

CSWS' Food Diversion Curriculum Gains Traction



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Excitement has been building and a pilot project is in the works! This summer CSWS will begin teaching segments of its food-diversion curriculum weekly at a summer camp. Classroom concepts will be translated into reality through hands-on learning. Campers will be introduced to landfill alternatives by learning how to take an entity that is seen as waste, food scrap, and turn it into a valuable resource, compost. They will be tasked with weighing and recording their food waste and building a composter to see firsthand how food scraps become soil.

Over the past year, volunteers at CSWS have been speaking with local groups about the curriculum. After many discussions, it was determined that after-school programs and day camps would be the most appropriate venues for the curriculum which focusses on elementary-school-aged children. The curriculum has been enthusiastically received.

Work has already begun on partnering with after-school programs in the Fall to implement the 10-session course. The summer pilot will aid in refining the material for maximum benefit to the students. At present, these opportunities are focused in Hillsborough County. CSWS plans to implement it in all NH counties over the coming years.

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