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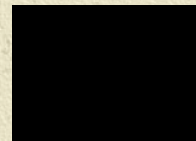
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PUBLIC AND
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RESEARCHERS**



Year 6 R&D Projects

- Addition of Aerobic Composting Equipment to Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the University of Florida
- FDOT – Improved Markets for Beneficial Use of Storm Debris
- Yard Trash and Commercial Organic Waste Composting Demonstration
- Environmental Assessment of Products Derived from Florida's Yard Waste



Year 6 R&D Projects

- Florida BMP's and Opportunities to Enhance Compost/Mulch Markets
- Animal Manure and Mortalities Management Resource Manual
- LEED Organics Project – City of Tallahassee Solid Waste Services



Year 6 R&D Projects

- Florida Composting Regulatory Report
- Sumter County Compost for Forest Crops
- Sumter County Extension Service Composting Unit Field Trial/Demo
- Sumter Conservation and Pollution Prevention Program



Florida Composting Regulatory Report

- Selected states for regulatory review
- Reviewed and analyzed state composting regulations
- Interviewed composting regulatory personnel
- Reviewed current status of Florida organics recycling
- Develop conclusion and recommendations
- Stakeholder's meeting occurred on May 23, 2006



Sumter County Compost for Forest Crops

- Project Scope:
 - Research and demonstration on fast growing forest trees response to Sumter Compost
 - Develop guidelines for compost use on rotational crops
 - Estimate economic and environmental benefits of compost
 - Educate clientele on findings and results



- Project Manager: Dr. Don Rockwood

- Location:
 - FORCE Demonstration Farm
 - Withlacoochee Forest,
 - SWFREC- Immokalee



Sumter County Extension Service Composting Unit Field Trial/Demo

- Project Scope:
 - Provide local hands on experience and education to local adults and children using local feedstock to produce compost utilizing a small in-vessel system



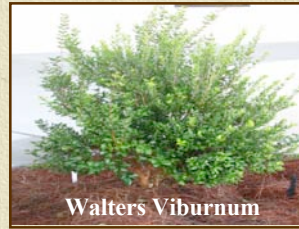
- Project Manager: Wendel Martinkovic

- Location:
 - Sumter County's Boys and Girls Club



Sumter Conservation and Pollution Prevention Program

- Project Scope:
 - Demonstrate beneficial use of compost and mulches to conserve water
 - Aesthetic and maintenance benefits of native and drought tolerant plantings
- Project Manager: *Wendel Martinkovic*
- Location: *Sumter County's Agriculture Center*



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About the FORCE Project

FORCE is Florida's Organics recycling effort involving Sumter County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Public/Private Researchers.

The legislatively funded project provides a framework to promote organics recycling and research in a statewide effort to streamline compost processing, research, demonstration, marketing, and education in Florida.

Upcoming Events!

2006 Recycle Florida Today Annual Conference & Exhibition - June 04-07, 2006 | Tradewinds Island Grand Beach Resort - St. Pete Beach, FL
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This website was developed to be utilized by the three organics sectors in Florida, for agricultural or commercial purposes.

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