

## Preconference Tour

### Austin Large-Scale Composting

Join us for a tour of two of the primary facilities processing organics from the City of Austin, Organics By Gosh, taking source-separated organics, and Hornsby Bend, processing biosolids.

**Organics by Gosh (OBG)** <https://www.organicsbygosh.com/> is a green waste and food waste composter that serves the greater Austin area. Located on 180 acres in Elgin, Texas the facility is co-located with a quarry which provides much of the materials for its soils blending operation and with Oldcastle which takes about 20% of the company's output for its bagging operation. OBG takes 100% of the City of Austin's curbside residential foodwaste/greenwaste programs which services 200,000 households. The Company also collects post-consumer food waste from over 300 area restaurants for its composting operation. OBG has a depackaging operation which de-packages pre-consumer food waste for industries within the region. Compost is processed utilizing windrows with the final product sold directly through its retail operation or delivered to its blending operation where the company produces soil blends.

**Hornsby Bend Compost Facility** (operated by Synagro) <https://www.synagro.com/locations/austin-compost-facility/>

In November 2018, Synagro was awarded an up-to-10-year contract for biosolids composting by the City of Austin, Texas, effective November 1, 2018. This contract has enabled the City to move to a 100-percent composting solution with Synagro responsible for production of the iconic Dillo Dirt\* compost historically produced by the city. In addition to Dillo Dirt compost, Synagro produces and markets its own All Gro™ compost brand of high-quality finished compost and has invested in expanding the market for compost in the Austin area. The city of Austin is saving approximately \$1.0 million per year having entered this public-private partnership with Synagro.

**Fee:** \$149 for USCC members, \$199 for nonmembers

**Duration:** 4.25 hours (1<sup>st</sup> bus departs at 8:15 and returns 12:30. Second bus, if needed, one hour later)

**CCOM™/CCP™ PDHs:** 2.75