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NEWS RELEASE

Table to farm Compost Launches Free Compost Service as Part of Market Study

Durango, CO: In partnership with the City of Durango and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), Table to Farm Compost is inviting city residents to participate in its Curbside Compost Market Study. City residents will receive three months of free weekly food scrap collection service in exchange for participating and filling out two short surveys, one at the beginning and one at the end of the free service cycle. Community participation in the study is valuable, as community input will help inform future local waste diversion efforts. The Market Study is made possible thanks to a \$119,000 grant awarded by CDPHE through its Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity (RREO) program.

“We are so pleased to support Table to Farm Compost again in reducing waste in rural southwest Colorado. They are playing an important role in your rural community, diverting food waste while meeting the demand for compost and soil in the region,” said Kendra Appelman-Eastvedt, Recycling Grants Program Manager.

“This project is a big step toward achieving community-wide composting,” said Taylor Hanson, co-owner and managing member of Table to Farm Compost. “By providing three months of complimentary compost service, we hope that individuals and families will try our service, and in doing so become more knowledgeable about the value of composting and better understand how redirecting food scraps from the landfill to our farm can not only be easy and convenient, but also environmentally beneficial.”

The Market Study is launching as Table to Farm Compost gets ready to open the doors of its recently permitted Class III Compost Facility. The Class III Facility is located north of Elmore’s Corner and is a four-acre site that will be dedicated to windrow composting, blended soil production, and seed start growth. The facility and compost expansion was also supported by a grant from CDPHE.

“We are very happy to be partnering with Table to Farm Compost through our public-private partnership, and gain valuable insights together through this Market Study. Their curbside collection is just as convenient as the city’s trash and recycling service, plus it allows community residents to compost their food scraps into a valuable end product for local growers,” said Marty Pool, the sustainability program manager for the City of Durango. “Having compost service in our rural area is important for meeting our sustainability goals. Composting diverts food waste from the landfill where it would typically rot and create methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Together we are seeking ways to reduce that impact.”

Table to Farm Compost's mission is to recycle food waste into compost and save the earth.
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