

RX4 Team
August 15, 2012
12:00-1:30

Members Present: Jim Easton, Geoff Hill, Ross Nason, Tom Poulin, Lass Von Appen, Linda Woods

The focus of this meeting was to review the composting/recycling at The Taste of Waterville. Thanks to the hard work of almost 30 people who contributed 100 hours, we were able to save approximately 900 pounds from the waste stream.

A BIG thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to coordinator Geoff Hill, team leader Ross Nason, and Eric Brown & Geoff Hill for checking the bags the next morning.

Review of The Taste:

- Geoff was impressed by the integrity of the bags.
- Talk to Parks & Rec and Public Works employees to assure they are available to assist as outlined
- Make positive connection with City employees and request that they cover the City trash cans and put appropriate signage
- Suggestion: Use a flat plug for City trash can: "Please do not use this trash can. Take your waste to a specified station." This needs to be thought about before the event.
- The vendors are using the same bags, and the clear for compost was not maintained.
- Ask vendors to sign a contract requesting their compliance with only compostable materials in clear bags.
- We need to expand our audience by teaching restaurants (& others) the importance of composting/recycling.
- We need a tent for each station (i.e., 6 tents). Also need signage on each tent. Maybe an earth flag on top. Stations need to be numbered (even if it's a paper sign); on the roof of the tent large sign "trash & recycle station here" (Keep signs simple.); ideally a three-sided sign
- We were not in control of our resources (tents, barrels) for set up. We need these items to be available, and we could set it up ourselves. Use chalk to indicate where these go while the street is open. As the first shift arrives, hand them their tent & barrels.
- Stations set up across from the vendors (i.e., on the other side of the street)
- hand sanitizer & gloves for each station
- directions for the clean-up crew; maybe a different crew to clean up
- improve signage for the dumpsters (again, be sure City employees understand the separation by color of trash bags)
- The composting coordinator must be a stipended position. Maybe a sponsor? Could we get Skills to donate the management of this waste stream?
- "Since we are handling the bottles, we are keeping the money."

Action Items:

Geoff & Ross: send the pictures to Linda

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 13 at noon at Yin Juan (Temple Street).**