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Submit Speaker Proposals for USCC COMPOST2027 Today!

USCC is accepting speaker proposals for educational conference sessions during its annual conference and pre-conference workshops. From research and policy to operations, outreach, markets, and innovative applications, we're looking for insights that help move the industry forward. **Deadline is July 10, 2026.** [Learn more and submit your proposal.](#)

COTC Training Available This Summer

Did you miss the training in Georgia this past spring? Another training opportunity is coming up soon in North Carolina for you or your team to expand your composting



expertise through the Compost Operations Training Course (COTC). Whether you're looking to launch a composting program, accept a new feedstock, or simply to improve safety and efficiency at your facility, the COTC offers in-depth knowledge through multiple learning styles, from lectures and hands-on activities to peer-to-peer problem solving.

This August 31st - September 4th, the COTC makes its annual appearance in Raleigh, NC under the helm of the North Carolina Composting Council. Known for its seasoned speaker lineup that has included industry greats like Ron Alexander, Frank Franciosi, and Gary Gittere (plus so many more), the Raleigh COTC is a great choice for those who want to learn from the best of the best. Early Bird pricing is available until July 20. [Register today!](#)

Take USCC Surveys

USCC Surveys to Address Markets for Compost Use

As the compost industry continues to pursue growth opportunities beyond traditional uses, understanding what drives compost adoption in emerging end markets is critical. Transportation agencies, landscape architects, developers, and site designers represent significant opportunities for



increased compost use, but important questions remain about awareness, specifications, purchasing decisions, and barriers to adoption.

To help answer those questions, the USCC has launched two national benchmark surveys focused on transportation infrastructure and landscape/development markets. These surveys are designed to gather insights directly from the professionals who influence decisions

related to stormwater management, erosion control, soil performance, and site design.

Renew Your GCC Membership!

GCC is halfway through its third year of operation as a state chapter. Notices and invoices are being emailed monthly to members based on the month they joined a year prior. Get your renewal done to extend your membership another year. We're making great momentum and welcome your input as we continue providing resources, programs, events and projects for our members. Questions? [Email](#) us.

Committee Positions Open

Georgia Composting Council seeks members for committees; here's your chance to dig in and be involved in shaping the programs, projects, outreach and advocacy work being done to fulfill our mission in Georgia. **Check out the opportunities** and [email](#) us if you are interested in joining a committee.

Chapter Credits for USCC Membership Referrals

Referred by: ▼ Members to designate a referrer

Chapter

Member

No one

NAME

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Pictured: Image of application screen with location to check referred by so GCC receives credit for referral.

One of the perks for state USCC chapters is that we receive annual rebates for new members who join both the national organization and the state chapter. USCC pays 20% (double) the rebate for new members who join USCC because they heard about USCC from a GCC member!

So, if you refer colleagues to join USCC ask them to check **REFERRED BY CHAPTER** (see image above) in their application! This results in larger rebates to GCC to assist us with local programming & projects!

Turning Food Loss Into Circular Economy Value

We still call it “food waste,” but in a circular economy, there is no such thing as waste—only underused resources waiting to be recovered. Every kilogram of discarded food carries hidden value that most systems ignore.

Now imagine this scaled:



- Cities transforming organic waste into clean energy and fertilizer loops
- Households feeding local compost systems that regenerate urban gardens
- Businesses redesigning supply chains to eliminate waste before it exists

This is the shift from a linear system to a living cycle—where food doesn't end at disposal, but re-enters nature and industry as value. Small behaviors, multiplied across millions of people, reshape entire resource systems. Because in a circular world, nothing is thrown away—everything has a

next life.

Source: **Zaheer Mustafa**, Project Environmental Engineer (via LinkedIn)

News and Views

[Compost or soil? What's the difference!? | Martha Stewart online](#)

[ReFed Funds Composting Infrastructure \(featuring a Georgia company\) | Biocycle](#)

[Planning for Green Events Includes Composting | Drawdown GA](#)

Calendar of Events

JUL
10

Deadline to Submit Presentation Abstract for USCC Conference

AUG
31 - SEPT 4

Compost Operations Training Course
Raleigh, North Carolina

NOV
TBA

GCC Annual Meeting

FEB
1-4

USCC 35th Annual Compost Conference
Jacksonville, Florida

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