

Milwaukee Food Waste & Recovery Project

Supporting Milwaukee's Climate & Equity Plan: Waste Reduction & Sustainable Consumption

AT A GLANCE

WasteCap will assist FEED MKE by conducting an assessment of the potential scale of the food waste opportunity in Milwaukee. The assessment will have multiple components as allowed by the level of funding.



1/4 OF WISCONSIN'S WASTE IS FOOD

Almost one quarter of material going to landfills in southeast WI is food or food waste, with almost 15% of material being edible food



1/3 OF ALL U.S. FOOD IS WASTED

Almost one third of food produced in the U.S. is wasted at various points in the food system

MILWAUKEE'S GOALS

- Prioritize actions to prevent and divert food waste ✓
- Source Reduction (reducing the surplus food generated)
- Feed Hungry People (donate to food banks, kitchens, shelters)
- Send less organic material to landfills

WASTECAP'S PROJECT

Identify Food Waste Generation Quantities

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- Specify capacities and demand volumes for food waste according to the [EPA's Wasted Food Scale](#)
- Determine the volume of food waste which could be absorbed by the various demands
- Identify the environmental and economic impacts of food waste if directed to the highest and best use

Identify Food Waste Generators & Food Waste Processors

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- Analyze generation quantities, sources and processing capacities
- Map provided to the city and the identified organizations

Identify Priority Zones That Would Best Facilitate The Expansion & Development Of A Food Waste Diversion Infrastructure

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- Extensive interviews with producers and processors
- Identify roadblocks to capacity growth and logistic feasibility
- Catalyze future opportunities that would support business growth



SEEKING PARTNERS

WasteCap is seeking partners and supporters for the study for investments of \$1k and up. The first \$6k will be matched and the assessment will have multiple components as allowed by the level of funding.

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CURRENT PARTNERS



FEED Coalition



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