal recycling coordinator, and now the Republic Services Recycling and Organics Coordinator for New England. Along with training and educating on recycling and diversion, she is helping to build the organics infrastructure in Massachusetts. Gretchen is President of the Board of Directors for the statewide recycling group, MassRecycle, is a LEED Green Associate, and a Zero Waste TRUE advisor, along with being a member of the EBC Solid Waste Management Leadership Committee.

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Debra Darby is marketing director for Organix Solutions, an organics recycling and solid waste consultancy based in Minnesota. She works with industry and government on waste reduction and implementing Organix Co-Collection as a cost-effective curbside program for organics (food waste) recycling. She is part of a project team involved with implementing new technologies and infrastructure for organics recycling and solid waste processing. Debra serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the statewide recycling group MassRecycle, and is a member of the EBC Solid Waste Management Leadership Committee. She holds an MS degree in Work Environment/Cleaner Production from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

SPEAKERS

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John Fischer is Branch Chief for Commercial Waste Reduction and Waste Planning at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). In this position, he coordinates MassDEP's programs to advance waste reduction, recycling, and composting by businesses and institutions in Massachusetts. John also oversees development and implementation of Massachusetts' Solid Waste Master Plan, solid waste and recycling data, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and disaster debris planning.

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James Gist has been in business development for over 20 years with most of his time spent in new markets and product development. He has been with Brick Ends Farm for three years and has redeveloped the company's market strategy from farm to a manufacturer of high end soil.

James received a dual Bachelors degree in Geology and Anthropology from the University of Louisiana, a Masters in Hydraulic Engineering from the University of Houston, and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Terri Goldberg, Executive Director
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Terri Goldberg is the Executive Director of NEWMOA. She oversees the Association's hazardous waste, solid waste, pollution prevention, materials management, toxics reduction programs. She served as NEWMOA's Pollution Prevention Program Manager from 1989 to 1999 when she became the Deputy Director and served in that role until 2011. In her current role, Ms. Goldberg oversees day-to-day operations; coordinates with the Board of Directors in planning the organization's activities; oversees development of grants and contracts; supervises the staff; represents the member states in regional and other forums; and maintains liaisons with federal agencies, other organizations, industry and the environmental community. She has a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health with a concentration in environmental policy. Prior to joining NEWMOA, she was an Associate at the Industrial Economics, Inc. and before that she worked at the U.S. EPA Region 1 on lead reduction activities.

Lauren Palumbo, Chief Operating Officer

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Lauren's role at Lovin' Spoonfuls combines a background in nonprofit work with her passion for food, and has led to more than 6 years of growth and leadership on the 'Spoonfuls team. Lauren has worked to grow the network of partners served by Lovin' Spoonfuls and expand the reach of the organization throughout Eastern Massachusetts, and soon into Western Massachusetts. Lauren seeks to bring this food rescue model to every community in Massachusetts, and to continue to lead conversations on the importance of reducing food waste and ensuring access to healthy food for all people. In 2015, Lauren was recognized as an 'Emerging Leader' by Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders program, and in 2016, Lauren was selected as one of the BBJ's '40 under 40', which recognizes Boston's young business leaders.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

May 23 – Evening Program: Environmental Programs at the City of Boston and in the Commonwealth

May 24 – Energy Resources Site Visit: MassCEC Wind Technology Testing Center

May 29 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Brownfields Tax Credits

May 31 – Energy Resources Program: Carbon Capture & Sequestration

June 3 – Solid Waste Management Committee Program Planning Meeting

June 4 – Rhode Island Program: RIDEM Implementation of the Generator Improvements Rule

June 5 – Rhode Island Program: 2nd Annual Stormwater Conference

June 7 – Climate Adaptation Forum: Disruptive Climate, Disruptive Technologies

June 10 – Energy Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting

June 10 – Dam Management Committee Program Planning Luncheon

June 11 – Connecticut Program: Remediation Standards Update

June 12 – Solid Waste Program: New England Conference of State Solid Waste Directors

June 14 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Risk Communication

June 17 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Luncheon

June 19 – EBC 26th Annual EBEE Awards and 29th Annual Meeting

June 21 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: Innovative Data Collection Techniques

June 24 – Infrastructure Committee Program Planning Meeting

July 25 – New Hampshire Program: The Future of PFAS Regulation and Cleanup in New Hampshire

July 10 – Connecticut Summer Gathering at the Connecticut Valley Brewing Company

July 11 – Energy Resources Program: Briefing by New England State Energy Directors

July 12 – New Hampshire Briefing from NHDES and USEPA

July 16 – Climate Change Program: Private Sector Facility Planning and Preparedness

July 17 – Site Remediation Program: Update from U.S. EPA Brownfields Program

July 23 – Connecticut Emerging Contaminants: Identifying Risks from PCBs in Building Materials

July 24 – Emerging Contaminants Program: PFAS Remediation and Disposal

July 26 – New England Climate Change Summit

July 30 – Connecticut Emerging Contaminants Program: PFAS Overview

July 31 – Emerging Contaminants: Treatment and Disposal of PCB Contaminated Building Materials

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