Pre Conference Workshop PM

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Community Composting Systems: New Projects and Scaling Up Existing Projects

This half-day workshop will cover composting systems for urban settings from DIY solar-powered systems to branded ASP systems. Small- to medium-sized equipment providers will guest speak. Also featured will be screeners for community compost sites such as the Lower East Side Ecology Center's new electric trommel design (in collaboration with Bruno Navarro). This workshop will be co-led by Brenda Platt and Linda Bilsens Brolis of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance with Khari Diop of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture, who is based in Atlanta.

Instructors: Brenda Platt and Linda Bilsens Brolis

Fee: $260 for USCC members, $292 for nonmembers
Duration: 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Date: February 6, 2024
CCOM™/CCP™ PDHs: 3.5

Agenda Details Coming

About the instructors:

Brenda Platt directs ILSR's Composting for Community project, which is advancing locally based composting in order to create jobs, enhance soils, sequester carbon, reduce waste, and build more resilient and healthy communities. She has worked 33 years fighting trash burners and promoting waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting, particularly recycling-based jobs.

Linda Bilsens Brolis is the Senior Project Manager for ILSR's Composting for Community Initiative. Her work focuses on advancing composting at the community level as a tool for reducing waste, regenerating soils, supporting local food production, and fighting climate chaos. Linda manages ILSR's Neighborhood Soil Rebuilders Composter Training Program and led the development of ILSR's new Community Composting 101 Online Certificate Course. She also leads ILSR's work advancing on-farm composting and its participation in the Million Acre Challenge, a collaborative focused on expanding the implementation of regenerative soil health practices in Maryland and the Chesapeake Region.